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UN, AfDB launch appeal for quick action on SDGs

NEW YORK

WITH an estimated 390 million people living in extreme poverty, hunger and food insecurity, Africa is in a race against time to deliver on its regional and global development goals.

On the sidelines of the UN General Assembly on Sunday, African heads of state and government met to emphasize urgent collective action and the need for greater collaboration between the United Nations and the African Development Bank to fast-track Africa's development.

The meeting, convened by the African Development Bank and the United Nations, is the first of its kind between the two institutions taking place at UN headquarters. UN Deputy Secretary-General Amina Mohammed said.

Underscoring the strong convergence between the continent's 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the UN Sustainable Development Goals and the African Development Bank High 5s agenda, the top UN official said it was time to join forces to deliver.

"We are entering into the decade of action to deliver the SDGs...The investment requirements are vast," she said. "The



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role of the African Development Bank is crucial...to help de-risk investments and attract investment flows...Africa's premier institution needs much more support," she added.

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Akinwumi Adesina, the AfDB president that the clock was ticking fast for Africa, "yet we still have time left on the clock. We can still close the gap. I am fully convinced that with a change of pace, driven by a greater sense of urgency, and global collective responsibility, Africa can still achieve the SDGs".

The two-hour meeting, moderated by AfDB, was attended by seven African presidents - from Chad, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ghana, Guinea, Ethiopia and Lesotho, in addition to representatives of some 30 governments.

The leaders spoke of what had worked in their countries - including mainstreaming development goals into national plans, scaling up initiatives, and implications of harmonizing policies and strategic entry points for the implementation of development goals at national, regional and global levels.

Ambitious development initiatives undertaken by AfDB with regional

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Govt sounds alarm on rise of non-communicable diseases

● Unveils plan on cancer, diabetes, hepatitis, blood pressure next month



Dar es Salaam Catholic Church Archbishop Yuda Thadeus Ruwa'ichi shakes hands with neuro surgeon Prof Joseph Kahamba after being discharged from the Muhimbili Orthopedic Institute yesterday. Others from left are Auxiliary Bishop of Dar-es-Salaam, Eusebius Alfred Nzigilwa and MOI Managing Director Dr. Respicious Boniface. Archbishop Ruwa'ichi was referred from the Kilimanjaro Christian Medical Centre on September 9. Photo: Correspondent Mary Geofrey

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By Henry Mwangonde

THE government is set to launch a nationwide plan to contain the alarming spread of Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs) in the country.

This comes amid revelations that NCDs are now becoming the leading killer, being responsible for 44-percent of deaths and projected to be the cause of about 55-percent of all cases of mortality by 2025 if the situation remains as it is.

Speaking at a Research Dissemination Symposium at the Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Sciences (MUHAS) yesterday, the Deputy Minister of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children Dr Faustine Ndungulile said the plan, set for launching on October 16th in Dodoma, will include key components of health education, plus the prevention and treatment of NCDs.

"This is an alarming situation which calls for government intervention. The problem is that most patients come when they are 70-percent affected, so the programme will

PM visits factories, affirms protection

By Guardian Reporter

PRIME Minister Kassim Majaliwa yesterday expressed the government's determination to transform agricultural, livestock and fisheries sectors so that they contribute handsomely to the country's GDP, hence make Tanzania a middle income nation by 2025.

"In ensuring the government's intention is realized, I call on livestock keepers across the country to come up with strong cooperative



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unions, which will make easier for them to get better veterinary services as well as ensuring that they get reliable markets," said Majaliwa, when speaking at the commemoration of World School Milk Day, which at the national level was held in Iringa municipality.

Every September 26, pupils around the world celebrate the day which provides an opportunity for schools around the world to celebrate the health benefits of milk for school-

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NBS starts collecting data on size of informal sector

By Songwa wa Songwa, Dodoma

THE National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) is conducting a countrywide survey to ascertain the scope of the informal sector and its contribution to the national economy.

The survey uses modern technology in data collection and analysis, like tablets and global positioning system (GPS) to capture respondents' information including places of abode and business premises.

Addressing participants at a statistical awareness workshop for editors and senior



journalists, NBS Senior Statistician Opiyo Mamu said phase one of the survey is already going on in Dar es Salaam Region and phase two in other regions will follow later.

Mamu noted that data collection and analysis for phase one will conclude at the end of this month and the report will be ready next month.

"The outcome of the ongoing Informal Sector Survey 2019 will help policymakers make key development decisions," he declared.

The statistician elaborated that the report will inform the government on how to develop the

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come up with strategies for civic education as well as provision of health education for lifestyle change," said Dr Ndungulile.

The deputy minister said the increase in those cases was the sign of a health system failure in the first place, as such patients pose challenges for treatment because it takes a long time.

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In his remarks the president of the Medical Association of Tanzania (MAT), Dr Elisha Osati said the increase in NCDs has alerted medical experts and the association has prepared a strategy on how to go about it.

"Most studies conducted on NCDs have shown an alarming increase, therefore there is need for intervention from medical professionals as we are the people who handle patients on a daily basis," he said.

Presenting a paper on the 'National burden and readiness for NCDs' researcher Dr Omary Ubuguyu from the ministry said

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Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa and Mama Mary Majaliwa inspect Mkwawa drinking water factory shortly after the launch in Iringa yesterday. Right is factory director Ahmed Huwel and deputy minister in the President's Office Regional Administration and Local Government Josephat Kandege (2nd L). Photo: PMO

Kijaji: Govt lowered tax to help out business community and investors

By Guardian Correspondent, Ruvuma

The government has vowed to solve various challenges faced by the business people as in this financial year it has made significant amendments to various laws aiming at improving the environment of their businesses.

The Deputy Minister for Finance and Planning Dr Ashatu Kijaji said this yesterday as she was speaking at a meeting to evaluate challenges faced by the business people in Songea, Ruvuma region.

Dr Kijaji said among the tax laws that was amended is the Income Tax Act,

in which tax rate for small business people have been reduced.

The Deputy Minister explained that in the past business people with gross sales from 4m/- to 7m/- per year used to pay 150,000/- but after the amendments the rate has been lowered to 100,000/- per year.

For business people with gross turnover from 7m/- to 11m/- used to pay 318,000/- tax but after the amendment the rate was lowered to 250,000/- per year.

Dr Kijaji further said for those with turnover between 11m/- to 14m/- used to pay 546,000/- but

now they will be paying 450,000/- per year.

Deputy Minister Kijaji also clarified that other challenges that was solved in that Act is the one that required to pay tax even before a businessman starts doing business, and now they will start paying the tax within 6 months after commencing business.

"If I say the government is bent on removing obstacles facing business people, you must understand that it is well intentioned. In the past many businessmen were complaining the requirement to start paying tax when they have not commenced business,

but in this financial year it will no longer be so," stressed Kijaji.

The advisory meeting between the government, investors and business people is among the implementation of President Magufuli's directives last June when he met with members of the business community at State House during which he directed the Ministry of Local government and Regional Administration (TAMISEMI), and all other regions involved with business people and investment to listen to their challengers in the aim of finding solution thereof.

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aged children.

The day aims to highlight the importance of milk in every child's diet as well as encouraging students across the country to consume more milk as statistics show that in Tanzania, per capita milk consumption is 46 litres per person per annum which is far below the FAO and WHO recommended standard (200 litres).

The premier said nutritionists often advice people to eat balanced diets which have the most nutritious values such as carbohydrates, proteins, vitamins, minerals, fats and enough water. "In this, milk has a share in having a balanced diet on the table. Experts suggest that a child should get at least one glass of milk per day," he said.

Bad luck, he said that most children go to school with nearly empty stomachs. And most of our schools don't provide meals, a situation that makes pupils lack attention in their classrooms.

Majaliwa said that more than 70 countries in the world including Tanzania mark Milk Drinking Day and had introduced milk drinking programmes in schools. The idea is to ensure that children get better nutrition as recommended by the World Health Organization (WHO).

In Tanzania that the programme started in Arusha, Kilimanjaro, Tanga, Morogoro, Iringa, Dar es Salaam and Njombe regions whereby 40 schools with 34,561 pupils are affected. They have been drinking milk with support from donor agencies, the government and other stakeholders.

The government intends to make this programme a national one, the premier indicated, noting that in collaboration with other stakeholders, the government through the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries will continue to promote milk drinking culture in our schools, he said.

Speaking earlier when he toured Asas dairy factory during his working visit in Iringa Region, the premier said the government of President John Magufuli will continue to control the import of various goods to protect our domestic industries.

The government is bent on developing the country's economy to

reach middle income economy by 2025 through the industrial sector, he stated, emphasizing that the government believes that if industry grows the country will develop fast.

The results thereof will be discernible by increasing employment and growth in other business sectors, he stated.

"The government has made big changes in the livestock sector to ensure it brings benefits to livestock keepers, hence continue to strengthen your cooperation. The Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries should continue to educate livestock keepers on gainful livestock keeping."

Majaliwa praised Asas as being among few companies that started to educate livestock keepers on gainful livestock keeping, including adhering to modern livestock keeping, assuring them of ready markets for their products.

He said the government values highly the investment by Asas as it has answered the government's call to build up the economy through the industrial sector, hence it will ensure more people benefit from its investments.

On his part the Asas managing director, Fuad Abri said their company plans to increase milk processing by building another dairy plant in Rungwe District, Mbeya Region whose construction is in its final stages.

Earlier the premier unveiled the Mkwawa Mineral Water plant in Iringa municipality, saying its construction is another step in increasing jobs for the youth.

"The government has called on investors to invest in various industries in the country, hence it is important that they are protected so that they continue production of goods," the premier emphasized.

Mkwawa Mineral Water company director Ahmed Huwel said the plant commenced production in 2017 with the aim of producing safe and clean water as well as heeding a call from the government in building up an industrial economy.

The plant employs 158 people with three expatriates, as well as 3,000 casual laborers, he state, citing various challenges like reliable power supply and asked the government to assist to stabilize the situation.

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for the country to win the battle against NCDs, a change of mindsets, lifestyles and taking a preventive approach is unavoidable.

He challenged researchers who attended the symposium to focus on setting out solutions to the lifestyle trap facing people of all walks of life, be it the educated or uneducated ones, which increases the risk of suffering NCDs.

"NCDs are the leading cause of mortality in Africa and for Tanzania they contribute 44 per cent of all deaths. These diseases are here to

stay if we will not go into action," he emphasized.

The establishment of the multi-sectoral committee and the national programme will assist in filling existing gaps, including uncoordinated community efforts.

MUHAS Vice Chancellor Prof Andrea Pembe said the faculty has a role to play through researching and advising on best practices and models to be adopted to contain the situation.

The symposium was being held under the theme: "Walking together in the prevention and control of NCDs in Tanzania."

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collaboration are already showing success, such as Desert to Power, which aims to provide access to electricity for 250 million people across 11 countries of the Sahel, 90 million of them through off-grid systems.

Vera Songwe, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa called the SDGs Africa's highest challenge.

Stemming the tide of illicit financial flows, public debt and tax evasion would be urgent measures to be taken by leaders if they are to stay on track, she said.

Areas for potential collaboration include climate change in Africa, gender mainstreaming, promoting

private sector investment, measures to utilize risk insurance to mitigate impact of natural disasters and appropriate security arrangements to support the bank's operations in fragile states.

The African Continental Free Trade Area, which came into force this year and creates the world's potentially largest free-trade zone, will be another major area for collaboration under the partnership.

An assessment by the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) has clearly shown that achieving the AfDB's High 5s will allow Africa to achieve about 90 per cent of the SDGs. "So, the faster we deliver on the High 5s, the faster we will reach our goal and desired destination," Adesina said.



France ambassador to Tanzania Frederic Clavier speaks during the launch of international ice memory project at his residence in Dar es Salaam on Tuesday. Right is the representative for IRD from Kenya David Williamson and director of forest and beekeeping division from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism Dr Ezekiel Mwakalukwa. The project is focusing on underlining the importance and the urgency of preservation of the highest glaciers on the planet. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

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informal sector as well as how to tax small traders.

Stringent tax policies introduced recently—which compel traders with fixed premises to use Electronic

Fiscal Devices (EFDs)—triggerred a debate on the operation of vendors as reports emerged that shop shop owners use hawkers to sell at lower prices without paying Value Added Tax (VAT).

Another reported challenge has

been the free-range manner in which vendors operate in Tanzania's major cities. For instance pedestrian pavements in central business districts of major cities have been turned into stalls by vendors where all manner of merchandise are sold.

In February this year President John Magufuli introduced the annual compulsory Identity Cards that are sold at 20,000/- to vendors as a measure to collect revenue from businesses in the informal sector.

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

HDIF releases 50bn/- for 43 projects in Tanzania

THE Human Development Innovation Fund (HDIF) is happy with the increasing innovation programmes in the country, saying it has so far released over 50bn/- in funding to help in the implementation of about 43 innovation projects in Tanzania.

The UKAid organisation provide grants to businesses, NGOs and research institutions for scaling innovations focused on the quality, value for money, and sustainability of basic services in education, health and water, sanitation and hygiene.

Speaking during innovation workshop held here with theme: 'Enhancing Sustainable Industrial Development Through Innovation' HDIF country director, Joseph Manirakiza noted that the number of innovation hubs in the country have increased from two in 2015 to 43 in 2019.

He added that his organisation was confident and satisfied by the way several institutions were implementing

innovation projects that have so far helped the country in its quest to attain the middle income economy through industrialisation.

For the past five years since it kicked off operations, HDIF has been funding various innovation projects countrywide, and according to the organisation's country director, many of the projects had yielded positive results making Tanzania on a better position on the Global Innovation Index.

"In 2014, Tanzania was at position 123 out of 129 countries that were surveyed in the Global Innovation Index, but in 2019 it went to two digits ranking at position 97, and this was because of growth in innovation hubs in the country, government agenda on innovation as well as improved business environment, among others, said Mr Manirakiza.

With a focus on market driven solutions, HDIF catalyses the development, testing and scaling of

innovative models of service delivery, information and communication technologies for development (ICT4D), and product solutions in health, education and WASH.

Among the successful projects according to him, include a three-year Early Childhood Development (ECD) project which is under HDIF and funded by UKAID, currently being implemented by HakiElimu with an aim of ensuring that young Tanzanians are enrolled in higher quality and safe pre-primary school.

The £669,410 project dubbed 'Mwanzo Mzuri' expects by April 2021 when it comes to an end to help improve school readiness and support the young students for pre-primary schools to reach their full potential, according to Haki Elimu Executive Director, John Kalaghe.

Another successful project under HDIF is the Inclusive Education Project which is implemented by Sense

International East Africa, which aims at ensuring that disabled children are not stigmatized in schools.

According to the Sense International project officer, Benjamin Kihwele, the project is implemented in Dar es Salaam region and Kilimanjaro in Rombo, Same and Mwanza districts.

In supporting the government's mission to harness innovation to achieve the industrialisation agenda, HDIF in partnership with the Commission for Science and Technology (COSTECH) and the National Economic Empowerment Council (NEEC), organised a one-day

high level workshop on innovation that brought together different stakeholders. "This workshop has brought together key senior technical professionals from within select ministries and government agencies to brainstorm and explore the advancements in technology and innovation to improve effectiveness and efficiency of basic services delivery" said COSTECH director general, Amos Nungu.



Nyerere Resource Centre (NRC) director Prof Issa Shivji (L) explains a point to Mwalimu Nyerere Foundation chairman Joseph Butiku (2nd R), Makelele University Department of Law and Jurisprudence, School of Law, Prof Sylvia Tamaie and the Professor of Law at the School of Law, University of Dar es Salaam Prof. Chris Maina Peter during the Nyerere dialogue lecture titled: "Toward Feminist Pan-Africanism and Feminism" held at the Commission for Science and Technology (Costech) in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Photo: John Badi

Livestock keepers to benefit from fertilizer project

By Guardian reporter

LIVESTOCK keepers in the country stand to benefit from the anticipated investment in a project that will require raw materials from their livestock including hoofs, horns, dung and hair which will be purchased like any other raw materials used in fertilizer making.

The intention of the government is to continue opening doors of opportunities to all investors wanting to invest in various areas including the livestock sector. Such projects will assist to mobilize the wananchi to continue with gainful livestock keeping following the involvement of many investors.

This was said on Tuesday this week by the Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries Prof. Elisante Ole Gabriel when he welcomed investors of Rokosan Company from Slovakia that produces fertilizer by using raw materials from livestock, at the ministry's headquarters in Mtumba area, Dodoma.

He said investors who are prepared to invest are welcomed, and the ministry pledges full cooperation in the livestock sector to improve the lives of livestock keepers in the country, to increase employment as well to increase the collection of government revenue.

The Permanent Secretary said officials in the Fifth-Phase government of President John Magufuli need investments that offer quick results and are beneficial to the country, and that is why his ministry is prepared to offer cooperation whenever an investor shows the intention to invest in the livestock

sector. He also assured that Tanzania is a safe country and also right in such investment due to huge livestock resource it has, as it is home to 32.2 million cattle, 20 million goats, 5.5 million sheep, 79.1 million chicken and 600,000 donkeys.

Prof Gabriel further said such investment in Tanzania will be beneficial not only to Tanzanians but even to investors themselves because the internal market is huge as well the other East African region, without forgetting SADC countries.

Speaking about the fertilizer making project from raw materials from livestock Prof. Gabriel said it will be a huge relief to the sector's stakeholders to see nothing is thrown away from the livestock.

He said even in the Tanzania Livestock Master Plan (TLMP) has shown how the value adding chain to raw materials from livestock can bring benefits towards the country's industrial economy.

On his part, Rokosan Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Dr Stefan Szoke thanked the government for its welcoming response towards cooperation in the initial

stages in their planned investment. Dr Szoke said after pursuing issues on investment they discovered that Tanzania is a country with huge investment opportunities due to its resources as well as the friendly environment found in the livestock sector and stressed that their aim is to initiate projects that bring quick benefits after completion of necessary procedures.

Giving example of Europe where they have also invested in similar projects, Dr Szoke said apart from livestock keepers benefiting by selling the raw materials, farmers have also benefited by getting quality fertilizer cheaply.

Elaborating on other benefits from the project he said if the cost of production goes down, the prices of agricultural products, including foodstuffs also go down.

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Africa, 2nd fastest growing tourism region in the world

By Guardian Reporter

TRAVEL and tourism remained one of the key growth drivers of Africa's economy, contributing 8.5% of the GDP in 2018; equivalent to \$194.2 billion.

According to the 2019 Jumia Hospitality Report Africa, this growth record placed the continent as the second-fastest growing tourism region in the world, with a growth rate of 5.6% after Asia Pacific and against a 3.9% global average growth rate.

"Our focus is to continue showcasing Africa as a continent full of beauty and opportunity. Through this report, we want to help draw attention to the vast potential of the tourism industry,

that we believe is an untapped lever of economic growth," said Jumia's Head of Travel, Estelle Verdier.

She was speaking during the official release of the annual report at the Africa Hotel Investment Forum (AHIF) in Addis Ababa, ahead of the 2019 World Tourism Day.

Africa received 67 million international tourist arrivals in 2018, to record a +7% increase from 63 million arrivals in 2017 and 58 million in 2016.

This gradual increase is attributed to the affordability and ease of travel especially within the continent, with spending among domestic travellers accounting for 56% as compared to

44% international expenditure.

Additionally, leisure travel remains an important component of Africa's tourism industry, taking up a majority 71% of the tourist expenditure in 2018.

Verdier notes that the implementation of the African Continental Free Trade Area (ACFTA) is expected to further boost domestic travel.

"To realize the full potential gains will require cooperation from all industry players. Governments have to be willing to eliminate visa requirements for African nationals traveling to their countries. Ministries and other responsible partner organizations should create campaigns that will

promote their local travel destinations and tourism offerings to attract more regional travellers. At Jumia, we will continue to offer diversified products at affordable prices including resident rates for regional travelers booking through our platform".

THE report, now in its third edition, shows that while pay-at-hotel remained the most popular mode of payment among travellers booking via Jumia's travel platform, its percentage use went down from 65% in 2018 to 62% in 2019 (down -5%). Card transactions gained popularity with +24% within the same period, "and this reflects an increased trust in our booking platform," Verdier affirmed.

On the other hand, the use of mobile money and travel agencies decreased by -11% and -20% respectively. The mobile, as a source of traffic on the Jumia Travel platform, accounted for a record 74% in 2019 from 57% in 2018, seen as a result of the increased mobile penetration in the continent. The mobile industry contributed \$144 billion to Africa's economy (8.6% of total GDP) in 2018, up from \$110 billion

(7.1% of total GDP) in 2017.

Highlights from the Aviation Industry

While Africa's passenger traffic increased from 88.5 million in 2017 to 92 million in 2018 (+5.5%), its world share was only 2.1% (down from 2.2% in 2017). The report attributes this trend to high competition from other regions such as the Asia Pacific. Africa's share is however predicted to grow by 4.9% annually over the next 20 years.

Improved visa facilitation in major tourism countries in Africa remains a major boost to both the tourism and aviation industries. For instance, Ethiopia's visa relaxation policies combined with improved connectivity as a regional transport hub placed the country as Africa's fastest growing travel country, growing by 48.6% in 2018 to be worth \$7.4 billion.

"Most African government leaders are now committed to making travel between African countries easier and more affordable. An example is the creation of the East Africa Visa programme that allows travellers to

apply for a visa online before visiting Uganda, Rwanda and Kenya. Such collaborations are visionary. It is when we work together, pool our resources, partner and share our best knowledge that we can do much more," stated South African Tourism's Acting Chief Executive Officer Sthembiso Dlamini through her insights on the report.

In terms of top airlines generating most revenue in the African airspace, the report sites Emirates at the top of the list; earning over \$837 million with popular flights from Johannesburg, Cairo, Cape Town and Mauritius. Africa's most profitable air route between April 2018 and March 2019 was from Johannesburg in South Africa to Dubai, generating \$315.6 million in revenue; while state-owned Angola Airlines and South African Airways were the only two African airlines that made it to the top 10 Africa's highest revenue air routes within the same period. Respectively, the two airlines generated \$231.6 million flying from Luanda to Lisbon and \$185 million flying between Cape Town and Johannesburg.

HALMASHAURI YA JIJI LA DODOMA



24 Septemba, 2019

TANGAZO UUZAJI VIWANJA

Halmashauri itauza Viwanja kwa njia ya Mnada tarehe 28/9/2019 saa 4:00 asubuhi katika eneo la Wazi la Manispaa ya zamani. Viwanja hivyo vipo eneo la Nzuguni na vinazunguka Eneo la Soko kuu na Stendi mpya ya Mabasi inayojengwa.

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UMUHIMU WA VIWANJA HIVI

Viwanja vipo takribani kilometa saba kutoka katikati ya Jiji la Dodoma na kilometa kumi kutoka Mji wa serikali Mtumba. Eneo hili lipo mkabala na uwanja wa maonesho ya Kilimo na Mifugo (Nanene) Nzuguni. Eneo hili ni muhimu (prime) kwa sababu zifuatazo:

- Kituo cha Mabasi na Soko Kuu
Ni eneo ambalo linazunguka kituo kikuu cha mabasi na soko kuu, hivyo kuvutia uwekezaji wa kibiashara wenye uhakika na soko wakati wote wa maisha ya mtu na umiliku wa kiwanja husika. Eneo hili litakuwa kitovu cha biashara katika Mji Mkuu wa Serikali Dodoma.
- Kuwa katikati ya Mji wa Serikali na Mji wa Sasa
Viwanja hivi vipo eneo ambalo ni kati ya mji wa sasa ambapo taasisi nyingi zipo na mji wa serikali ambao unajengwa Mtumba. Hivyo, ni eneo ambalo mtu akianzisha shughuli zake atapata wateja karibu eneo lote wa mji.
- Kufikika Kirahisi
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- Uwepo wa viwanja vya uwekezaji katika maeneo ya jirani
Eneo linapakana na viwanja vya uwekezaji vya Njedengwa, hivyo kupata wateja wakati wote vikiendelezwa.
- Uwanja wa Mpira Nzuguni
Mkabala na eneo hili ndipo patakajengwa uwanja wa mpira wa miguu mkubwa kuliko vyote Tanzania. Hivyo kuwa na mategemeo makubwa ya biashara wakati wote kwa wataofika katika shughuli za michezo.

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Minister of State in the Vice President's Office (Union and Environment) George Simbachawene (R) talks with standards controller officer of Tanzania Bureau of Standards (TBS) Etanga Etanga (L) moments after his tour at the Dar es Salaam port to learn more about container verification. Looking on (2nd L) is NEMC law compliance director, Dr Ruth Rugwisha. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Govt gives 14 days ultimatum for alternative bags producers

By Guardian Reporter

MINISTER of State in Vice President's Office (Union and Environment), George Simbachawene has issued 14 day ultimatum to producers and suppliers of alternative bags to ensure that they comply with all set standards including putting manufacturer's label.

Speaking in Dar es Salaam shortly after touring the Dar es Salaam port, Simbachawene said the presence of illegal producers of the bags has denied revenues to local registered producers in particular and the government in general.

"We must know who is producing and supplying these alternative bags, the legally recognized producers registered in the country are missing out revenues

due to illegal producers and suppliers," he said.

Apart from the order in question, Minister Simbachawene said after the grace period a thorough inspection will be conducted to uncover the unscrupulous people behind the move who are defying set standards and their products would be destroyed.

Simbachawene ordered National Environment Management Council (NEMC) officials dealing with inspection of imported goods to work 24 hours at the port of Dar es Salaam in collaboration with other government agencies to ensure that no illegal goods are imported.

"The port efficiency is measured on its keenness in handling imported and exported goods. If necessary labour

force should be beefed up to make sure that the desired efficiency is met," he said.

According to the minister, no stone would be left unturned when it comes the issue of dishonest workers who sabotage government efforts in stimulating revenue collections.

He pointed out that regulations governing the matter stipulates that whoever imports, exports or produces alternative package bags should make sure that the bags conform to the standards set by Tanzania Bureau of Standards (TBS).

Since the government announced the ban of polythene bags various measures have been taken to make sure that high quality alternative bags are adequately supplied to bridge the gap.

By Guardian Correspondent, Morogoro

FARMERS have been urged to adopt modern agronomic practices that allow the effective use of improved seeds, which are resistant to drought and diseases.

Manager of Kilosa-based Msimba farm of Tanzania Agriculture Seed Agency (ASA), Jacob Chiwanga said the move will help farmers increase crop production per acre; hence ensure country's food security and industries' raw materials demand.

Chiwanga made the call in an interview with this paper following farmers' outcry on reduction of crop yields in the last farming season due to changing weather pattern.

"We're not opposing the use of traditional seed varieties, but the world right now is grappling with impacts caused by climate change. Our traditional seeds have failed to cope

Farmers urged to adopt modern agronomic practices

with the situation. This is the reason why most of researchers have decided to modify the seeds that have shown to increase productivity," he said,

adding: "That's why farmers needs to change and adopt the use of improved seeds which are susceptible to climate change."

For his part, Agricultural Research Institute (ARI) Ilonga lead researcher for cereals crops, Meshack Makenge said: "We're aware of the farmers complaints and as institute we've developed improved seeds, which perform well in harsh weather conditions."

According to Makenge, ARI-Ilonga produces wide range of improved seeds

of maize, sorghum, rice, sunflower, beans, and peas.

"Most of our seeds are drought and disease resistant, hence assures farmer high productivity."

Dr Joel Meriyo, director of ARI-Ilonga said his institute was working on a new strategy aimed at empowering farmers with skills that will make them grow crops despite the changing weather patterns.

For his part the TARI manager in Dakawa, Dr Andrew Ngeresa, said the centre has been developing improved rice seed varieties including SARO 5 (TXD 306), which has high productivity, whereby per acre a farmer can get more than 40 bags of rice.



CRDB Bank southern zone manager Jeniffer Tondi talks with representatives from cooperatives at the empowerment workshop in agriculture sector held in Masasi district, Mtwara region recently. CRDB Bank has urged farmers to access loans to boost their riculture activities. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

By Guardian Correspondent, Mwanza

Minister tells Tanzanians to invest in water transport sector

DEPUTY Minister for Works, transport and Communications Elias Kwandikwa has called stakeholders in transport to use the opportunity to invest in water transport in order to make the sector a pillar of economy for the country and beyond.

The Deputy Minister was speaking at a function to mark World Maritime Day 2019 that is celebrated on the last Thursday of September every year. At national level this year's celebration takes place today (September 26).

He said 90 per cent of freight transport in the world is by water hence it's a good opportunity to invest in the sector.

Kwandikwa said the aim of the cele-

brations is to sustain, strengthen, liaison and remind one another the importance of water transport in order to develop local and foreign firms whereas the government vowed to remove all obstacles in the sector to attain sustainable goals for the country.

He said the government is collaborating with women in the maritime sector who form the East and Southern Africa (WOMESA) in Tanzania to ensure they receive the opportunity, right and freedom to engage themselves in businesses in the water transport sector.

"The national theme for this year's celebration is 'Enabling Women in the Water Transport Sector' that reminds us to adhere to gender equality because women are an important pillar in development," said Kwandikwa.

On his part, the director general of Tanzania Shipping Agency (TASAC) Emmanuel Ndomba said the agency was formed in accordance with the National Shipping Act (No 14) of 2017 and started implementing its duties in 2018 with the aim of managing water transport.

"Our institution also manage the implementation of international agreements with the International Maritime Organization (IMO) as certified by Tanzania and the world Maritime Day celebrations after IMO attained 20 years of existence and resolved to hold the celebrations every year in tandem with with 70 years of IMO," said Ndomba.

WOMESA chairperson Eng. Fortunata Kakwaya called parents to mobilize their daughters to join the water transport sector, notwithstanding the existing challenges.

Kairuki urges TIC to visit business people and investors in Ruvuma

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbinga

THE Minister of State in Prime Minister's Office (Investments) Angellah Kairuki has given seven days to the Tanzania Investment Centre (TIC) to visit and inspect environment in which business people and local investors in Ruvuma region operate.

She gave the directive during her inspection at coffee factories in Mbinga district - the Mbinga Coffee Curing Company Co Ltd (MCCCO) and Dan and Associates Enterprises Ltd (DAE) in Ruvuma region.

In the visit Kairuki was accompanied by Ruvuma Regional Commissioner Christina Mndeme, and officials from various ministries, including the office of the President (Local Government and Regional Administration (TAMISEMI), the Ministry of Industry and Trade, Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Energy, Ministry of Minerals, Ministry of Lands as well as other government institutions including TIC.

Kairuki gave the directives after realizing that TIC has not fully reached to local investors especially those in the regions for the purpose of identifying them and to educate them on the opportunities offered by the Centre.

She also said there is a need of identifying indigenous investors in the country by recognizing their contribution in the industrial development keeping in mind that 2019 is Investment Year.

She said: "I know there are many projects reached by TIC by 72 percent hence I want them to quickly go to Ruvuma region especially to these two coffee factories, for the purpose of identification and to explain to them the opportunities and importance of registration with TIC so as to enhance their contribution to the country's economic development."

TIC director of planning and research Maftah Bunini said in improving the institution's performance they have

opened seven zonal offices in the country in order to easily access the local investors.

"And in this, that is why the size of investment capital vary between foreign and local investors. A local investor must have a capital of USD 100,000 whilst the foreign one the figure is USD 500,000.

On his part, the manager of MCCCO Jonas Mbunda has assured the minister that they will continue to improve the work environment of its workers and increase the quality of their coffee products as well as to ensure the community around the factory benefit.

On his part, the DAE managing director Dunstan Komba who is also a coffee grower congratulated the minister for her visit at the factory and explained to her on the challenges they face in regard to coffee markets and pleaded with the government to continue assisting local investors.

"Personally we are happy about your visit, even though we experience marketing challenges, especially when you realize that the factory is capable to produce 36,000 of coffee each year, some of which is sold locally," explained Komba and added that despite the challenges the company has been participating in exhibitions of coffee producing countries such as Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi and Ethiopia.

The Mbinga District Commissioner Cosmas Nshenye said the minister's visit will spur business people and investors after seeing that the government has pledged to support them, especially by directing TIC officials to visit them.

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Akiba Commercial Bank Plc senior personal banking services David Korosso talks at a press conference in Dar es Salaam during the introduction of a new product: 'Akiba Lengo Investment Plan' that enables customers to accumulate funds towards fulfilling their lifetime dreams. The event took place in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Left is ACB head marketing and communications Dora Saria and manager institutional deposits Fatuma Kigembe. Photo: Selemeni Mpochi

By Guardian Correspondent, Songwe

OVER 170,000 children under the age of five in Songwe region are set to benefit from measles-rubella and polio vaccination in a campaign slated for September 26 to 30, this year.

Implemented by the Ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children in collaboration with various stakeholders, the measles-rubella campaign is another opportunity of ensuring good immunity of children, reach all unvaccinated children and track seeing the group growing healthy.

Over 170,000 children under the age of five in Songwe region set to benefit from measles-rubella and polio vaccination in a campaign

Speaking during the stakeholders meeting yesterday here, the coordinator of vaccination for Songwe region Moses Lyimo said the campaign was important for the country's to have a healthy and bright generation.

"The vaccination campaign is expected to reach at least 174,000 under-five children. Despite emphasizing mothers to breastfeed their babies, we also insist them to

take them for vaccination for stronger protection," he said.

According to him, following the significance of the vaccination, the region has embarked on awareness programme to educate parents and the public in general over taking their children for vaccination.

He emphasized the general public to bring their children once the campaign is commenced assuring them that the

vaccinations were vital for the children growth.

Eva Mwakuyasa, reproductive health coordinator in Songwe said that the vaccination will be provided free of charge thus calling on parents to bring their children without fearing about costs.

According to her, vaccination was among key rights to any child, so authorities have to work collaboratively

to make sure that all children get the essential service.

Mid this year Tanzania announced to embark on a national Measles-Rubella vaccination campaign to improve the general health and survival of children in the country.

The campaign is implemented collaboratively with the World Health Organization (WHO).

Announcing the campaign during

this year's Vaccination Week Dafroza Lyimo, the immunization programme manager in the Ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly, and Children, said that the fresh measles and rubella vaccination campaign is scheduled for this September after it was realized that a huge number of children did not complete earlier jabs creating a pathway to the outbreak of the contagious diseases.

"One of the key challenges was all those children missed the first dose creating a pathway to new outbreaks," Lyimo said.

Men told to spearhead the gender equality

By Correspondent Deogratias Mushi

TANZANIANS should avoid patriarchy system in which men hold primary power and predominate roles leadership, moral authority, social privilege and control of property.

Speaking at the Gender Festival organised by TGNP Mtandao in Dar es Salaam yesterday, gender activist, Usu Mallya said some patriarchal societies in Tanzania today are also patrilinear where property and title are inherited by the male lineage. Women in Tanzania should be allowed inherit properties, just like men

Her views were echoed by a participant from Rwanda, Emma Marie Bugingo who said a higher number of women in decision-making roles leads to a decrease in gender discrimination and gender-based crimes.

She called upon men in Tanzania to champion gender equality in society just like their counterparts in Rwanda.

The call reflects the number of women in the Rwandan cabinet which has now reached to 50 percent, thanks to efforts made by men under the leadership of President Paul Kagame.

These women are now running key ministerial portfolios including ministries of trade and industry, health, ICT and innovation, Youth, gender and family promotion, Sports

and Culture, Public Service and Labor; and Emergency Management.

She hailed TGNP Mtandao for hosting Gender Festival this year which has been convened under the theme 'Gender Activists Transforming the world', saying such gatherings uplift women's rights and equality in society.

Bugingo who is executive secretary of an umbrella organization of Women Associations, Pro-Femmes Twese Hamwe in Rwanda said that women's participation in Tanzania's development is a good example to disprove the old mentality that women can't lead.

She called upon Tanzania to emulate Rwanda which in 2017 Global Gender Gap Report of the World Economic Forum was ranked fourth globally in closing gender-based disparity with a gap of 18 percent.

An activist speaker from Kenya, Njoki Njoroge Njehũ called upon women in Tanzania to pull efforts together and fight for their rights and equality. "I got my first activism and advocacy lessons from my mother who was by then a community and church-based activist. She inspired me to fight for justice, and I have never stopped" she said

Pan-Africanist, feminist, and popular educator, Njehũ urged women in Tanzania to fight for women's land rights, gender justice, community rights, and environmental justice.



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Tigo Lake zone director Uthmaan Madati tests an ignition switch for the winner of Tigo quiz during the launch of the Tigo Fiesta Saizi Yako and Tigo quiz lottery in Mwanza yesterday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Govt pledges to work closely with private the sector to scaling up education sector

By Correspondent George Michael

THE government has pledged to continue working closely with the private sector in scaling up education sector in the country.

Minister for Education, Science and Technology, Joyce Ndalichako made the pledge recently when speaking at the "Thought Leadership Forum" in Dar es Salaam.

"Education is very important for the country's socio-economic development. We are with experts and we will work on every issue which you will raise here," the minister said.

"As government will continue working hand in hand with the private sector so as to improve the quality of education and solving the challenges facing the education sector," Prof Ndalichako said, describing the forum as crucial and it will be a catalyst of improving the quality of education and human resources.

"Education institutions should have a good teaching environment and those who complete in the universities will have a positive mindsets and be optimistic that they will definitely get jobs or be self-employed," she stressed.

She however said that the government has been working hard to invest in the country's education sector.

"Youth who are students should utilize fully their time at the University or college so as to perform well and achieve their goals and when they complete they will have the needed competence and skills," she said.

An official from the National Council

for Technical Education's (NACTE) Dr Gemma Modu said that they coordinate the quality of the training offered by universities and colleges and ensure competence and demand in the market is considered.

"Due to the advancement in the technology in this 21 century, communication and economy is administered by knowledge, skills and competence. Therefore, there must be a good relationship between curriculum developers and employment market demand," she said.

Prof Lugano Mwakalukwa from Mzumbe University, said that youth who are studying in the higher learning institutions should acquire knowledge and skills which go together with curriculum and job market demand.

"When the youth are completing higher education, they should be able to employ themselves or get employment. There should be a match between education, demand of jobs in the market and what employers need," he said.



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Indian experts conduct knee surgery in Dar

By Guardian Reporter

REGENCY Medical Centre (RMC) in partnership with HCG Multi-Specialty Hospital in Ahmedabad, India is today expected to start a three-day hip and Knee replacement surgical camp in Dar es Salaam.

According to a statement issued

by the Dar es Salaam-based medical facility, the camp has been organised in efforts to reduce referrals abroad.

It also saves the foreign exchange of the country and train local experts on the latest cutting edge surgical technology. It also saves the expenses of Airfares of the patient and the escort and their upkeep and prolonged stay

abroad.

"The lead specialist orthopedic surgeon Dr. Yuvraj Lakum, along with local experts, will conduct surgeries, screening of follow up and new patients will be carried out," a statement reads in part.

"This is a good opportunity for Fellow Tanzanians to avail this latest cut edge small incision surgery with

early mobilization at the door steps in Tanzania at Regency Medical Centre from 26 September until 28th."

Experts describe hip replacement surgery as a procedure in which a doctor surgically removes a painful hip joint with arthritis and replaces it with an artificial joint often made from metal and plastic components.

By Getrude Mbago

MEDIA practitioners have been urged to increase coverage and disseminate critical weather and climate information to vulnerable communities so as to reduce extreme weather impacts.

Stella Stephen from the Centre for Community Initiatives (CCI) made the call yesterday in Dar es Salaam, when speaking during training and capacity building session on weather and climate issues.

The session was part of the implementation of the three-year project dubbed; 'Developing Risk Awareness through Joint Action (DARAJA)' which is aimed to measurably improve co-creation and use of extreme weather information

The DARAJA project is implemented collaboratively by the Centre for Community Initiatives (CCI) Resurgence (UK) and Konkuey Design Initiatives (KDI) in Nairobi and Dar es Salaam cities with funds from the UK's Department for International Development (DFID).

According to her, media are extremely important tools in supporting the flow of seasonal and severe forecast products to communities.

"Most of the communities living in unplanned settlements are not reached with weather information, alerts issued by TMA, but if the media could take much time in disseminating the information, this will protecting them a lot as they will take time to prepare themselves," she added.

Stephen also underscored the need for the government to incorporate weather and forecasts issues in school curriculum.

According to her, CCI has reached some of schools in Dar es Salaam educating children and teachers on weather issues something which has been received well by the schools but the challenge remain on how

Increase coverage on weather, climate information, scribes told

to scale up in other schools and make it sustainable.

She said that the project aims to address vulnerability to extreme weather and climate impacts in rapidly-growing informal urban settlements.

She noted that vulnerability to extreme weather and climate impacts is increasingly located in East Africa's rapidly growing informal settlements. Majority of the residents in these settlements lack basic infrastructures and services including drainage.

"The purpose of the DARAJA project is to co-produce weather and climate information services, which are particularly relevant to poor urban communities in Tanzania (Dar es Salaam) and Kenya (Nairobi). The project will also assess the availability and access to climate information in the target communities," she said

A Meteorologist from Tanzania Meteorological Authority (TMA), Dr Alfred Kondowe said that the agency has been timely furnishing the public with accurate weather information and warnings

I real commend CCI for also training our pupils in schools on weather issues as they are the ones who are now informing is (parents) whenever they hear about forecast information

but the challenge remains on how they utilise the information.

"We also reach pupils and students with weather education through various workshops and national events but there is a need to incorporate in schools very good in catching things

and if well tough they will be good ambassadors of weather issues now and in the future," he said.

Saidat Omary Bilary, a resident from Kigogo ward (Dar es Salaam) commended CCI for coming up with the project as it will help communities living in hazardous areas

get weather forecasts and updates on time for them to plan better.

"I real commend CCI for also training our pupils in schools on weather issues as they are the ones who are now informing is (parents) whenever they hear about forecast information," she added.

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IGP Sirro is right to question some officers short on ethics, discipline

METHODS that President John Magufuli has been applying for quite a while are beginning to have an impact in the manner in which other heads of the pillars of government as well as law enforcement are conducting their duties. First it was Chief Justice Ibrahim Juma who floated a suggestion to change the law on unailable offices, and the president has now responded with an overture for plea bargaining, for all sabotage suspects.

The move by Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa to make an extensive tour of Morogoro region and unearth scores of instances of negligence and dereliction of duty was a sort of repetition of what the president earlier did in Mwanza region, and to an extent in a tour of Southern Highlands regions much earlier. In all these tours there was an in-depth look into what is happening and taking measures to solve those problems, even scolding top officials for negligence, letting issues hang until top leaders appear.

Inspector General of Police Simon Sirro has come out in the same outlook, to tell top officials of the police force that ethical standards and discipline among the police force rank and file was becoming a headache. He was frank that higher police officers were often to blame.

The IGP was addressing a three-day meeting of a task force of senior police officers at police headquarters. The task force includes regional police commanders (RPCs), convened to present performance evaluations for the past two and half years.

There was a political aspect to the issue, as the meeting was also meant to draw rules of conduct in relation to overseeing forthcoming local government elections. It was made sure that political overtones are kept

at a minimum, as they embarrass the force when ghastly incidents of police violence occur.

The IGP harnessed fairly intense psychological energy to ask senior police officers in attendance whether they can stand up to events like the shooting of Daudi Mwangosi in September 2012 and the death of Akwilina Akwilini in February 2018 and say the police did their work properly.

He mentioned those two instances as civic polls are coming up, and he pointedly accused some police officers of political exhibitionism, as if they wished to be elected. He also queried parading crime suspects, as it is pointless.

The message of the IGP was that the police should focus on professionalism, not exhibitionism and wishing to be commended by public antics that deviate from Police Force Regulations. He signaled clear awareness of where the problem starts, saying the deterioration of standards in regard to police training was appalling, illustrating that a police officer rushes to an incident of crime and then posts unintelligible things in social media platforms.

He pointed at the piling up of exhibits up to headquarters level, saying this was incomprehensible as each of those cases has stations and have their own commanders. It means the rank does not take its responsibilities and tends to push upwards.

But isn't that due to some habitual interference from upwards, to influence outcomes? On the whole the IGP was frank about the challenges, from the level of training to adopting civilian habits like posting things on social media, to avoiding tackling cases, by pushing issues to higher levels. The IGP is unlikely to clear out half of that bill, but still it would make a difference.

Empowering women fuels thriving economies across the world

THE World Maritime Day theme for the year is 'Empowering Women in the Maritime Community'. This provides an opportunity to raise awareness of the importance of gender equality, in line with the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals, and to highlight the important - yet under-utilized - contribution of women within the maritime sector.

Empowering women fuels thriving economies across the world, spurs growth and development, and benefits everyone working in the global maritime community in the drive towards safe, secure, clean and sustainable shipping.

The United Nations (UN), via the International Maritime Organization (IMO), created World Maritime Day to celebrate the international maritime industry's contribution towards the world's economy, especially in shipping. The event's date varies by year and country but it is always on the last week of September. World Maritime Day focuses on the marine environment, as well as safety and security for boats and ships.

World Maritime Day focuses on the importance of shipping safety, maritime security and the marine environment and to emphasize a particular aspect of IMO's work. The day also features a special message from the IMO's secretary-general, which is backed up by a discussion paper on the selected subject in more detail.

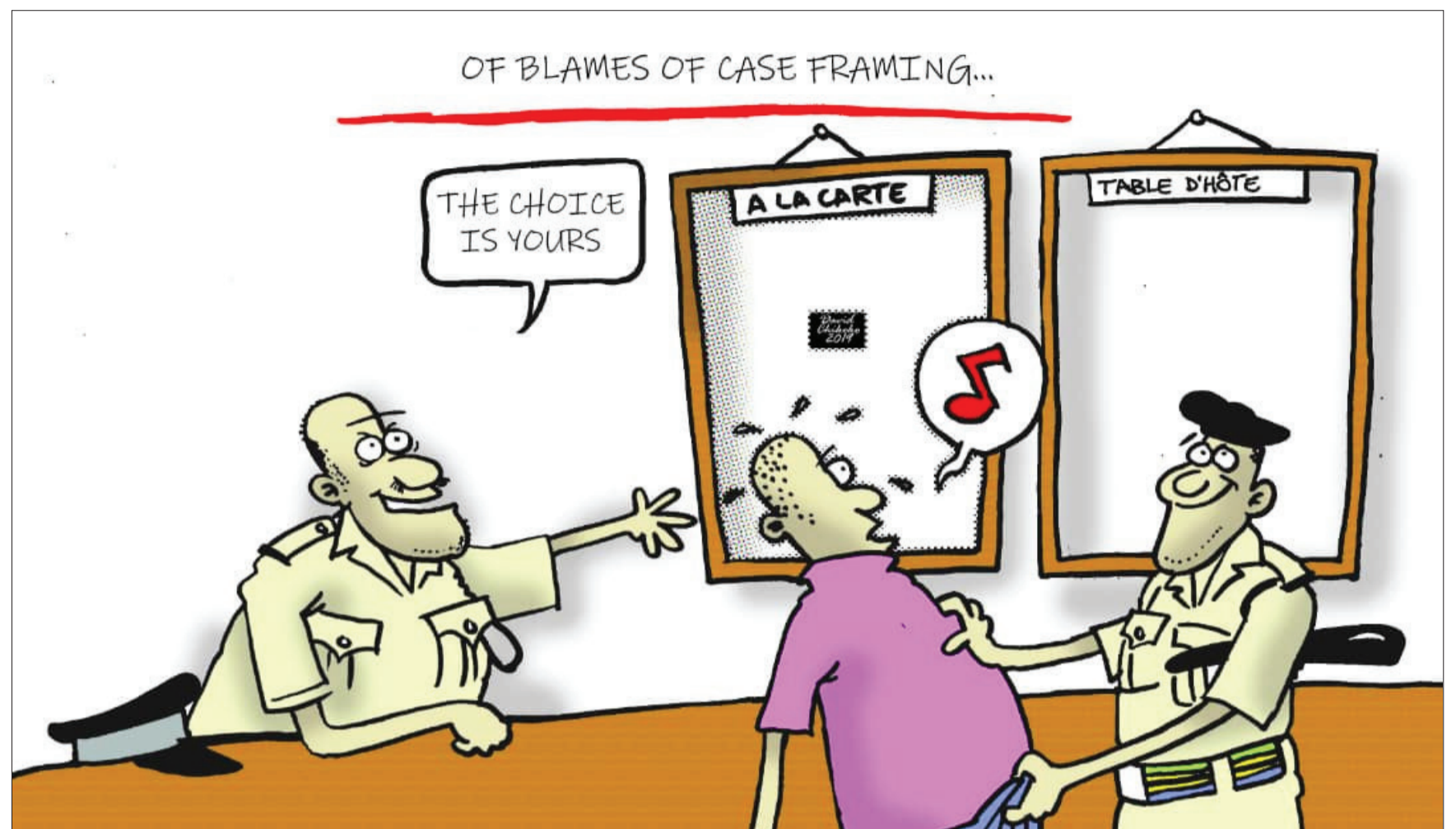
World Maritime Day is celebrated in many countries worldwide, including Australia, Canada, the United Kingdom, and the United States. Many maritime organizations and unions hold special events and activities to celebrate this day. These activities and events range from symposiums to luncheons, as well as school lessons that focus on

the day. Some classes may organize a trip to a maritime museum so students can understand the significance of the maritime industry in shaping world history and its importance in world trade.

World Maritime Day is a global observance and not a public holiday. Throughout history, people have understood that international regulations that are followed by many countries worldwide could improve marine safety so many treaties have been adopted since the 19th century. Various countries proposed for a permanent international body to be established to promote maritime safety more effectively but it was not until the UN was established that these hopes were realized. An international conference in Geneva in 1948 adopted a convention formally establishing the IMO, a specialized UN agency that develops and maintains a comprehensive regulatory framework for shipping.

The IMO's original name was the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization (IMCO) but the name was changed in 1982 to IMO. The IMO focuses on areas such as safety, environmental concerns, legal matters, technical co-operation, maritime security and the efficiency of shipping. World Maritime Day was first held on March 17, 1978 to mark the date of the IMO Convention's entry into force in 1958.

At that time, the organization had 21 member states. It now has about 167 member states and three associate members. This membership includes virtually all the nations of the world with an interest in maritime affairs, including those involved in the shipping industry and coastal states with an interest in protecting their maritime environment.



BY LUKE ZUNGA

WHAT is causing mayhem in South African society and the attacks on foreign migrant businesses and burning of trucks. It is an economic battle. In the United States of America (USA), Canada and Australia; these countries realize value in some foreign nationals, and facilitate them to start businesses.

But elements of South African society attack foreign nationals and trucks to draw attention of their government. They say government does not listen to them. And it is true.

I am researcher with South African Development Foundation (Sadef). We are not funded by donors. Our efforts are genuinely to find economic solutions for South Africa and other African countries, by designing models which are practical taking into account local scenarios.

After more than 200 communications from 2014 the President, Cyril Ramaphosa is not aware what we are submitting. The Director General (DG) may eventually know but does not respond.

He knows the Minister and President will never discover. The key persons in a department are the Director General and the Minister.

The Director General controls the budgets and hires employees for the department according to the current operations. Each employee has a job description in running the department.

We must build a powerful united front against xenophobia

By Imraan Buccus

THE ongoing attacks on women and migrants have led to deep pessimism about the state of SA. Social cohesion and human rights seem like a distant dream, and it's not just the president who has been absent. Civil society and trade unions largely seem missing in action too.

Alarmingly, one major civil society organisation issued a long statement on xenophobia which presented the crisis as one solely suffered by African migrants, and completely left out the fact that many migrants from Asia have also been attacked. This statement, with its crass disregard for Asian migrants was, itself, xenophobic.

Much reporting in the media is also complicit with organised xenophobia. Migrants holding citizenship are routinely described as "foreigners". Xenophobic mobs attacking people on the streets are described as "protesters". Police statements conflating two separate categories of people, "migrants" and "criminals", are reported uncritically.

The politicians in the ANC and the DA, with Johannesburg mayor Herman Mashaba arguably being the most

What is causing mayhem in South African society?

There is nobody hired to receive submissions from the public and process them up the ladder to the DG or Minister or to search for new ideas from citizens.

Citizens have brilliant solutions and more so they want to speak to somebody, even if the idea fails, but nobody is available. Submissions to the department land at the lower levels or at the DG department where workers there search for key words to direct submissions from office to office, but nothing is done.

The DG does not know, and therefore does not supervise where a submission ends or whether the matter is acted on. The workers are aware nobody will ever know. If the DG is not aware nothing is acted on.

Whatever citizens send to government ends up lost somewhere or dumped to waste and the matters therein ignored. There is the problem!

The Minister is on similar dilemma. The DG works around the Minister, organizing his engagements, movements, budgets, meetings etc. The DG is very busy and has no way of knowing what citizens are bringing into the department unless some lower employer is so daring to go out

of his or her routine job description to evaluate submissions and bring it to the attention of the DG.

It is very rare as there is nobody employed to attend to matters which are not routine. The Minister has a Personal Assistant (PA), who, as a matter of routine, takes every incoming communication to the DG or to the Ministers Special Advisor.

The Minister does know what is coming into his/her department unless it is of political matter which the department workers do not handle. The Minister does nothing until and unless there is a recommendation by the DG.

At the end of the day the Minister and the President do not know what is arriving into their departments, until the DG tells them, until there is a recommendation from the technocrats.

So is the Premier. DGs are running the country.

Promises politicians made during electioneering can never be accomplished. At best it is the DG, who the nation rely on, not the Minister or the President, who are behind the scenes, closed out.

If there is no recommendation the Honourable President cannot act, has

nothing of his own, nothing despite appearing on TV and asking for ways to improve economy.

The President receives his messages screened by the DG. People can't reach the Minister and the President by approaching the department.

The DG is more distant. So, who is answerable?

Politicians think technocrats or DGs know. No, technocrats are idiots. Most of Masters graduates went through the same Ivy League doctrine, which narrows them to copy the bank rule and say 'there is no funding to start the business' or 'start the business from your own capital'.

They know nothing else other than economic models around the bank rule, which holding African economies down.

Who suffers - is black citizens can't enter business? DGs ignore all other recommendations, they do not respond to submissions.

If any response it is cold, brazen, brief and they do not invite any discussions. Citizens' frustrations boil to rage. The DG has no political responsibility. The Minister and President have political responsibility but are behind the DG or Municipal Managers. WHY?

often happen with the police standing by watching, making no attempt to intervene.

It is clear that this crisis cannot be resolved by the state and that, if we are able to resolve it, the political commitment to do so will have to come from within society.

To fully understand the current crisis we must understand that since 2004 there have been escalating popular protests, many targeting local councillors. These protests have posed a serious challenge to the legitimacy of the local state, sometimes resulting in "no vote" campaigns or support of independent candidates at elections.

In Durban, sustained organisation has led to a vibrant alliance of shack dwellers, flat dwellers and street traders that has mounted effective opposition to former mayor Zandile Gumede, the remains of the Zuma faction in the city. Well-known grassroots activists like Des D'sa, S'bu Zikode and Verushka Memdudt have become significant players in the city's politics.

For corrupt local officials and politicians, turning popular anger against migrants makes perfect political sense. It deflects growing popular anger towards scapegoats who are not easily able to defend

themselves. This was the logic of Adolf Hitler's anti-Semitism in the 1930s. It is the logic of the anti-migrant politics of Donald Trump and Boris Johnson today. It is not always fascism in the classical sense but it is always a deeply reactionary form of politics with some clear links to the basic logic of fascism.

Any society in which armed mobs hunt fellow residents in the streets with effective impunity is a society in which, along with basic human rights, democracy is at serious risk. In India the far-right project, often termed fascist, that now runs the state has its roots in the 2002 pogrom against Muslims in Gujerat, and, before that, the destruction of the 16th-century Babri Mosque in the city of Ayodhya, in Uttar Pradesh in 1992.

The entry of the mob backed by powerful political elites into politics is always the end of meaningful democracy for vulnerable groups. The end result doesn't have to be uniform totalitarianism but often results, as in India, in democracy for some and authoritarianism for others. This is where we are now headed. It is a matter of serious urgency that we build a powerful united front against xenophobia, against attacks on women and for genuine democracy.

A clear career path is built

Nobody wants to stay unemployed after wasting precious time, 3 or 4 years studying and throwing that graduation cap in the air.

Checking in for lectures, turning in assignments, showing up and putting in the effort for group assignments and discussions, sitting mid tests and exams isn't a walk in the park, college is hard. Getting a job experience after college is even harder.

As brain cracking as this having a job experience thing might get to you, you must stay sane and keep a clear head because you are not alone and the transitioning period into a new life after college will come. Get your life together and buckle up because the journey to building a fulfilling career path (if you really can put in the work) has also began. So where should you start?

Don't Wait

Don't wait for the perfect moment, put your hands on everything that will offer you an opportunity to learn, grow and network. Don't sit back and dream of a helping hand but instead do it yourself. Talk to people, lay it all out there, your skills, knowledge, everything that translates to what you can offer. Getting a jumpstart on your career gets you ready for the trials



of landing a professional job without having any prior job experience. Get as much of that work experience as early on and as fast as you possibly can, why wait? You're not getting any younger.

Just Do It

Jumping into the shark tank as a tiny underdog is intimidating, but that doesn't mean you're bound to fail. In fact, rejection gives you the chance to learn what your strengths and limits are and what

not to do. Just remember that these people put on their pants and showed up to work the same way you ought to do every morning. It doesn't matter who you're talking to.

If you really don't want to start applying for jobs just yet, at least start networking with professionals. Establishing a relationship with

employers in advance and showing that you care can save you from a world of post-graduate pain. Start by introducing yourself at career fairs. Put yourself out there. Just showing up gives you an advantage. I have worked with several students who secured opportunities by mistake because they went to events and got

noticed or connected with a representative who was willing to coach them to be prepared for a future opportunity.

When you have zero job experience but know the companies you're interested in, aim for less formal gigs like shadowing a professional, volunteering or attend info sessions and workshops. "Interact with professionals in various settings and establish rapport with them in advance. It can give your perspective and open doors in the future."

Focus On What You Know

So your resume extends as far as babysitting and mowing lawns. As if that big engineering firm cares. Well actually, on resumes, during interviews and when wooing employers, don't worry about what job experience you don't have—focus on the job experience you do have.

Sometimes, a lot of what makes you competitive is attitude. The 'unique' com-

ponent is what's most important. But they're also personable. They can communicate like an adult professional...and talk about themselves not just as an undergraduate student but as a human being with knowledge on something...and for your prospective employer, what's important is finding the exceptional human being under the professional.

Because CVs are often the one of the first things companies receive from you, make sure yours communicates what you do best. Remember though: CVs serve more as an introduction.

Do Your Research

Research is critical to making a solid first impression when speaking to or being interviewed by employers. Prospective employers want somebody to come in and tell them what they know about their company, not that they are just another company that they're interviewing with.

Take the cliché that "Google is your best friend" to heart. Spend time getting to know companies through their websites, social media profiles and newsletters. As you research, note any questions you come up with. At the end of any interview, your interviewer will ask if you have any questions for them. And you don't want to look at them with a blank stare.

Love Your Work

The most important part of the job hunt is to never settle. Don't apply just to apply. Really consider what you want out of a job and what experience you'll gain.

Moreover, don't be afraid to dip into different fields. Some of you will have to work about 100 different jobs from the age of 24 to 35 and even more before eventually starting your own companies. If you don't know what it is you love just yet, just keep doing a bunch of different jobs. Fail first fast.

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By Dike Onwuamaeze

Why Nigeria should not break ties with South Africa

The Founder/Chairman of Phillips Consulting, Foluso Phillips, who is also the Chairman, Nigeria-South Africa Chamber of Commerce, in this interview, speaks on the recent xenophobia attacks against Nigerians and some other Africans in South Africa. Dike Onwuamaeze brings the excerpts:

Can you give us an overview of the Nigeria-South Africa relationship?

I think that is a good starting point. We all are aware of the role that Nigeria played during the apartheid regime in South Africa. There is no doubt about it and sensible South Africans appreciated it. However, they have comparative advantage in manufacturing and industrialisation over Nigeria. And that was very clear when we started to engage with South Africans in 1992. We could see very clear that South Africa, from a technical point of view, was well ahead of the game. The punch line in South African's presence was actually when MTN came into Nigeria. We cannot blame South Africans for coming into this country to sell their products because they have the goods. South Africa also has a much better structure. Their department of Trade and Industry was one that has pushed aggressively around the whole continent for trade and investment opportunities. These were the things we didn't do. All we wanted was to sell our oil and cocoa. Our strength is in areas like fashion, music and culture and all those things that have to do with individual's skills and ability.

So, what is the level of business relationship between Nigeria and South Africa, especially the value of their investments?

In terms of investments, you will find out that South Africans in Nigeria are very strong in telecoms. They are also into banking through their relationship with Stanbic IBTC and the



South African (R) and Nigerian flag.

Standard Chartered Bank. We also know that they have a very strong presence in oil and gas, brewery business, sales outlets like Shoprite, PEP, and in construction works and design. They have subtle presence in professional services like accounting, hospitality, entertainment where Multichoice is conspicuous. I cannot put a value to all these investments, but certainly it should be big. We have over 100 South African firms in Nigeria that are registered. But Nigerian strategic investment in South Africa is Dangote's acquisition in the cement industry. The reciprocal arrangement in terms of Nigerian businesses in South Africa compared to South Africans' business in Nigeria is certainly skewed in favour of South Africans.

What is your view on the xenophobic attacks on Nigerians in South Africa?

It's totally unacceptable. But the attacks, for me, are not really against Nigerians, but against the system that exists in South Africa. The bottom of the pyramid in South Africa, as we can notice, even here is Nigeria, is suffering. They were just saying that they haven't seen any change in their lives in 25 years of independence. There is no way a South African man who is living a normal reasonable life will turn around and begin to attack

his neighbours. So, the xenophobia's are simply saying that their lives are not the way it should be. Their independence gave them freedom they were not prepared for. They were not prepared in terms of human capital development to run a free country. So these attacks on Africans are simply from the attitude that "things are not working out very well for me and you foreigners seem to be doing very well. I can't reach the leadership of my country who I really want to fight and you are the nearest." For me, the attacks are completely unacceptable and South Africa's government must stand up and deal with it. Otherwise the repercussion at the Pan-African level could be quite significant and things are beginning to evolve. For example, President Paul Kagame of Rwanda walked out of the World Economic Forum that was hosted in South Africa and some other individuals didn't attend. These are expressions of saying how can we be talking about World Economic Forum for Africa and this kind of thing is going on in the country that is hosting the forum. It is a bit of contradiction for that to happen. How the South Africa's government is reacting, the extent of the reaction and the steps it is taking to say this is not acceptable were not enough. Look, there was looting in

Shoprite here in Lagos and I know the way the Nigerian Police came down on the looters and arrested over 100 people. There was a positive action from the Nigeria's government to say that we cannot accept this here.

Are you saying that you were not satisfied with the response of South Africa's government on the situation?

I think that a lot more could have been done by both Nigeria and South Africa governments and both governments should accept the responsibility of abandoning diplomacy. I saw a document signed between Abubakar Atiku and Jacob Zuma, when they were vice presidents of Nigeria and South Africa respectively, in which they declared commitment to encourage and protect investments to the extent that that document was saying that if as a result of any uprising or any action of that nature, that the countries will compensate each other for the losses that were incurred because diplomacy was working then. Don't forget that the reason governments talk to each other at bilateral level influence how things are done socially.

Do you foresee South Africa paying dearly in the future if these xenophobic attacks are left unchecked?

Oh yes, it will definitely. Look, I was due to travel out to South Africa on September 10, but I decided not to do so not because I was panicking about my safety. I just felt that the air was very caustic, very tense. If you go and ask South African Airways, I can tell you that the seats occupied in their flight must have gone down. I knew about three people that cancelled their flights within this period. I think that there is no doubt about it that if this thing continues, people are going to stay away because businesses are done through people. And if people fear each other and don't talk to each other, there is no way their business will function.

Have the South African businesses that were shut down in Nigeria due to the reprisal attack reopened?

I do not know. But I know that Shoprite will have major repairs to do because the damages were very significant. When I saw it on

television I wished that they have their insurance. It was a major damage. This is why again we as a chamber formally met with the leadership of Nigerian students union and the Consul General of South Africa when the union were saying that would picket MTN, Multichoice, and warned them not to begin to shut these places down and carry placards because what usually happens is that area boys and miscreants would jump on the back of what they were doing and it would be out of control. I guess that was what happened when the students went to picket the shops and raise issues and others who were not thinking like them went in and got things out of control. They wanted to do something that would raise awareness of the plight of Nigerians in South Africa. Yes, they have raised the awareness. But what followed it? And we told them that it would get out of their control. And that was what really happened.

You had this meeting before the reprisal attacks?

Yes! In fact, it was as a result of that meeting that their initial attempt to go out was stifled. The commitment we gave them was that we would create a platform for them to see Abike Dabiri, because we didn't have a minister that time. They eventually met and issued press statement. But we have spoken to them before saying don't do this thing. Let find a much more different approach.

Can you give us an estimate of the losses to businesses as a result of their temporary closure?

I will find it difficult to give you something that you can believe. I really don't know.

We are just asking for an estimate?

There has been so much going on in terms of reporting that even I don't know. I don't know the number of Shoprite locations that were attacked; the number of MTN's shops and outlets that were attacked, I don't know. So, it will be a little difficult for me to give you any figure. Actually I do not know.

What sectors can make the relationship between the two countries stronger in the future?

Let me say this with responsibility that every sector is open to

investors from both sides. What we are failing to do is sitting across the table to say: diplomatically this is how we are going to operate; economically, this is how we are going to operate. These are what the governments should have been doing. We were supposed to have set up during the last administration a Business Council, where the Nigerian businesses and government and South African businesses and government would be meeting. And the protocol was that the business council will meet before the bi-national so that the outcome of discussions held at the business council level would be factored into the bi-national for them to come up with the kind of policies that would be driven by people who actually were doing the businesses. We have complained before that there was not enough private sector input into the bi-national decisions. For me, there is no need government talking to government with businesses being outside.

How did you view the calls for Nigerian government to nationalise South African businesses in Nigeria?

I think that is a very dangerous way to go because it is not just about South Africa. We will be telling others that if they come here and have problems with us, then Nigeria will nationalise their private sector investments. It is not a responsible statement to make if you are a country that is looking for investors because everyone is watching. So, I think the whole idea of nationalising South African assets here is not the way to go. It is very wrong. It is very dangerous. It is a strong negative signal to the investing community. We must separate political relationships from economic and social relationships. For me, I do not think it is an acceptable thing. I even heard that it was said that South African Airways should be banned from coming to Nigeria. Perhaps, we should see that as a temporary measure to just knock someone on the head and say "hey, behave yourself." It should be a way of sending out a warning and not something that should be sustained. But all these depend on the kind of conversations that are taking place between the two governments. The envoy sent by President Buhari did not say that we are going to shoot every South African.

TO BE CONTINUED

By Gaudensia Mngumi

Yes, young learners need inclusive sex education

Imagine the saying that the world teaches those not taught by their mothers.

What does it really mean? Have any teenagers thought about it or experienced common things that challenge one but never told by his or her parents or guardians?

Nineteen year old boy (name withheld) from the British School in Dar es Salaam posed this expression when asked to comment on the recent court case in Rukwa region where over 20 secondary school boys were arraigned for impregnating primary school girls.

The under-20 boy talks vividly that in this modern Tanzania teenagers in schools are challenged by poor communications about sexual matters and they mostly learn sex issues from friends, TV, Youtube channel, music, peer groups and sometimes on their own.

"Is this the way the world has started teaching us or the Rukwa boys? As young learners we don't understand what it really entails because in most cases there is nobody to expose us to the truth about sex," he says.

Some students join the discussion and challenged parents and guardians to find ways to teach sex education to teenagers in schools and not to let them learn it from the world as it has happened in Rukwa.

According to media reports (Sunday September 22, 2019) primary school girls aged between 14 and 16 years were forced to drop out of school and become mothers, because their boyfriends mostly aged around 17 years impregnated them.

The British School students believe that the situation wouldn't have been so much bad, if the girls and boys had significant knowl-



In 2011, the Department of Basic Education commissioned a review on implementing an effective HIV education curriculum in South Africa, which found that lack of scripted lesson plans left teachers floundering

edge about sex.

"Their parents and guardians do not tell them about sex," says one of them, her name withheld.

Bishop William Mwamalanga of the Pentecostal Evangelical Church (PEC) when asked if parents or guardians of today communicate with their children about what sex is, was skeptical.

Bishop Mwamalanga says in most cases they don't and that is perhaps the reason that most young girls and boys don't understand that indulging in premarital sex is bad because they do not have any background that sexual immoralities can lead to lifelong desperation.

He affirms that young learners in primary and secondary schools learn about sex from other than parental and guardians bases.

"I believe that as parents and protectors of our children we must uphold our responsibilities to support our children to know values, sex and outcome of sexual immoralities in order

to keep the hope alive in our next generation," says Bishop Mwamalanga.

Modesta Lyimo, a second year student from the Institute of Social Work in Dar es Salaam, feels that parents cannot talk to their children about sex matters because of culture and at the same time they don't have the knowledge and the means-techniques to speak about it.

Modesta admits that there is a communication gap between parents, guardians and teens, saying it as a reason why many girls became pregnant at the first semester of their first year at universities.

She challenges 'old style' explanations and instructions to girls and boys about puberty and sex issues saying that they should go beyond assigning 'dos' and 'don'ts' or giving empty signals for precautions.

She wants parents to move away from explanations like 'do not do this' for example boys are simply told don't show your

private parts to girls or young boys or you should stop taking a bath with your sisters, etc.

Some are seriously warned 'do not' touch a girl as it will take you to 30 years in jail, and girls are cautioned 'do not' play with men. Those are old ways of explaining things and the method does not teach; instead it stirs up curiosity among the teenagers.

The issue of morals deteriorating among the children in society, with reports of frequent child pregnancy, abortion, sex in schools and drug abuse are things happening where as a nation, Tanzania needs to teach so as to change children (teenagers).

And in this case, the appropriate measure is to formulate a comprehensive curriculum on Reproduction Health and Sex Education, that should be taught in

all schools from class one to higher institutions, says Dr. Godfrey Telli.

The recent trend of immoralities among our teenagers in the society, students in schools, shows that there is a gap between our parents, guardians, teachers and our children. "But all in all we mostly emphasise on abstaining from sexual intercourse," he observes.

Dr Telli, the Twaweza, Uwezo coordinator for 'What Works in Education' program says Tanzania needs a well-established curriculum which encompass all issues related to puberty, sex, pregnancy, abortion, morals, values, ethics, etiquettes and confidence.

The contents of each class should be designed to align with grades, age and level of comprehending in such a way that each grade will have its subjects and issues.

Dr Telli admits that because of cultural barriers parents and guardians are unable to talk to their children about sex or puberty, but it can happen on the blackboards (schools).

"But that well designed curriculum should not only talk about sex. It should as well tell the children in schools much more, can be about puberty, conception..."

In this stage a boy in school should be taught by the teachers about puberty experiences and girls should as well be informed about their menstruations periods before they start their firstly monthly periods.

The syllabus should observe that as the children mature they should be taught about what is wrong and which is right when it comes to sex.

They must be taught about outcomes of sexual

immoralities for example at Form Four classes, higher levels and what will be the impacts of illicit behavior in their lives, adds Dr. Telli.

The syllabus should explain straight what is wrong when school children or teens start doing sex at a younger age or before marriage and explain what will be the consequences of doing unsafe abortion.

Doctor Telli, an expert in curriculum development, policy, administration and gender issues in education, said during an interview with The Guardian, that students should be told about how the pregnancy occurs and how influences like peers, media, music and boyfriends get them into sex and how important it is to reject it.

"Teachers should take time to inform students about how conception occurs... not to learn from boyfriends, peers and not even from the short messaging services in mobile phones," says Dr. Telli.

The boys should as well be taught in schools about how their reproductive organs work and most important how they can make girls pregnant in a few seconds and how the law can act upon the teenagers when it comes to school pregnancy.

Issues of sexually transmitted diseases (STIs) are important and the most common ones like HIV, AIDS gonorrhoea, syphilis and their symptoms, should be part of that curriculum which Tanzania has to design now.

"Again, they have to learn in schools about deadly vectors like 'Hepatitis B' that cause liver cancer, that it is transmitted through sex as well," he says.

And the most important thing we want to be told is

about sexual abstinence in order to prevent such diseases and all other evil that will affect their lives in schools and colleges," observes Dr. Telli.

The evidence is already there that there is unsafe sex which results in school and teen pregnancies and also unsafe abortion. All these are bound to the spread of STIs including HIV and AIDS among young learners.

"That is why it is not good to frequently ignore the consequences of not introducing young learners to contraceptives. The syllabus should teach issues like condoms and other contraceptive methods," he emphasizes.

"An equally important thing that the teenagers should be taught in schools is avoiding unsafe abortion, how it happens and its consequences on human lives," he stated.

Doctor Telli concludes that the curriculum should have components that teach Tanzanian school children morals, values and confidence to make them upright people who can make the right decisions, thus be able to encounter evils and pressure from the surrounding environment.

During a media training session on unsafe abortion organized by UMATI and other stakeholders, medical officials said that despite that abortion is not discussed much it is commonly alleged that things like cassava straws, bicycle spokes, herbal juices obtained from neem (nim) and alovera plants are used to induce abortions particularly among school girls.

Although abortion is illegal it is secretly done and in so many cases it is fatal.

By Ren Ke

Leading German climate expert sees great potential in closer cooperation with China

Professor Ottmar Edenhofer, one of the world's leading experts on the economics of climate change, has said that climate policies will play an increasingly important role in the future, and that he expects closer cooperation in this field between Europe and China for the benefit of mankind and for safeguarding multilateralism.

Edenhofer is director and chief economist of the Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research (PIK). Between 2008 and 2015 he was co-chair of Working Group III of the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC). He contributed heavily to the shaping of the Fifth Assessment Report on climate change mitigation, which provided the scientific basis for the Paris Agreement.

"Climate change is increasingly apparent around the world. The coral reefs are disappearing, extreme weather events are increasing, and temperature is rising. Climate change is causing inequality because it has a much stronger impact on poor people," Edenhofer said in a recent exclusive interview with Xinhua.

Meanwhile, global emissions are still rising with an annual growth rate roughly between 2 percent to 3 percent, which is quite dramatic, according to Edenhofer, who accuses the German government of not doing enough to cut emissions.

Pushed by the "Fridays for Future" student movement,



Despite a decision to streamline activities, the recent Niamey meeting had all the trappings of a regular summit. File photo

climate change has become one of the priority topics in Germany and also across Europe. People from all walks of life are talking about it, and the green parties in Germany and many other European countries are gaining popularity in polls and in this May's European Parliament elections.

Faced with the public's increasing concern about climate change, European governments and the EU are gearing up to tackle the issue. The EU's 28 national leaders meeting in Brussels on Thursday are likely to embrace a more ambitious stance by committing to net zero carbon emissions by 2050.

Germany has established a "climate cabinet" headed by

Chancellor Angela Merkel to address the issue. Last week, Merkel visited the PIK for a discussion with Edenhofer and other climate experts that lasted more than two hours. They focused on CO2 pricing, which is a hot topic in Germany and which the country's government is considering introducing.

"That is huge progress," said Edenhofer, adding that all parties except the right-wing populists are talking about how the issue should be addressed. Ten years ago, people were still talking about whether this issue should be addressed at all.

"I am pretty sure that the issue of climate change will play an increasingly important role in future politics," said Edenhofer.

Edenhofer considers Carbon pricing the best way to cut emissions, as it is a big issue for coal-fired facilities but makes clean technologies more profitable and hence incentivizes innovation and upscaling in energy sector, such as battery technologies, and artificial intelligence in the electricity sector. CO2 pricing will also make the use of fossil fuels less profitable, said Edenhofer, who believes that the goal of carbon neutrality by 2050 will only be achieved by phasing out coal.

Germany is undergoing an energy transition, a key effort to address climate change. Today, electricity from renewable energy sources accounts for 38 percent of the country's total

energy consumption. The German government has decided to phase out coal by 2038, but according to Edenhofer this should happen faster.

Meanwhile, as climate change is a global challenge, there is need for stronger international cooperation.

"Mankind has realized that we need cooperation, coordination and action to address climate change," said Edenhofer, adding that although the United States is not friendly to climate issues, Europe and China could join forces. China has already made great efforts to address climate change.

"Within the IPCC I worked very closely with the Chinese colleagues and I always felt they were very aware of the problems. I feel very confident in China addressing climate change," said Edenhofer.

Edenhofer called for more regular exchanges between universities and research institutes to enable them to jointly develop new low-carbon technologies. He also expected Germany, Europe and China to cooperate in integrating their carbon markets, which will give a huge push to the ongoing international negotiations.

"Over the last 10 years, I have experienced that China is one of the important forces for multilateralism. In all the negotiations within the IPCC, China was very productive, constructive,

very helpful in many respects," said Edenhofer.

"I would dream that Europe and China could play a very important role to strengthen international multilateralism. COP24 (the 24th Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change) in Katowice showed that multilateralism survived despite bad news from the United States and Brazil. In that sense, it is worthwhile to invest in multilateralism. China and Europe can join forces here," said Edenhofer.

Climate change occurs when changes in Earth's climate system result in new weather patterns that last for at least a few decades, and maybe for millions of years. The climate system comprises five interacting parts, the atmosphere (air), hydrosphere (water), cryosphere (ice and permafrost), biosphere (living things), and lithosphere (earth's crust and upper mantle). The climate system receives nearly all of its energy from the sun, with a relatively tiny amount from earth's interior. The climate system also gives off energy to outer space. The balance of incoming and outgoing energy, and the passage of the energy through the climate system, determines Earth's energy budget. When the incoming energy is greater than the outgoing

energy, earth's energy budget is positive and the climate system is warming. If more energy goes out, the energy budget is negative and earth experiences cooling.

As this energy moves through Earth's climate system, it creates Earth's weather and long-term averages of weather are called "climate". Changes in the long term average are called "climate change". Such changes can be the result of "internal variability", when natural processes inherent to the various parts of the climate system alter Earth's energy budget. Examples include cyclical ocean patterns such as the well-known El Niño-Southern Oscillation and less familiar Pacific decadal oscillation and Atlantic multidecadal oscillation.

Climate change can also result from "external forcing", when events outside of the climate system's five parts nonetheless produce changes within the system. Examples include changes in solar output and volcanism. Human activities can also change earth's climate, and are presently driving climate change through global warming. There is no general agreement in scientific, media or policy documents as to the precise term to be used to refer to anthropogenic forced change; either "global warming" or "climate change" may be used. The first describes the average effect on a global scale, whilst the second describes how different geographical regions are affected differently.

Two Chinese men convicted in Malawi for ivory trafficking

LILONGWE

MALAWIAN court has convicted two Chinese nationals, two Malawians and a Zambian over a huge cache of ivory and rhino horns.

Li Hao Yuan, 28, and Zhang Hua Qin, 42, were found guilty along with Malawians

Paul Mangwe and Tsogolani Samson and Zambian Frackson Kayoli Banda, a court document said, adding that the sentencing would take place on October 21.

They could get up to 30 years in jail. The Zambian defendant had already pleaded guilty and has received a four-year prison

sentence.

The five men were arrested in December 2017 after being found in possession of more than 21 kilograms (46 pounds) of ivory and \$42,000 worth of rhino horns.

Poaching has decimated the world elephant population, which slumped

in Africa from several million at the turn of the 19th century to around 400,000 in 2015.

According to conservation group WWF, as much as 60 percent of all elephant deaths can be blamed on poaching.

There is a huge demand in Asia for tusks and rhino

horns for its purported medicinal properties.

Malawi's director of parks and wildlife Brighton Kumchedwa called hailed it as a "very good development because these are the Chinese that have been causing havoc in the country."

"They have been accused

of killing elephants and rhinos and, in the process, rendering Malawi being named as a country of primary concern for wildlife," he said.

The London-based Environmental Investigation Agency echoed him.

"I am delighted to see the government of Malawi

making such progress in its fight against organised wildlife crime. Malawi was recently identified as southern Africa's principle transit and distribution hub for wildlife traffickers, and subsequent successes such as this are attracting positive interest and praise from the international community."

the agency's executive director Mary Rice told AFP.

The conviction comes ahead of a three-day visit to Malawi by Britain's Prince Harry and his wife Meghan from Sunday. The pair are due to visit the Lilongwe National Park in the south of the country.



Oprah Winfrey offers scholarship to passionate African women

By Joseph Omotayo

THE popular media mogul, Oprah Winfrey, is offering to help African women with her influence, money and platform.

According to Global Citizens, Winfrey has said she is using the Oprah Winfrey Foundation to launch a fellowship to empower African women who are in public

service sector.

The fellowship comes with the opportunity for the women to study tuition free at New York University's Wagner graduate school of public service.

With the empowerment, Oprah is hoping there would be more Africa-centred solutions to some of the serious issues facing the world.

Apart from the free tuition,

the programme also comes with stipends for books and other related expenses and an expense-paid travel to the US.

With the scholarship, Oprah Winfrey hopes they will be more African-focused solutions to pressure issues facing the world.

It should, however, be noted that the fellowship is not for those wanting to

advance their professional career.

Top of the conditions for applicants is that they must be citizens of an African country, have a good track record of commitment to public service, and an impressive academic history.

It is also of great importance that applicants must be willing to return to their countries at the end of the

fellowship and contribute in key areas needing their expertise.

By Monday, December 2, interested candidates must submit an essay, a one-minute video and fill out an application form on the foundation's website. Short-listed candidates will be interviewed by Skype with the selection committee in February 2020.

WWF says it did not push for rhino relocation process where 11 died

NAIROBI

THE World Wildlife Fund has rejected the findings of a Kenyan parliamentary inquiry that said the conservation group pushed Kenyan authorities to speed up a botched relocation of 14 rhinos last year that led to the deaths of 11 animals.

The black rhinos died of salt poisoning following the decision by the Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS) to ignore water test results in Tsavo East National Park, the committee's report said.

The deaths of the endangered animals, being moved to a more secure home in the face of the threat from poachers, were a major embarrassment to Kenya, which sells itself as destination for wildlife tourism.

The inquiry said WWF, which donated \$1 million for the relocation in June 2018, applied pressure on KWS to speed up the process in a bid to generate positive publicity and secure funding for itself from Germany.

WWF denied the allegations in the inquiry report, which was made public last week, saying KWS had carried out hydrological surveys and given assurances the park was safe and suitable.



"At no point either before or during the translocations were any issues raised about the quality of the water on the site," WWF said by email.

"We would never push for a translocation to go ahead against the recommendations of the relevant experts. This was a tragedy we hope will never be repeated."

The parliamentary committee's inquiry said the relocation took place during a period in 2018 when the term of one KWS board had ended and before a new one had begun,

creating a lack of oversight.

The report said KWS's former board of trustees had rejected the relocation three times in part because of the high salinity levels of the drinking water in the park.

The report said Najib Balala, the minister of tourism and wildlife, should take overall responsibility for the rhinos' deaths because he delayed the appointment of the new KWS board.

The minister's spokesman declined to comment.

The KWS could not be immediately reached to comment.

However, Richard Leakey, former chairperson of KWS, told the inquiry: "WWF-Kenya, as the funding entity, was alleged to have had a major interference on the board resolution against the translocation, and consequently pushed for the exercise after the exit of the board."

WWF said it was saddened by the loss of the rhinos and it fully recognised the "serious failings of this operation".

"In response, we have strengthened existing practices and implemented brand new organisational guidelines to mitigate future risk as far as possible."

Kenya had a rhino population of 1,258 in 2017 of which 745 were black rhinos, 510 were southern white rhinos and three were northern white rhinos, having grown from less than 400 rhinos in the 1980s.

Poaching has risen in recent years across sub-Saharan Africa where well-armed criminal gangs have killed elephants for tusks and rhinos for horns. Often the animal parts are shipped to Asia for use in ornaments and medicines.

Nigeria is staging ground for pangolin trade

LAGOS

IN a rubble-strewn storage lot in Nigerian port city of Lagos, customs agents crack open a shipping container crammed with pangolin scales, a shy mammal prized in Asia for its use in medicines.

The scales being stored in the fetid container are part of a growing haul of pangolin cargos seized in Nigeria, a country that is now the main hub for gangs sending African pangolins to Asia, according to law enforcement officials, non-governmental organisations and wildlife experts.

They say porous borders, lax law enforcement, corruption and one of the continent's biggest ports have helped criminal networks in Nigeria corner most of the African trade in pangolins, considered to be the world's most trafficked mammal.

Ranging in size from a small rabbit to a large dog depending on the species, pangolins are the only mammals with scales. The nocturnal tree-climbers that feed on ants and termites are more closely related to bears than the anteaters they resemble.

This year alone, Hong Kong and Singapore intercepted three huge shipments of pangolin scales weighing a combined 33.9 tonnes and worth more than \$100 million, based on estimates of their value in Singapore.

Each shipment was bigger than any that had come from Africa before this year - and they all came from Nigeria. According to wildlife trade watchdog TRAFFIC, less than a quarter of major pangolin seizures from Africa came via Nigeria in 2016. By 2018, that had jumped to almost two-thirds and three-quarters of the total weight seized was linked to Nigeria.

"Traffickers like Nigeria more than anywhere else ... they prefer to go there because it makes it easier for them to export," said Eric Kaba Tah, deputy director of wildlife law enforcement group The Last Great Ape Organisation in Cameroon.

"The situation for pangolins is becoming more and more serious and even more dangerous," said Tah, who has helped crack down on the trade in Cameroon, one of the other main pangolin trafficking routes to Asia.

Other African countries known for pangolin trafficking such as Kenya, South Africa, Tanzania and Uganda all say they have clamped down on the illicit trade as well - pushing pangolin traffickers towards Nigeria instead.

"TOO MANY FRONTS" Pangolin meat is considered a delicacy in some Asian markets and the pangolin's hard

keratin scales - the stuff of human fingernails and rhino horns - are dried, ground into powder, and used in medicines in China to treat ailments such as poor lactation, sores and rheumatism.

Demand for African pangolins in countries such as China and Vietnam has been growing as the number of Asian pangolins has dwindled over the years, to the point where two of the four Asian species are now on the critically endangered list.

The other two are endangered and all four African species of pangolin were classed as vulnerable by the International Union for Conservation of Nature when all commercial trade in pangolins, also known as scaly anteaters, was banned in 2016.

"At the rate at which pangolins are being traded and poached, it could take two decades for the mammal to be extinct," said Ray Jansen, chairman of the African Pangolin Working Group in Pretoria.

Nigerian customs officials disagree with the idea their country has become a pangolin trading hub. Assistant Comptroller Mutalib Sule argues that pangolin trafficking through the West African country is on the decline.

"There is tight effort at the borders to ensure that such things do not come in again," he said, adding that no country had been able to stamp out smuggling altogether.

According to customs officials in Nigeria, agents seized 927 kg of pangolin goods in 2016, 402 kg in 2017, and then seizures rocketed to 12.3 tonnes in 2018.

"Sometimes Nigeria is just a point of convergence," said Sule.

Oliver Stolpe, the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) representative for Nigeria, said the problem was that pangolin trafficking was just one in a long list of criminal activities facing the authorities in the West African country.

"Nigeria is fighting crime on so many fronts," Stolpe said. "It's simply too many fronts."

TIP OF THE ICEBERG

Experts say it's hard to draw definitive conclusions from data about seizures. A surge in interceptions could just mean law enforcement agencies were doing their job better, rather than there being a major increase in trafficking.

But TRAFFIC's Sone Nnoke said the sheer number of seizures of pangolin products that have come via Nigeria points to the country now being the main hub for the illegal trade.

"Because of porous borders it's very easy to take those products to Nigeria," said Nnoke.

Jansen at the African Pan-

golin Working Group said seizures very likely only represent about 10% of the actual trade in pangolin scales so the surge in intercepted cargos from Africa was a worrying trend.

According to TRAFFIC, which tracks seizures of more than half a tonne, 67.6 tonnes of pangolin scales from Africa have been seized throughout the world this year, already almost double the amount in 2018.

The Tikki Hywood Foundation, which rescues pangolins in Zimbabwe and Cameroon, estimates 1,666 of smaller white-bellied pangolins need to be killed for one tonne of scales. When it comes to the giant pangolin, that drops to 277 animals.

So the 67.6 tonnes of scales from Africa seized this year and tracked by TRAFFIC would have needed anywhere from 18,725 to 112,620 pangolins to be killed, depending on the species.

HUGE AMOUNTS

The economic motivation for smugglers is strong. In Nigeria, a whole pangolin can sell for as little as \$7. But once in China or Vietnam, the scales from one animal alone can fetch \$250, according to UNODC.

Yet Nigeria is not just a staging ground where pangolin parts from around Africa are amassed before being shipped to Asia. The country has its own population of the furtive creatures, living mainly in the thick forests of the southwest.

Here, generations of families have hunted, traded and made medicine from "akika", the Yoruba name for pangolins.

Many of the traders, particularly those dealing in animals hunted in the surrounding forests, said foreigners they believed to be Chinese were buying pangolins or their parts in ever greater quantities.

"They pay huge amounts of money," said Agbetuya Babatope Samuel, a traditional healer and trader in the town of Akure in Ondo state. "When I get their money I laugh to the bank," he said. "I wish it would continue for a long time."

The high demand is taking its toll.

When the sun has set, Sule Ayinla stalks the dark, thick forests of Ondo Akoko in southwest Nigeria for pangolins, a torch fixed to his head. Hearing a rustle, he fires his long-barrelled gun at a tree, to no avail.

"We used to hunt pangolin here," Ayinla said, lowering his weapon. Taught to hunt by his father, he said the trade was getting tougher and it was becoming rare to find pangolins hiding in the trees where they typically find cover.

"There used to be lots of animals in this forest but they are scarce now."

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Why socialism thrives nowhere, except at universities

By Ivo Vegter

Marxist thought is embedded in universities, especially at arts and humanities departments. Student journalists, too, view capitalism in a strongly negative light, despite powerful empirical evidence that it has improved the quality of life of rich and poor alike, and that socialism leads to poverty, stagnation and famine. Why is this so?

Johan Fourie, associate professor of economics at the University of Stellenbosch, wrote a revealing column (paywalled) after talking to a group of journalism students about capitalism. Most of the students believed capitalism to be a system that exploits people, impoverishes them and takes away their freedoms.

Fourie's PhD was in economic history, so he was on solid ground when he pointed out that the global rise in prosperity over the last two centuries can largely be attributed to private property rights, democracy, press freedom and free markets. In the past 40 years alone, extreme poverty has declined from 44% of the world's population to less than 10%, because of the spread of economic freedoms.

Why, asked one student, have they not been taught this view of capitalism? This question is pertinent, and reflects badly on the ideological orientation of university faculties, especially in the arts and humanities.

University faculties lean strongly leftwards. In the US, academics who identify as Democrats outnumber Republicans by five to one. In the liberal arts, the ratio is eight to one. In sociology, the ratio is 44 to one.

This strong left-wing tendency in academia can be traced back at least as far as the baby-boomer generation of the 1960s. Though not the first or only counter-culture movement, it was perhaps the most global and far-reaching.

It challenged the conservative conventions of the "establishment" and was closely associated with the civil rights movement,

opposition to the Vietnam War, workers' rights, opposition to the Cold War and the rejection of patriarchal, moralistic views about issues such as sexuality, women's liberation and recreational drugs.

In many respects, the rebellion was justified. Nominally, the "Western model" of the post-war political order established after 1945 was based on common liberal values of liberty, the consent of the governed and equality before the law. Classical liberals espoused the virtues of democracy, limited government, peaceful co-existence and trade between states, individual and civil rights, free-market capitalism, freedom of speech, freedom of the press and freedom of religion.

Those values, like the hippy movement, also militate against discrimination, making war, exploiting workers or infringing on personal liberties.

Practically, however, much of the conservative establishment of the 1950s and 1960s, especially in the US, still defended a racist, patriarchal, war-mongering and morally authoritarian orthodoxy.

Senator Joe McCarthy, by going on a witch-hunt against communists during the 1950s, probably did more than anyone else to undermine the capitalist cause, clearly associating it with the verkrampte older generation that the 1960s counter-culture sought to overthrow. Those accused of Soviet sympathies, whether justified or not, acquired a veneer of respectability as heroic, persecuted figures.

McCarthy was not entirely wrong, however. George Bernard Shaw openly supported Stalin's purges, in which hundreds of thousands met their demise. John Steinbeck supported the Soviet invasion of Finland, and its installation of a puppet government there. Ernest Hemingway spied for the Soviets. Walter Duranty, a Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist for the New York Times, told the public that tales of famine during the Holodomor in Ukraine were exaggerated propaganda, while privately



advising British intelligence that millions of people were dying. It wasn't until after the fall of communism that the New York Times renounced his reporting as some of the worst it ever published.

Many prominent professors, writers and clergy visited the Soviet Union and sympathised, either because they associated capitalism with the Great Depression or because communists were allies in the fight against fascism. They returned with tales of valiant struggles against the decadence of the Western bourgeoisie, while omitting from their narratives - or even defending - evidence of brutal repression, violence, starvation and death.

Students were well acquainted with these writers. In their minds, capitalism became associated with conservatism, greed and even war, while socialism chimed well with the new egalitarianism of the hippy generation.

Eventually, this generation would come to populate the ranks of academia, carrying with them romantic notions

of socialism, intellectual disdain for capitalism and Marxist ideas about oppression and class struggle. In developing countries like South Africa, the effect was not dissipated by distance from the hippy culture's origins in the US and Europe. On the contrary, it was amplified by the experience of the liberation struggle. During the Cold War, the Truman Doctrine committed American foreign policy, and by extension the NATO countries, to a policy of containing Soviet geopolitical expansion. According to historian Eric Foner, the Truman Doctrine "set a precedent for American assistance to anti-communist regimes throughout the world, no matter how undemocratic".

By contrast, the Soviet Union supported revolutionary organisations and liberation movements in those countries where the West propped up undemocratic regimes. The righteous victory of these movements gave added legitimacy to the Marxist ideology that was ingrained in the victors.

The great triumph of the Cold War is that Western liberalism proved to be more successful than Soviet communism. The great tragedy of the Cold War is that it condemned so many countries newly liberated from colonialism to Marxist authoritarianism and poverty.

The notion that colonial oppression was never a capitalist enterprise and contradicted liberal values, and could be fought entirely on classical liberal terms, never penetrated the hallowed halls of academia or the corridors of power.

Outside of business schools and commerce departments, universities almost universally taught some version of Marx's historical materialism, which argues that society's organisation and development is primarily a product of its material conditions and the struggle between different social classes, and not of thoughts, principles, beliefs and ideals. Marx explicitly rejected the notion of rights, such as the right to life, liberty and property which are the hallmarks of Western liberalism.

Marxism's intellectual successor is critical theory, which eschews objective attempts to study society and culture in favour of critique which aims, in the words of Max Horkheimer, one of its founders, "to liberate human beings from the circumstances that enslave them."

Critical theory is explicitly concerned with critiquing forms of authority and injustice that accompanied the evolution of industrial and corporate capitalism, abandoning all pretence at political neutrality or objectivity. It extends Marxist thought to all social sciences, including geography, economics, sociology, history, political science, anthropology and psychology.

It is inherently subjectivist, emphasising concepts such as "self-reflection" and "lived experience". It elevates language, symbolism and social construction over empirical research and knowledge. It views meaning itself as unstable and dependent on ever-changing social context.

Ultimately, critical theory is a nihilist doctrine. It focuses so much on critiquing the shortcomings of the existing social, economic, political and scientific order that it fails to offer political solutions or a clear way forward.

It is, of course, easy to be a

theoretical Marxist when you're a tenured professor unafraid of losing your job, earn a lavish salary paid for by taxpayers, and have never left the comfort of the ivory tower of academia to labour among the crass commercial classes.

There is also a self-selection bias that results in ideological bias at universities. Intelligent people that are well-disposed to market capitalism generally find opportunities in the professional or business world. Intelligent people who aren't, are more likely to gravitate towards academia.

These are the people that drill the socialist mantra into students at universities, caricaturing capitalism merely as a power structure that undermines social justice and perpetuates oppression. Having thrown objectivity out the window, it is no surprise that journalists, who probably never took so much as an introductory course in economics, take such a negative view of capitalism.

Professor Fourie's defence of capitalism undermines academia's worldview of capitalism as a structure of immiseration and oppression which only makes the rich richer and the poor poorer. Yet the facts contradict the Marxists and support Fourie.

Capitalism's critics tend to focus on inequality because they dare not point to the indisputable fact that capitalism has lifted the majority of the world's population out of poverty in the last two centuries, and continues to do so.

They argue that not all socialist experiments have failed, as those in the Soviet Union, Mao's China, Cambodia, Zimbabwe and Venezuela did so spectacularly, accompanied by so much misery, starvation, repression and death. Just look at the Scandinavian countries!

In reality, the Scandinavian countries are very far from socialist. The Fraser Institute publishes an annual report on the economic freedom of the world. It ranks countries based on numerous metrics, broadly grouped into five categories: size of government, legal system and property rights, sound money, freedom to trade internationally, and regulation.

In its 2019 report, published last week, Norway, Sweden, Denmark and Iceland all rank in the top quartile of most free countries. That they have used their prosperity to establish large welfare states does not make them any less capitalist.

The report notes that nations in the top quartile of economic freedom had an average per-capita GDP six times higher than those in the bottom quartile. The average income of the poorest 10% in free countries was seven times higher than in unfree countries and exceeded the average per-capita income in the least-free nations. In the top quartile, 1.8% of the population experience extreme poverty, compared to 27.2% in the lowest quartile.

Infant mortality is much lower and life expectancy much higher in economically free countries compared to unfree countries. Political and civil liberties are considerably higher in economically free nations than in unfree nations. Gender equality is greater in economically free nations. Happiness levels are higher in economically free nations.

Fourie is right to note that students, instead of being taught to merely critique modern society from a Marxist perspective, ought to be taught the practical origins of prosperity, well-being and poverty.

They should be taught the moral basis of classical liberal values being rooted in individual freedom from state control and repression. They should be taught how decentralised markets lead to superior outcomes when compared to central planning, even though intellectual elites often labour under the conceit that their theoretical plans are better than the choices people make for themselves.

If they were, they would view free-market capitalism, for all its shortcomings, in a far more positive light. That universities teach otherwise has a long history, but it is both factually incorrect and morally dangerous.

Socialism is a range of economic and social systems characterised by social ownership of the means of production and workers' self-management, as well as the political theories and movements associated with them. Social ownership can be public, collective or cooperative ownership, or citizen ownership of equity. There are many varieties of socialism and there is no single definition encapsulating all of them, with social ownership being the common element shared by its various forms.

Socialist systems are divided into non-market and market forms. Non-market socialism involves replacing factor markets and money with engineering and technical criteria based on calculation performed in-kind, thereby producing an economic mechanism that functions according to different economic laws from those of capitalism. Non-market socialism aims to circumvent the inefficiencies and crises traditionally associated with capital accumulation and the profit system. By contrast, market socialism retains the use of monetary prices, factor markets and in some cases the profit motive, with respect to the operation of socially owned enterprises and the allocation of capital goods between them. Profits generated by these firms would be controlled directly by the workforce of each firm, or accrue to society at large in the form of a social dividend. The socialist calculation debate concerns the feasibility and methods of resource allocation for a socialist system.

Socialist politics has been both internationalist and nationalist in orientation; organised through political parties and opposed to party politics; at times overlapping

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THE GUARDIAN SIMPLE WORD FIT

In this puzzle you have no clues, only a list of words that all fit into the grid. The Guardian have given you a head start

WORD FIT

3 Letter word: OFF, AIR, AID, STY,
 4 Letter word: OVAL, TAIL, READ, ALLY, PLOT,
 5 Letter word: ISLAM, AORTA, AWARD, START, ROACH
 MAYOR, CLEAN, KRAAL
 6 Letter word: SAINTS, TAN OAK, INDOOR
 7 Letter word: BALLAST, RAMADAN, RECLAIM,
 8 Letter word: LOAD FUND,

CROSSWORD

Clues: Across
 1. The World's second largest ocean (8)
 9. long piece of wood or metal (4)
 10. Professional dancer (6)
 11. Change in vowel sound (6)
 13. Bony (6)
 14. In addition (4)
 17. Want something (6)
 18. Area below waist (4)
 19. American freshwater fish (3)
 20. Metric unit of area (3)
 22. Spot or speck (3)
 23. Weaken, challenge (9)
 25. Retirement pays (8) 27. Water (4)
 29. Former name for Thailand (4)
 30. Informal talk (4)
 31. Top for container (3)
 33. People living in the Benin region (3)
 34. Smaller amount (4) 35. Latest (3)

Down:
 1. Tourist resort in Northern Tanzania (6)
 2. Scottish hat (3)
 3. Capital city of Malawi (8)
 4. Largest state in U.S. (6)
 5. Antibody concentration (5)
 6. Offsprings (8)
 7. Copy of object (5)
 8. Anxious feelings (7)
 12. Womb (6)
 15. Small scale of grasses (8)
 16. Go in (5)
 20. Bustle (3)
 21. Artificial (6)
 24. Form of vitamin B (6)
 25. Feeling of superiority (5)
 26. Emotionless (5)
 28. Help, support (3)
 32. Canine (3)

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Stanbic Bank Tanzania rolls major infrastructure projects with 177bn/-

By The Banker Reporter

MAJOR infrastructure projects under the Five Year Development Plan valued at 177bn/- have been given funding by Stanbic Bank Tanzania Limited.

Stanbic CEO, Ken Cockerill said in Dar es Salaam this week that providing finance and financial expertise to private and public sectors in the country is a key focus for the bank. "Stanbic Bank is well positioned to play an important role in supporting Tanzania's second Five Year Development Plan, which seeks to encourage industrialization and promote economic growth and social development," Cockerill said.

He said unlocking private sector funding will create solutions to bridge Tanzania's and the continent's infrastructure deficit and challenging business environment by developing and financing infrastructure, natural resources and industrial assets with a view to enhancing productivity and generating economic growth across Africa.

"Infrastructure development is the cornerstone for sustainable long-term economic growth and competitiveness. With that in mind we are proud to be at the forefront of bridging the infrastructure funding gap to accelerate socioeconomic transformation in Tanzania," the Stanbic CEO added.

The government has dedicated over 12.2trn/- this year towards key development projects that include Africa's longest Standard Gauge

Railway (SGR), the Uganda-Tanzania Crude Oil Pipeline and Julius Nyerere International Airport Terminal 3.

On his part, Stanbic's Head of Corporate and Investment Banking, Manzi Rwegasira said, "Tanzania is well on its way to bridging the infrastructure gap which is critical to Tanzania becoming a middle-income country by 2025."

Rwegasira said the country's population is also growing at a rate of 1.6 million people per year and this is projected to reach 67 million people by 2025 and 77 million by 2030, hence the importance for modern infrastructure for an upcoming middle-income economy.

"It is through collaboration between the private and public sectors, spearheaded by corporates such as Stanbic Bank Tanzania that will drive inclusive development in our economy," he added.

Official data from Bank of Tanzania shows that the country's economy grew at an average of 6.6 percent in 2018 with the infrastructure sector significantly contributing to the growth. This year, the economy is projected to grow by 7.1 percent with infrastructure projects such as roads, ports and rail expected to drive the growth.

Since, 2018 Stanbic has raised over 300bn/- in financing for the country's companies and institutions across the agricultural, consumer, industrial, natural resources and government sectors.

BoT preparing electronic register of borrowers, lenders

By Finnigan wa Simbeye

AN electronic register of both borrowers and lenders is currently under construction at Bank of Tanzania, Governor Professor Florens Luoga has said.

Addressing Tanzania Bankers Association members during the launch of a bankers' Code of Conduct in Dar es Salaam earlier this week that electronic national identity cards which one gets after being registered by National Identification Authority should be legally recognised.

"Bank of Tanzania will soon have a digital financial registry which will allow the public to get banking services electronically," Prof Luoga said while commending TBA for coming up with a self regulatory Code of Conduct to restore public confidence in the industry.

He pointed out that all NIDA registered people can get their electronic card



Finance Minister, Dr Philip Mpango (2nd R) handing over a copy of the TBA code of conduct to BoT Governor Professor Florens Luoga (2nd L) front row in Dar es Salaam earlier this week. Photo courtesy of TBA.

through their mobile phones hence qualifying the e-document as a legitimate identification. "This electronic identity card which you get on your mobile phone has all your basic particulars and a national identity number," the central bank chief added.

He said his administration will undertake major changes to encourage the public use

banking services regularly instead of resorting to other forms of transacting because the banking industry is an important factor for economic growth.

"Adoption of this code of conduct is an important milestone towards restoring public confidence in the industry," he added. Speaking at the same function, TBA's Executive Sec-

retary Tusekele Mwaikasu said the code was developed by members with Bank of Tanzania support.

"We started the process of coming with this code under Dr Kimei and Sanjay and has materialised today with Abdulmajid," said Mwaikasu who further noted that the code was devised out of need as the industry sought measures to en-

force professionalism.

Dr Charles Kimei is the immediate former TBA Chairman while Sunjay Rughani is Vice Chairman and Standard Chartered Bank Tanzania Limited CEO.

Mwaikasu further noted that the code which will cover the whole industry will be an ethical and professional guideline for the running and conduct of bankers in the country as lack of professionalism rocks the industry.

"Those who violate the code of conduct will face sanctions from the industry," the TBA chief warned while assuring Prof Luoga and Finance Minister, Dr Philip Mpango that the code will restore sanity in one of the country's most sensitive industries.

Dr Mpango who was chief guest at the function ordered the bankers to make sure that code also covers micro-lenders who are preying on low income brackets consumers by charging them interest rates of over 30 percent on loans.

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Kagera RC urges teachers to utilise banking services for growth

By The Banker Reporter

TEACHERS in the country should utilise banking services to contribute towards rapid economic growth and industrialization by investing in various projects because it's the single largest group which is credit worth.

Speaking in Bukoba town last week when officiating at a Kagera Teachers Day organised by NMB Bank Plc, Regional Commissioner, Brigadier General Marco Gaguti urged teachers to seek the bank's services and products such as loans to invest in income generating projects including small processing industries hence creating jobs in turn.

"If you don't borrow then forget about making any progress,

borrowing is not bad but perhaps where from and for what purpose because through your unity you can even start small scale industries which will create jobs," Gaguti charged saying teachers need not shy away from borrowing.

He emphasised that it's not a taboo for a teachers who is employed by the government to also own and run a business noting that all that they need is come up with good business proposals that will attract the banks such as NMB.

"If you fail to secure a loan from the bank then know that the problem is probably your business proposal. There are plenty of opportunities in Kagera region and countrywide to exploit by those intending to run a business," he noted.

The Kagera RC also urged the



NMB's Head of Retail Banking, Omari Mtiga speaking during Kagera Teachers Day forum held in Bukoba last week. Right is Kagera Regional Commissioner, Brigadier General, Marco Gaguti. Photo courtesy of NMB.

teachers to regularly sensitize students and the public on the importance of paying government taxes saying he is unhappy with his region's tax compliance levels with many consumers assisting businesses to evade taxes by not demanding receipts after paying for goods or services.

NMB's Head of Retail Banking, Omari Mtiga told the RC that the bank has improved its products and services while also reducing interest rates charged on loans to encourage the public utilise banking services.

"Teachers are among the largest group of our products and services in the country," Mtiga noted while stressing that teachers remain the most credit worth and reliable group of clients for the bank. He also urged teachers to invest in various instruments which the bank floats in the market such as a recent bond which was oversubscribed.

Mobile phone firm revamps, modernises Bukoba shop

By The Banker Reporter

SUBSCRIBERS of Tigo Tanzania Limited's mobile phone services can now enjoy getting various products and services from a

revamped and modernise shop in Bukoba town.

The shop which will provide services such as Sim swap, Tigo Pesa, device sales, data services, biometric registration and

a range of customers tailored products through Tigo business services, will also win various prizes to mark the shop's launch.

Speaking at the launch ceremony, Tigo's

Lake Zone Director, Uthmaan Madati said improvement of the shop is in line with the company's strategy to improve service delivery to its customers. "Tigo continues to live up to its promise of providing customers with more convenient access to its products and services," Madati said in Bukoba earlier this week during the launching ceremony presided over by Kagera Regional Commissioner, Brigadier General, Marco Gaguti.

"The new shop features a special experience zone where customers get the opportunity to test different Tigo products such as mobile phones before they can buy them. This enables them to get the feel of the product before purchasing to match their needs," Madati added.

In his official launching speech for the shop, RC Gaguti commended Tigo for its determination in investing its resources to ensure customers receive world-class services. "Customer service is often at the heart of a business which aims to provide an exceptional service that leaves the customer feeling valued and respected," Gaguti said.

"Tigo is exemplary in investing its resources in crafting an intentional and wonderful customer experience which differentiates them from the rest," the Kagera RC added while pledging continued state support to private sector for growth. Located at the town's centre, the revamped shop has capacity to serve more customers.



Tigo's Lake Zone Director, Uthmaan Madati speaks during the launch of the revamped shop in Bukoba which also was the launch 'Chemsha Bongo' promotion earlier this week. Photo courtesy of Tigo.

CBK flags suspicious Sh1,000 notes in wheat purchases

NAIROBI

Kenyans with a huge stash of the old Sh1,000 notes are opting to buy commodities over exchanging the cash in banks for the new currency in a bid to conceal their identities.

The Central Bank of Kenya (CBK) Tuesday revealed a rush to buy agricultural commodities like wheat in Narok using the old notes ahead of the September 30 deadline set for their withdrawal.

The older versions of smaller denominations will remain in circulation alongside the new ones launched June 1, but after October 1, the older Sh1,000 notes would be invalid in changes initiated to tackle illicit financial flows and counterfeiting.

Sources at the CBK reckon that a significant number of people with dirty money have opted to buy commodities, especially agro-based products like wheat, encouraged by the farmers' preference for cash-based transactions.

"Currently we have a problem in Narok. In Narok they are harvesting the wheat. And so we've seen an influx of purchasers who are purchasing wheat (in) cash," Patrick Njoroge, the central bank governor told a media briefing yesterday.

"Let's just say those transactions are quite a concern for us. I don't want to say more but I think it's important for you to know we are following things around the country."

Official data indicated that more than 40 per cent of the Sh540 billion in circulation on June 1, when the old currency withdrawal notice was issued, were Sh1,000 notes. Its relative preference by Kenyans in transactions has also seen it favoured by those making fake currency and dealers hiding illicit cash outside the banking system.

Dr Njoroge yesterday said that 58 percent of the older notes returned to the banking sector in the three months to September were below Sh500,000, a pointer that people with huge amounts of dirty money ignored the system in their quest to dispose of the Sh1,000 notes.

"A lot of conversions are small. Small in value and small in number," said Dr Njoroge. "The numbers are small, the values are small and also the pace has come down." Under the CBK rules, those seeking to exchange more than Sh5 million require the regulator's approvals. A basic assessment will be done on source and ownership before authorisation is granted.

The central bank's nod will also be required for those seeking to exchange at least Sh1 million and have no bank accounts. "For between Sh1 to Sh5 million, you will need to go to your bank where they know you, your type of business and they will still ask the usual questions and you sign the usual declaration forms just like it has been done before," Dr Njoroge said.

"Those who do not have bank accounts and want to exchange this amount will need to contact the CBK. We will then endorse them and they can go to a designated bank branch." This stringent rules could have discouraged those with illicit money from exchanging the old notes in banks.

The central bank has not quantified the volume of illicit flows but there has been enough evidence to force the authorities to act, the governor said. Dozens of Kenyan government officials and business people have appeared in court since May 2018 on charges relating to the alleged theft of hundreds of millions of shillings from public coffers.

MARKETTRENDS



Tanzania Police Commissioner of Operations, Liberat Sabas (2nd L) and National Bank of Commerce's Chief of Finance, Waziri Barnabas exchange documents shortly after signing a memorandum of understanding for the provision of security services at of the bank's branches across the country at a brief ceremony held in Dar es Salaam earlier this week. Others in the photo from left are: the force's Head of Legal Affairs, Senior Commissioner of Police Gustavus Babile, NBC Head of Legal Affairs and Company Secretary, Doxa Mbapila and the bank's Chief Operating Officer, Alelio Lowassa. Photo courtesy of NBC.

Finally TBA introduces self regulatory bankers' code to tame lack of professionalism



Finance Minister Dr Philip Mpango (2nd L) receiving a souvenir stool from Tanzania Bankers Association's Chairman, Abdulmajid Nsekela (C) soon after launching TBA's Code of Conduct in Dar es Salaam earlier this week. Others in the photo are Bank of Tanzania Governor, Professor Florens Luoga (L), TBA Vice Chairman, Sanjay Rughani (2nd R) and TBA Executive Secretary, Tusekele Mwaikasu. Photo courtesy of TBA.

By The Banker Reporter

EARLIER this week, Bank of Tanzania slapped a 1.8bn/- penalty on five commercial banks for violating regulations which encouraged money laundering.

In a statement, BoT named the penalised banks as BancABC, Equity Bank, I&M Bank, UBL Bank and Habib African Bank. The central bank said the five banks had filed suspicious transaction reports to the Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU), a branch of the central bank.

"The Bank of Tanzania has imposed monetary penalties on five banks for breach of regulations 17, 22 and 28 of the Anti-Money Laundering Regulations, 2012 for failure to conduct proper customer due diligence and filing suspicious transaction reports to the Financial Intelligence Unit," the statement stated.

This latest central bank punitive action comes hardly a week after Tanzania Bankers Association introduced a Code of Conduct for the country's banking industry which according to TBA's

Chairman, Abdulmajid Nsekela, is a document developed by bankers themselves with BoT backing.

Speaking during the TBA Code of Conduct's launch in Dar es Salaam, both Minister of Finance and Economic Affairs, Dr Philip Mpango and BoT's Governor Professor Florens Luoga commended the bankers for coming up with the self regulatory document which they said will go a long way in restoring customer confidence in the industry.

Dr Mpango who launched the TBA Code of Conduct said took issue with micro-lenders who are charging low income people who include civil servants, high interest rates of over 30 percent.

He revealed that a few days ago, he was summoned by Prime Minister, Kassim Majaliwa who informed him about a micro-lending firm that charged civil servants 30 percent interest rate after borrowing from banks at 20 percent.

"These micro-lending loan sharks should abide by this banking industry code of conduct," Dr

Mpango ordered while directing Bank of Tanzania to undertake a countrywide audit of such institutions which are preying on the poor who cannot access bank loans.

"When I asked this micro-lender why he was charging such a hiked interest rate, he said its because of a large percentage of defaults and his small capital," the ex-chequer chief charged warning that Treasury will reign in all rogue lending institutions including banks.

"This code of conduct is the best thing to have happened today because it will restore the public's confidence in the banking industry," the Finance and Planning Minister added while stressing that BoT should also work with banks to ensure that the current interest rates are lowered because they are prohibitive to anyone wishing to borrow for investment.

In his remarks at the same gathering, Professor Luoga backed Minister Mpango's orders and promised to work together with TBA to ensure that ethical behaviour and professionalism

are restored in the banking industry.

Prof Luoga said despite the fact that the country has over 50 banks of which the majority are foreign, consumers are not transacting through the banking system because of a number of factors which BoT is currently studying.

"Banks need public confidence and this code of conduct is an important milestone towards such a goal," the central bank chief argued while stressing that many people borrow money and wire money abroad through non-banking systems.

"Globally, the banking industry is facing issues of public scrutiny, even the Swiss banking industry is shrouded in the controversy of keeping looted money from countries," he noted.

Seconding the duo's observations, TBA chair who is also CRDB Bank Plc's Managing Director, Nsekela said the idea of the code of conduct was jointly developed with BoT collaboration because of the need to restore public confidence in the banking industry which is crucial in

support modern economic growth through investments.

"None of us should ignore this code of conduct because any violations will have consequences as it has been agreed by all of us," the TBA chief underlined. Among other things, the code denounces money laundering, poaching and other forms of organised crime whose proceeds have for sometime been channelled through banks.

The 16 pages TBA Code of Conduct also stated that, "TBA and its members also recognise that banking institutions are trustees and custodians of public money and in order to fulfil their fiduciary role as well as other obligations and responsibilities, they have to win the trust and confidence of the general public."

The TBA said its members are aware that in order to realize the general objectives of an ever-growing and stable banking sector, it is imperative to raise and maintain the level of quality of banking products and services; use available resources appropriately, preventing unfair competition; thus, formulate and regulate relations of banking institutions with each other as well as their relations with their customers, shareholders and employees in line with ethical principles.

"Therefore, TBA and its members acknowledge the need to uphold and maintain at all times the highest level of professionalism, honesty, integrity, impartiality and diligence by all its members and their employees. As a fraternity, it is also conscious of the reputation it carries amongst the body of its customers generally and individually and the public at large; and thus endeavours to do all it can to set the level of standards of conduct, improve and maintain the same in its discharge of obligations in the economy," the code added.

TBA and its members desire to formulate, adopt and implement an effective Code of Conduct, which shall among other things prescribe standards and levels of expected and desired conduct of members and their employees, in terms of principles, obligations and manners of enforcing the same.

"Therefore, this Code of Conduct is adopted and implemented with the overall objective of ensuring strict adherence to best banking practices and strong commitment to adherence to highest ethical and professional standards in the banking industry in Tanzania. It shall thus extend and be applicable to all members, as institutions, their directors (both nonexecutive and executive), managers at all levels and howsoever

designated, employees, including permanent, temporary, part-time, casual and in-sourced personnel of independent contractors. And, appropriately and as the context requires, the terms of this Code of Conduct shall equally apply to all TBA stakeholders, either directly or indirectly relating to a member," the code noted.

Among the key objectives of the Code of Conduct as per TBA, include to uphold the highest level of professionalism, integrity, honesty and fairness amongst all its Members and their employees. Thus, it endeavours to do all it can to improve and maintain this course.

"Accordingly, the objectives of this Code of Conduct are to ensure strict adherence to best banking practices and continued commitment to ethical conduct and professional standards by all its members and their employees in order to foster TBA's core values, namely integrity, professionalism, customer-centricity, unity and teamwork," the code added.

Among the TBA members' obligations are: Adhere to the honesty principle in their relationships with customers, employees, shareholders and other members of the general public; Introduce internal regulations providing measures and sanctions for the prevention of employees from defrauding and taking advantage of customers; and, or involving themselves in fraudulent and corrupt practices, among others.

In conclusion, TBA said the Code of Conduct shall be enforceable and binding to all members and their employees. "Every member shall accept and subscribe to this Code of Conduct by signing the prescribed attestation form and cause it to be read, understood and acknowledged by its employees. The TBA Secretariat shall keep record of the attestation form duly signed by a member.

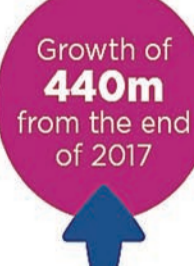
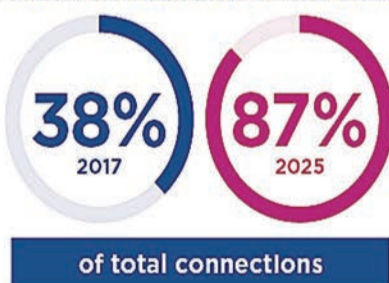
The Code of Conduct and enforcement shall be executed and enforced by the Governing Council of TBA. It shall be the duty of every member to ensure compliance with the Code and provide cooperation to TBA and other members to enforce it.

Under sanctions, the Code stated that the Governing Council may impose any of the following sanctions to its members for violating this Code of Conduct: Warning, censure, suspension and finally report to the regulator. "A member shall be responsible for the enforcement and imposing appropriate sanctions to its employees for violating this Code in accordance with its internal disciplinary procedures and underlying employment and labour laws," the Code concluded.

BANKING&FINANCE

Accelerating moves to mobile broadband networks and smartphone adoption

Mobile broadband connections



A GSMA forecast of smartphone penetration in Sub Sahara Africa by 2025.

By The Banker Reporter

A latest report from Tanzania Communications Regulatory Authority indicated that Internet penetration has increased from 40 percent in 2017 to 43 per cent last year, thanks to mobile network operators' supplying of affordable smartphones through promotional prices.

The TCRA report said among the leading MNOs is Tigo Tanzania Limited that's currently the second largest telecommunications company in the domestic market with more than 11.6 million subscribers.

Tigo Tanzania is among pioneers in

building a world class mobile network system in the market through second and third generation (2G and 3G) networks. The company has also been the first to launch 4G-LTE mobile network and upgraded it to 4G+ and thus championing its commitment to invest in digital transformation of the domestic market.

Tigo's Chief Commercial Officer, Tarik Boudiaf said the company's journey to providing digital solutions to its customers began when it established itself as a fully-fledged digital brand, offering a diverse product portfolio in high-speed internet in addition to

voice, SMS, and mobile financial services.

With its quest to foster digital transformation, Tigo now stands out among the top telcos spearheading Internet penetration and adoption among its customers. Through its strategy, the company has introduced several initiatives which have changed market dynamics while advancing digital inclusion agenda.

"Our overall strategy is to continue building digital inclusion and lifestyle in Tanzania. We are the first operator in the country to roll out 4G and most recently 4G+ technology which was

TCRA says smartphone availability boosting Internet access with Tigo as market leader

launched through 'always a step ahead' campaign," said Boudiaf.

He further noted that such initiatives proves the company's genuine commitment in connecting more Tanzanians to fast and reliable Internet services and increase awareness on its network advantages.

"We understand that our customers demand for reliable and efficient services which include most advanced technological infrastructure, tailor made Internet packages, latest smartphones and relevant digital content," The Tigo Tanzania CCO added.

In order to achieve the above feats, the Chief Commercial Officer highlighted what are the strategic pillars to enhance Internet penetration. Tigo has heavily invested in 4G network technology infrastructure and continue to deploy 4G+, thus creating demand for Internet consumption and helping develop the Infor-

mation and Communication Technology ecosystem in Tanzania.

Recent statistics by GSMA Mobile Economy Sub-Saharan Africa 2019 report, revealed that smartphone connections will more than double by 2025 with East Africa Community seeing the largest incremental growth, led by Rwanda and Tanzania.

Since data customers access Internet through their mobile phones, access to affordable smartphones is a key catalyst to driving internet penetration. To this end, Boudiaf said, "Tigo has built a strong strategy to increase smartphone penetration and adoption. We strongly believe that partnership with key device manufacturers in the market such as Samsung, TECNO Mobile, Nokia, Infinix and ITEL has contributed considerably to reduce smartphones price in the market hence making it more affordable to low income customers."

In addition, Tigo has executed various campaigns with the best smartphone offers such as Wagifishe and recently Lamba dume smartphone which comes with up to one-year free Internet.

According to Tigo Chief Commercial Officer, even though Tanzania is among countries with the lowest Internet mobile tariffs in the region, designing affordable and tailor-made mobile internet offering is important. For example, Saizi Yako packages is one of the most relevant tailor-made Internet packages for Tigo customers where they can get extra internet volume (Mbs) on their Internet packages according to his needs.

Moreover, availability of the online local content is mentioned as one of the key factors in driving mobile internet connectivity. Tigo offers diverse package portfolio which allows customers to access content that meets their demands. Through

YouTube, StartTimes and DStv bundles, customers can enjoy the unlimited local content available in these channels.

Talking of the importance of customer satisfaction in its quest to increase internet penetration in Tanzania, Boudiaf noted, "With our innovative DNA, Tigo aims to ensure that our customers get the best experience through our state-of-the-art products and services every time they encounter the brand."

The company's impressive list of products and services in the domestic market that have enhanced their attention in delivering a superior customer experience including: Tigo shops, Call centres, Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and WhatsApp channels. The opportunity to connect more Tanzanians to reliable internet is still huge considering the fact that many Tanzanians remain offline.

WORLD

Be careful what you wish for: Impeachment inquiry poses risks for 2020 Democrats

WASHINGTON

THE crowded field of Democratic presidential candidates were nearly unanimous in praising House Democrats' decision to begin an impeachment inquiry into Republican President Donald Trump over accusations he sought foreign help to smear a political rival.

Now comes the hard part. With impeachment set to overshadow the Democratic presidential primary race, how will candidates draw attention to their key policy issues, ranging from universal healthcare to income inequality?

After months of resisting pressure from fellow Democrats, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi announced the launch of a formal impeachment effort on Tuesday, accusing Trump of seeking foreign help to damage Democratic presidential front-runner Joe Biden ahead of the November 2020 election.

Trump had pressured Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy in a July 25

phone call to investigate Biden and his son Hunter, who had worked for a company drilling for gas in Ukraine.

The impeachment inquiry ensures a partisan fight in Congress and on the presidential campaign trail in the coming months.

Kurt Meyer, Democratic party chairman for three rural Iowa counties north of Des Moines, the state's most populous city, said he expects the impeachment proceedings to energize the Democratic base.

"If a highly motivated person drags her mother and her husband and her second cousin twice removed to the polls, then it makes a difference," Meyer said.

But in a sign the probe could energize Trump's base as well, his re-election campaign raised a quarter of a million dollars in just 15 minutes on Tuesday in the immediate aftermath of Pelosi's announcement about the probe.

Trump was quick to portray himself as the victim of partisan Democratic attacks, while his campaign sent repeated



Senator Bernie Sanders, former Vice President Joe Biden, Senator Elizabeth Warren and Senator Kamala Harris (L-R) participate in the 2020 Democratic U.S. presidential debate in Houston, Texas, U.S. September 12, 2019. File Photo

fundraising appeals to his supporters on Tuesday pegged to the impeachment launch.

There is also a risk that any substantive policy discussions among the 19 Democrats running for the party's nomination to take on Trump in the 2020 election will be drowned out in the growing battle between allies and foes of Trump, several Democratic strategists and experts said.

"Trump has been the elephant in the room, but the democratic debates so far have been really policy centered. I think impeachment now takes center stage," said Erin O'Brien, associate professor of political science at University of Massachusetts, Boston.

Doug Heye, a Republican strategist who worked with congressional leaders, said Republican messaging just got simpler, if less positive.

"For Democrats running for president, breaking through on healthcare or the economy just got a lot tougher," he said. "Impeachment will be the dominant topic for a long time."

'SUBJECT OF TRUMP'S AFFECTION'

Biden, who leads polls in the Democratic race to pick a challenger to Trump, said on Tuesday he

would back impeachment if the Republican president fails to comply with congressional requests for information on Ukraine and other matters.

Trump has raised unsubstantiated charges that Biden improperly tried to halt a Ukrainian probe of a company with ties to his son, without providing any evidence of wrongdoing by either.

Later on Tuesday as he called into a fundraiser in Baltimore, Maryland, Biden said he "can take these attacks".

"And the reason I am being attacked is that most polls show me beating him by 10 to 15 points. I am not at all surprised I have become the object of his affection and attention," he said.

Biden leads Trump by about 5 percentage points in a hypothetical general election match-up against Trump, according to the Sept. 23-24 Reuters/Ipsos opinion poll released on Tuesday.

In a sign that Biden's supporters are largely standing by their candidate so far, 20% of Democrats and independents said they would vote for him in statewide nominating contests that begin next year according to the latest poll, up 1 percentage point from a similar poll that ran last week.

Agencies

Swedish climate activist Thunberg wins 'Alternative Nobel'

COPENHAGEN

SWEDISH climate activist Greta Thunberg is among four people named yesterday as the winners of a Right Livelihood Award, also known as the "Alternative Nobel."

Thunberg (pictured) is being recognized "for inspiring and amplifying political demands for urgent climate action reflecting scientific facts," the prize foundation said.

It added that the 16-year-old, who has been nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize, "personifies the notion that everyone has the power to create change. Her ex-

ample has inspired and empowered people from all walks of life to demand political action."

Created in 1980, the annual Right Livelihood Award honors efforts that the prize founder, Swedish-German philanthropist Jakob von Uexkull, felt were being ignored by the Nobel prizes.

The four winners will each receive 1 million kronor (US\$103,000).

The foundation also gave its 2019 award to Davi Kopenawa and the Hutukara Yanomami Association, representing Brazil's indigenous tribe, for protecting the Amazon forest and its people; Moroccan activist Aminatou Haidar



"for her steadfast nonviolent action" for Western Sahara and Chinese lawyer Guo Jianmei for her work for women's rights in China.

Ole von Uexkull, the foundation's executive director and nephew of the founder, said "we honor four practical visionaries whose leadership has empowered millions of people to defend their inalienable rights and to strive for a liveable future for all on planet Earth."

An award ceremony is planned in Stockholm on Dec 4, six days before the Nobel prizes are handed out.

Thunberg said in a statement by the Right Livelihood foundation that "whenever I receive an award, it is not me who is the winner. I am part of a global

movement of school children, youth and adults of all ages who have decided to act in defense of our living planet."

It "is a huge recognition for Fridays For Future and the climate strike movement," she said in a statement.

Thunberg's campaign, begun on Aug 20, 2018 when she held solitary demonstrations outside Sweden's parliament, skipping classes once a week to protest climate change. Her solo protest has inspired millions across the world to stage protests urging leaders to tackle global warming.

Agencies

Trudeau's brownface-blackface controversy erodes his public support in Canadian election campaign

OTTAWA

JUSTIN Trudeau's brownface images released ahead of next month's general election could imperil his attempt to obtain a second term as Canada's 23rd prime minister, polls showed on Tuesday.

On Tuesday, global polling company Ipsos reported that Trudeau (pictured) and his Liberal Party is now trailing the official opposition Conservative Party by 4 percentage points following the release of two photos and one video last week that show the 47-year-old prime minister in brownface and blackface dating back to 2001 and before.

If the Canadian election were held now as opposed to on Oct. 21, 36 percent of decided voters would choose the Conservative Party while 32 percent would opt for the Liberal Party, according to the Ipsos poll that was conducted for Canadian media network, Global News.

Meanwhile, another survey conducted by Canadian public opinion researcher the Angus Reid Institute and released on Monday, found the governing Liberals 5 percentage points

behind the opposition Conservatives.

The release of images of Trudeau wearing dark makeup, which made international news headlines and was pilloried on U.S. talk shows, was "too big to not have an effect," said Darrell Bricker, chief executive officer of Toronto-based Ipsos Public Affairs.

"The damage done is to his credibility as a leader and his fitness for office, not whether he should be forgiven for what he did," said Bricker, explaining why public support for Trudeau and his party is slipping.

Ipsos found that 60 percent of Canadians disapprove of the Trudeau government's performance and 64 percent believe it's time for another political party to form the next government - four years after the Liberals ended the Conservatives' near decade-long run in office.

However, only 20 percent of respondents in Ipsos's poll believe the prime minister should resign over what Trudeau himself acknowledged to be racist behavior before he first won a seat in Canada's Parliament nearly 11 years ago, 45 percent felt his



apologies last week were sufficient. Trudeau's own popularity has suffered too since the brownface-blackface issue surfaced.

Last week, Trudeau enjoyed a seven-point lead over lower-key Conservative Party leader Andrew Scheer as the preferred choice among Canadians for prime minister, according to Ipsos.

This week, Trudeau leads

Scheer by only two points: 33 percent-versus-31 percent.

Bricker, who briefly served as director of public-opinion research in former Canadian Progressive Conservative Prime Minister Brian Mulroney's office, expects more conservatives than progressives will vote in the October election because they will be "enthusiastic" to topple Trudeau.

The reverse was true in 2015

when more liberal-minded voters turned out at the polls because they saw Trudeau as an agent of change, said Bricker, who sees the turn against the prime minister the broader result of a "confluence of bad things that have happened to him since January."

In his first interview since the controversial images emerged last week, Trudeau told Global News on Tuesday that he has not darkened his skin since 2001 when he appeared in a photo as a brownfaced character from Alladin, which Time magazine published Wednesday.

But the Canadian Liberal leader declined to answer a question as to whether he has any other "skeletons in the closet." "We've all done things that we're unhappy with and things that we learned from. I'm no different than anybody else," Trudeau told Global News' national anchor Darna Friesen. "People know I'm not perfect. *Xinhua*

People's Daily

US launches strike in southern Libya as UN warns of escalation

CAIRO

U.S. forces said yesterday they killed 11 suspected militants in their second air strike in a week near the southern Libyan town of Murzuq, as the U.N. envoy warned of a growing risk of armed escalation and rights abuses in the country.

The strike comes as rival factions have been locked in a battle around the capital Tripoli, about 500 miles (800km) to the north, which forces loyal to eastern-based commander Khalifa Haftar have been trying to capture since April.

The U.S. attack, carried out on Tuesday deep in Libya's southern desert, followed a Sept. 19 strike that the U.S. said had

killed eight suspected militants.

"This air strike was conducted to eliminate ISIS (Islamic State) terrorists and deny them the ability to conduct attacks on the Libyan people," Major General William Gayler (pictured), director of operations for U.S. Africa Command, said in a statement.

Some Islamic State militants retreated south into Libya's desert as the group lost its stronghold in the coastal city of Sirte at the end of 2016.

The U.S., which has carried out occasional strikes in desert areas, has said it will not allow militants to use the fighting around Tripoli for cover.

The offensive on Tripoli by Haftar's



Libyan National Army (LNA) upended U.N.-led plans to broker a political settlement in Libya and soon stalled in the capital's outskirts.

The conflict has spread outside Trip-

oli, with air and drone strikes against the port city of Misrata, Sirte, and Jufra in central Libya, U.N. Libya envoy Ghasan Salame told the U.N. Human Rights Council yesterday.

It had also triggered a "micro-conflict" in Murzuq, where more than 100 civilians are reported to have been killed over the past two months, he said.

"The conflict risks escalating to full-blown civil war," Salame said by video link. "It is fanned by widespread violations of the U.N. arms embargo by all parties and external actors."

"Serious violations of human rights and humanitarian law have been committed with total impunity, including increased summary executions, enforced disappearances, torture and ill-treatment as well as conflict-related sexual violence."

Libya has been divided between rival

factions based in Tripoli and the east since 2014, three years after a NATO-backed uprising ended Muammar Gaddafi's four-decade rule.

Haftar's LNA is battling forces aligned with the Government of National Accord (GNA), which was set up in 2016 following a U.N.-brokered deal.

Haftar's foreign backers include the United Arab Emirates and Egypt, who diplomats and analysts say are vying for influence in the oil-rich nation with regional rivals Turkey and Qatar.

At least 128,000 people have been displaced by the fighting since April, according to U.N. estimates.

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Find a way out for Hong Kong

HONG KONG has been put in chaos for about 100 days. While many of the arguments of the violent protesters become increasingly invalid, the truth gradually comes out in the wash. What actually happened in Hong Kong? Where is the way out?

If what they want is merely to oppose the amendments to the extradition law, then the protesters already got their wish three months ago.

But they continued with protests and constantly escalated violence, indicating that those who planned, organized and supported the violent protests must have some ulterior motive at the very beginning.

The demonstrations that took place in the past were basically staged in a peaceful manner, where the protesters immediately stopped after they made their points.

This time, however, these radicals don't seem to give up until they destabilize or even destroy Hong Kong to realize the ultimate goal of putting China in a mess and hindering the progress of the country.

Under such circumstances, the first priority is still to stop the violence, end the chaos and restore order.

The situation is already very clear. The current chaos in Hong Kong has nothing to do with human rights, freedom or democracy. It is blatant violence, some of which has gone far beyond the bottom line of human civilization, morality and the rule of law. Meanwhile, human rights are seriously distorted and abused in such violence.

To stop violence requires Hong Kong police to enforce the law in a professional, effective and solemn way. After all, it is their statutory duty to resort to forceful and appropriate measures to restrain the radicals and defend themselves.

Hong Kong compatriots have had enough of it. It has become a widely held belief that violence should be stopped and the rule of law and order be restored. It is time that every resident took action to safeguard their homeland and no one should stand aloof.

The compatriots on the mainland and overseas Chinese, especially the netizens, need to control their emotions and avoid causing further harm to Hong Kong compatriots by acting on impulse.

Every time China got into trouble in the past, Hong Kong compatriots were always there to support their motherland, which everyone in the country should never forget.

If Hong Kong gets sick, China will also feel the pains and suffer from the loss. The evil forces deliberately create conflicts between the mainland and Hong Kong and make us turn against each other. Every Chinese must be highly vigilant and not fall into the trap of the enemies.

The rest of us should sincerely care about Hong Kong compatriots, especially the young generation, effectively helping them solve practical problems. The incident will never shake our love, support and confidence for Hong Kong.

We should make it clear that China will never give up Hong Kong and will always be the rock of Hong Kong compatriots.

The rule of law in Hong Kong has encountered unprecedented challenges and been cornered to the verge of destruction. The best way to defend the rule of law is to employ rightful thinking and measures to deal with the disorder in Hong Kong.

It is necessary to make use of all resources available, including the Constitution of the People's Republic of China, the Basic Law of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (SAR) and other laws in Hong Kong, to overcome all the obstacles and difficulties, to resolutely defend the authority of the Constitution and the Basic Law, and to restore order in Hong Kong.

In addition, we should not exclude any possibilities and prepare for everything that may happen. The country will never shy away from its constitutional responsibility for Hong Kong.

"One country, two systems" model is not an expedient, but a long-term strategy of the country. The central government has always been sincerely and carefully. The practice of "one country, two systems" for more than 20 years has also been very successful.

Despite this incident, the central government will continue to unswervingly adopt the "one country, two systems" policy, making sure that its practice remains convincing.

Of course, the government also needs to find out the deficiencies in the policy and take practical measures to ensure its effective implementation in the future.

Foreign hostile forces need to stop intervening in Hong Kong affairs, supporting or inciting violence and misleading the young people.

The Hong Kong violence revealed to Chinese mainlanders the true colors of the human rights, freedom and democracy in the West.

While the United States and the United Kingdom are increasingly divided from within, Chinese people should remain united under the leadership of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China that centers around Comrade Xi Jinping so as to win the special war under the current circumstances.



On September 23, 2019, the Tian'anmen Gate Tower was adorned with red lanterns. The Jinshui Bridge was covered with red carpets. Under the blue sky, it looked spectacular and beautiful, and it was a warm and peaceful holiday atmosphere.

Celebrate National Day with confidence, joy and rationality

The big day - the 70th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China (PRC) - is approaching.

The day is not only important to all Chinese people, its unusual significance has also been recognized by the world.

No matter in which country, National Day is one of the celebrations with the most political sense. At this year's anniversary, China's national strength has reached an unprecedented high and yet it also faces extraordinary challenges at the same time. Celebrating National Day well is objectively a mobilization of national cohesion.

How to judge how well the day is celebrated? It is believed the country should at least achieve the following goals.

All of Chinese society should gain more confidence from the festival. The development of the PRC is filled with ups and downs, but the trajectory of the country's progress is clear.

The country has improved people's once-bleak living standards. Some western media outlets have constantly been finding fault with the development path of the PRC.

But facts speak louder than words. The economic and social achievements, including accomplishments in the humanitarian field, are quite outstanding in China over the past 70 years.

The 70th anniversary should also be cheerful. The US-launched trade war against China has not yet been settled. Turmoil in Hong Kong has unexpectedly emerged.

China's national willpower is facing a test, and there is no lack of foreign forces who underestimate the determination of China.

They assert that China will have a rough time at this year's National

Day. But they are unaware that incidents, no matter how serious, would be no big deal when compared with the PRC's history. The bigger the challenges, the stronger the China's endurance.

The rehearsal for the National Day ceremony was held over the weekend. Videos of aircraft flying over Beijing have gone viral and Chinese people couldn't help but express their joy. This is the spirit needed in our society.

National Day should also be celebrated with rationality. Chinese people should fully understand the country's achievements and firmly believe in the path China has chosen.

Chinese people need to observe various shortcomings of the country and be aware that many uphill battles are awaiting us.

Chinese people should neither belittle ourselves nor swell with pride. Chinese people must correctly understand the relationship between existing achievements and problems, forming a stronger resilience for the future.

Making progress is a matter of prime importance for Chinese society. In an era of advancement, there is no reason for Chinese society to panic or grow frustrated because of temporary challenges or difficulties.

It is said that during the celebration of the 70th anniversary, the accuracy of the parade on Tiananmen Square will be calculated in seconds and this is an indication of capability. During the National Day holiday, the entire country will be full of vitality.

It is believed Chinese people will combine confidence, cheerfulness and rationality together and make this year's National Day an unforgettable one in PRC history.

Global Times

East African bloc eyes single currency to boost intra-regional trade

NAIROBI

THE East African Community (EAC) member states are hoping that a single currency for six member states will boost the level of intra-regional trade, an official said on Tuesday.

Kenneth Bagamuhunda, director general of customs and trade at East African Community (EAC) said in Nairobi that for most EAC countries, their main trade partners are not another member of the trading bloc and intra-regional trade stands at less than 13 percent.

"A single currency regime is expected to lower the cost of trading transactions among partner states and hence boost level of imports and exports within the region," said Bagamuhunda during a media briefing on the upcoming high-level conference on trade Integration in the



EAC that was expected to take place from yesterday.

The three-day event is part of commemorations of the 20th anniversary of the EAC and the 15th anniversary of the implementation of the customs

union. Bagamuhunda (pictured) said that the East African Monetary Union Protocol which is a requirement of a single currency has already been signed and ratified by all partner states. "The law on the establishment of the East Africa Monetary Institute that will be gradually transformed into the East Africa Central Bank has also been finalized," he said.

He revealed that the East Africa Legislative Assembly has also endorsed the EAC Statistics bill that will provide a framework for the harmonized collection of economic data in the member states.

"We are also progressing well towards the establishment of the regional financial services commission that will provide technical input on the regulation and management of the financial sector in the trading bloc," he said.

Xinhua



China hails Russia's accession to Paris climate agreement

BEIJING

THE Chinese government welcomes Russia's decision to adopt the Paris Agreement on climate change, Foreign Ministry Spokesperson Geng Shuang told reporters yesterday.

"China welcomes Russia's adoption of the Paris Agreement on climate. We believe that this shows Russia's constructive stance and responsible approach to climate change. This will contribute to our common efforts on fighting this problem," the spokesperson said.

Russian Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev signed a government decree related to Russia's accession to the Paris Agreement on climate action on Monday. Russian Deputy Prime Minister Alexei Gordeyev announced plans on developing and adopting the required acts on fulfilling the country's commitments under the deal.

The Paris Agreement was signed on December 12, 2015 after an international climate change summit in the French capital city. The ratifying states agreed to take efforts to keep the increase in global average temperature below 2 ° C above the pre-industrial levels by 2100. I

In June 2017, US President Donald Trump announced that the US was going to pull out of the Paris climate accord, thus rendering the target under the agreement unachievable.

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Netanyahu's Likud picks up seat, making it 32 to Gantz's 33

By Bloomberg

ISRAELI Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's Likud party has picked up an additional seat in parliament following last week's election, bringing its total to 32, one less than the number won by former military chief Benny Gantz's Blue and White.

The number was revised after the Central Elections Committee investigated a small number of polling stations suspected of foul play.

The committee voided some of the votes, with the final tally adding one seat to Likud, at the expense of the ultra-Orthodox United Torah Judaism party, which ended up with seven lawmakers.

The election was inconclusive, with neither Netanyahu nor Gantz winning enough support to easily piece together a governing coalition. President Reuven Rivlin, who has the task of choosing a candidate to form the next government, is pushing for a broad-based government joining Likud and Blue and White, and is scheduled to meet with Netanyahu and Gantz on Wednesday for the second time this week.

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Johnson heads home early to face political heat after dramatic day in UK highest court

LONDON

BRITISH Prime Minister Boris Johnson cut short his visit to a crucial UN general assembly summit in New York Tuesday to head back to London after judges ruled his shutdown of the Houses of Parliament was unlawful.

He is expected to face immediate demands to turn up at the House of Commons to address politicians after a day of high drama in the Supreme Court, the highest court in Britain.

Johnson was made aware before he left the U.S. of growing demands for him to quit 10 Downing Street after 11 of the country's most senior judges ruled he was wrong to prorogue, or suspend parliament for five weeks.

They unanimously decided that Johnson's advice to British monarch Queen Elizabeth II on proroguing parliament was unlawful, void and of no effect.

Legal experts had been anticipating a ruling that left Johnson with some wriggle room to escape the full wrath of the law. In the event the court decision could not have been worse for Johnson.

Within hours of the judges handing down their ruling, the Speaker of the House of Commons, John Bercow, announced parliament would re-open at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, weeks before the scheduled State Opening by Queen Elizabeth on Oct. 14.

Johnson remained adamant that he will not resign in the wake of the court ruling despite demands for him to quit from almost every opposition party at Westminster.

As the world's media zoomed in on the dramatic events in London, Johnson had been holding bi-lateral talks in New York with Brexit high on the agenda. He also addressed a meeting of business people in New York, promoting the idea of closer UK-U.S. links after Brexit.



Johnson also managed to raise laughs, saying at one point both countries spoke the same language, adding "more or less".

Media in London reported that Johnson was asked at a meeting with U.S. President Donald Trump whether he should resign for misleading the British monarch. The U.S. president intervened and said: "I'll tell you, I know him well, he's not going anywhere."

Johnson told reporters: "Let's be absolutely clear. We respect the judiciary in our country, we respect the court. I disagree profoundly with what they had to say. I think it was entirely right to go ahead with a plan for a Queen's speech. Frankly we need to get on with Brexit."

Also in New York, Johnson met the Irish Prime Minister Leo Varadkar. Downing Street later issued a statement about the talks, saying Johnson and Varadkar discussed Brexit and the ideas that Britain has been putting forward.

"The prime minister was clear that the UK would be leaving on 31 October and said that he was cautiously opti-

mistic that we would be able to do so through negotiating a deal which is acceptable to both sides," added Downing Street.

On England's south coast resort of Brighton, main opposition Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn brought forward his keynote speech from Wednesday to Tuesday to enable him to return to London for the re-opening of parliament.

Political commentators said Labour's annual conference had got off to a bad start with squabbles over the party's Brexit strategy.

Differences were put aside Tuesday as the conference went into overdrive following the court decision in London.

Corbyn was given a rousing reaction from the packed hall as he made his speech in which he called for Johnson to resign.

A spokesman for Corbyn said later that Labour would use every mechanism to bring about an early general election, but that a poll would be conditional on the government not using it to force a no-deal Brexit. Agencies

S. Korean president proposes turning DMZ into international peace zone

UNITED NATIONS

SOUTH Korean President Moon Jae-in on Tuesday proposed transforming the demilitarized zone (DMZ) between the two Koreas into an international peace zone.

"Today ... I would like to propose to the United Nations and all the member states the idea of transforming the DMZ that cuts across the midriff of the Korean Peninsula into an international peace zone," Moon told the UN General Assembly General Debate.

"The DMZ is a colossal green zone

that stretches 250 km from east to west and 4 km from north to south. Its borders define a tragedy spawned by 70 years of military confrontation. But paradoxically, it has become a pristine ecological treasure trove," he said. "It has also become a symbolic space steeped in history, which embraces both the tragedy of division as embodied by the Joint Security Area, guard posts and barbed-wire fences as well as the yearning for peace."

"The DMZ is the common heritage of humankind and its value must be

shared with the whole world. Once peace is established between the two Koreas, I will work together with North Korea (the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, DPRK) to inscribe the DMZ as a UNESCO World Heritage Site," said Moon.

He put forward the idea of designating the area connecting the border village of Panmunjom and Kaesong in the North as a peace and cooperation district, and making the DMZ a center for research on peace, peacekeeping, arms control and trust-building.

World leaders call for multilateral approach towards common challenges

UNITED NATIONS

WORLD leaders attending the ongoing General Debate of the 74th session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA 74) on Tuesday voiced strong support for multilateralism and called for international cooperation to tackle common threats and challenges together.

Croatian President Kolinda Grabar-Kitarovic said that "joining forces" should be the fairly simple way to respond adequately to emerging threats.

"It is upon us to address the greatest challenges of the globalized 21st century: climate

change, sustainable development, migration, terrorism, weapons of mass destruction and new technologies," said the Croatian president.

South Korean President Moon Jae-in also called for international cooperation, noting that "the Sustainable Development Goals of the United Nations and the Paris Agreement on climate change are major tasks that we must achieve through multilateral cooperation."

"We come here in recognition of a simple reality - this General Assembly is vital to meet the dangers and seize the opportunities of our world," said King Abdullah

II of Jordan.

Collective action is "the promise" of the United Nations, he said.

"This organization was created by the specific, individual actions of member countries, coming together to shape a better future," the king added.

"And today, we still urgently need each and every member country to act - to act together with our global neighbors and achieve the better, safer world all of us need," he said.

"The world faces enormous and diverse cross-border challenges between peoples and states and that imposes on us multilateral action, especially when it comes

to risks threatening international peace and security, environmental issues, sustainable development, asylum and immigration," said Qatari Emir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani.

"In the situation of international peace and security, nothing can replace the wisdom of leaderships, especially those of the major powers, who are capable of embracing the purposes of the United Nations Charter," he said.

"We have no means at our disposal other than activating the mechanisms adopted by the international community in the field of collective security, deterring international law violators,

ensuring the respect for the sovereignty and security of states, prohibiting the occupation and annexation of the lands of others by force or changing their nature, and preventing armed conflicts by means of peaceful resolution of disputes," he added.

"We stand for multilateralism in international relations, as it alone contributes effectively to the world's peace and security," said Angolan President Joao Lourenco.

"For this reason, it is never too much to insist on the need for a deep reform of the United Nations Organization, so that it can better fulfill its great responsibility

for conflict management and resolution and war prevention," said the president.

Portuguese President Marcelo Rebelo de Sousa stated his support for "an effective multilateralism, based on international law and the Charter of the United Nations and its legal extension to new global realities such as the environment and climate change, the oceans, data protection, cybersecurity, combating terrorism and artificial intelligence."

"Nobody is an island and nobody can, alone or with a handful of allies, address the increasingly complex problems affecting eve-

rybody," said the president.

"The world and life change so much and we have seen a great deal of geostrategic change in less than 40 years. We and our descendants will witness many more, ever faster changes in the next 40 years," he added.

"The most prudent stance is to support this institution [UN] which is about to celebrate its 75th anniversary, and strengthen its financial sustainability, its ability to act and facilitate networking, dialogue, conflict prevention, and match initiatives in areas of common interest," he added.

Xinhua



Plácido Domingo

Domingo withdraws from Met Opera after harassment reports

NEW YORK

THE Metropolitan Opera announced Tuesday that Plácido Domingo had agreed to withdraw from his slate of scheduled performances at the opera house following allegations of sexual harassment made by multiple women in two Associated Press stories. The opera legend indicated that he would never again perform at the Met.

Domingo had been scheduled to sing the title role in the season premiere of Verdi's "Macbeth" on Wednesday night, which would have been his first performance in the United States since the AP reported that numerous women had accused him of inappropriate behavior, including one soprano who said he grabbed her bare breast.

The Met had been under increasing pressure to cancel Domingo's appearances, but general manager Peter Gelb reiterated to performers after a dress rehearsal Saturday that the opera house was awaiting results of investigations by the LA Opera, where Domingo has been general director since 2003, and the American Guild of Musical Artists, the union that represents various opera staff.

Domingo, who had sung in rehearsals, issued a statement saying his Met career was over after what the company said was 706 performances as a singer, plus 169 as a conductor.

"I made my debut at the Metropolitan Opera at the age of 27 and have sung at this magnificent theater for 51 consecutive, glorious years," the star said. "While I strongly dispute recent allegations made about me, and I am concerned about a climate in which people are condemned without due process, upon reflection, I believe that my appearance in this production of 'Macbeth' would distract from the hard work of my colleagues both on stage and behind the scenes.

"As a result, I have asked to withdraw," he added, "and I thank the leadership of the Met for graciously granting my request. I am happy that, at the age of 78, I was able to sing the wonderful title role in the dress rehearsal of 'Macbeth,' which I consider my last performance on the Met stage."

In its statement, the Met said the long-married, Spanish-born superstar had "agreed to withdraw from all future performances at the Met, effective immediately."

Gelb sent an email to the Met staff saying, "We are grateful to him for recognizing that he needed to step down."

The Philadelphia Orchestra, San Francisco Opera and Dallas Opera previously canceled upcoming concerts starring Domingo after the AP stories were published. But his reception has been far different in Europe, where he received lengthy ovations after concert performances of Verdi's "Luisa Miller" at the Salzburg Festival in Austria on Aug. 25 and 31, just weeks after the initial AP story.

Angela Turner Wilson, the singer who allowed the AP to use her name in accusing Domingo of grabbing her breast, said she was "relieved" by the Met's action, but criticized Gelb for previously asserting that the opera house could not act without corroborated evidence and that all of Domingo's accusers were anonymous. She called Gelb's remarks

"a major concern to me and many others who wish to see the current culture of sexual harassment and retaliation removed from our industry. It is time."

Another of Domingo's accusers, Patricia Wulf, also called the withdrawal a relief.

"I feel like we accomplished something," said Wulf, who accused Domingo of repeatedly harassing her during performances at Washington Opera in the late 1990s, while he was general director of the company.

"The Met finally stepped up and did the right thing," she told the AP.

In addition to announcing Domingo's withdrawal, Gelb said the Met was suspending tenor Vittorio Grigolo pending the outcome of an investigation opened Tuesday by The Royal Opera in London, which said he was alleged to be involved in a Sept. 18 incident when he sang the title role in Gounod's "Faust" on tour in Tokyo.

Grigolo, 42, was scheduled to sing six performances of Alfredo in Verdi's "La Traviata" at the Met in February and March. He did not immediately respond to an email seeking comment.

The Met fired conductor James Levine in March 2018 after an investigation by a law firm retained by the company found evidence of sexual abuse and harassment. Levine, the company's music director from 1976-2016, was music director emeritus at the time and denied the allegations. He filed a breach of contract and defamation lawsuit that was settled last month.

Domingo made his Met debut in September 1968 and is known to many beyond opera for his performances as part of The Three Tenors with Luciano Pavarotti and José Carreras. Singing far beyond the retirement age of most singers, he shifted to baritone parts in 2009, extending his repertoire to more than 150 roles. He sang 21 opening nights at the Met, breaking Enrico Caruso's previous record of 17.

Domingo's next scheduled performance is in Verdi's "Nabucco" at the Zurich Opera on Oct. 13. He is not slated to sing in the U.S. until Donizetti's "Roberto Devereux" at the LA Opera, which opens Feb. 22.

Zeljko Lucic, originally scheduled for later in the run, will replace Domingo and sing all six performances of "Macbeth" at the Met. Domingo also had been scheduled for four performances as Sharpless in Puccini's "Madama Butterfly" at the Met in November.

Outside the Met entrance Tuesday night, a poster advertising the "Macbeth" production had Domingo's name whited out, with the name of his replacement covering it.

Cathy Soderquist, a retired U.S. government employee from Washington who planned to see "Macbeth" on Wednesday, called the Met's action an overreaction in the "#MeToo era." Too many allegations are coming in and people are being accused and penalized," she said. "I mean, he's being accused, but he hasn't been prosecuted. He hasn't gone to court."

Said her husband, Dick Soderquist, "Europeans are kind of laughing at us."

Before Domingo's withdrawal, the New York state senator whose district includes the opera house had called for his removal. AP

Six things learnt from Mainland Vodacom Premier League so far

BY CORRESPONDENT MICHAEL MWEBE

THE Vodacom Premier League appeared to have taken a back seat as senior national soccer team, Taifa Stars, faced Sudan in the first leg of the second round of qualifiers for Africa Nations Championship, CHAN, a competition designed for home based players, played in Dar es Salaam last weekend.

The big three, Azam FC, Simba and Young Africans (Yanga), were out of action as they contributed more than three players in the Taifa Stars squad.

However, the league continued with six matches being played over the weekend. Here, we assess the opening three rounds of matches so far in the new topflight campaign.

Astute Kagera Sugar
It is early days but Kagera Sugar sits pretty at the top of the Vodacom Premier League standings. Mecky Mexime's boys are the only team in the VPL to collect nine points out of nine with victories over Biashara United, Alliance and Mbao FC.

Impressive performances from Yusuph Mhili and Awesu Ali, who have two goals apiece, have put Kagera Sugar on the driving seat despite playing all the three games on the road. Mexime continues to urge caution but Kagera Sugar fans have every right to be excited about a return to the top half of the table after last season's woes had seen them avoid relegation through the playoffs.

Namungo FC basking in early success

Seven points from nine ensure Thierry Hitimana's side are second in the table. Home victories against Ndanda and Singida United have given the newly promoted team from Lindi a flying



Mtibwa Sugar forward Riffathamisi (R) battles for the ball with JKT Tanzania defender, Damas Makwaya, in the Vodacom Premier League game, played in Dar es Salaam last week. PHOTO: COURTESY OF MTIBWA SUGAR

start to the campaign.

Mwadi FC shining brightly
In spite of recruiting a dozen new signings in what is still expected to be a tough season, Mwadi have clicked into gear smoothly and remain unbeaten despite playing two away matches.

They beat Singida United in the opening day before getting two away draws against Namungo and Ndanda FC to earn five precious points at this stage of the campaign. With a promising start, they look in good shape for the season ahead though with only goal in three matches they need to start finding the back of the net soon.

Ruvu Shooting can surprise

Four points from nine including a draw away at Sokoine represents a fabulous start for Ruvu Shooting. The team with former

Taifa Stars head coach, Salum Mayanga, at the helm were many people's candidates for relegation however the experienced coach has quickly transformed them into a solid unit.

An opening day victory against heavy weights Yanga was one of the shocking results of this campaign. It was their first league victory in 18 attempts against the VPL record champions.

Miraji Athuman is making an impression

Miraji Athuman was a low key signing and was not expected to make a big impact. The Brazilian trio and Ibrahim Ajib were the marquee signing on everyone's lips. However, Athuman has stepped in to take advantage of the club's injury crises and produced impressive performances from the bench.

He scored in his league debut against JKT Tanzania coming from the bench in the second half. He incredibly made it two goals in two matches when he scored against Mtibwa Sugar.

KMC FC early struggle

Nobody seriously thought they could undergo such a major coaching transition without some growing pains, however no one expected they will struggle that much under an experienced coach, Jackson Mayanja.

Two losses in the opening rounds means there is work to be done to establish the proper pecking order in a squad so packed with talent and the best system and team selections to make it function.

Mayanja's knows his honeymoon period is over and he needs to get three points against Namungo to ease concerns.

Column: From orphan in China to playing with pros at Pebble

BY DOUG FERGUSON

KAYLI Lucas is headed to Pebble Beach to play in a PGA Tour Champions event, a dream week for a 17-year-old girl from Tennessee who knew nothing about golf until a friend from church invited her out for a lesson at The First Tee.

She liked how the club felt in her hands. Like so many others brought to golf, she found that the greatest appeal was the individual test to get better.

"I'm goal-oriented," she said. "I wanted to prove to myself how far I can go on my own."

How far she can go?
It's how far Kayli already has come that makes her appear-

ance in the Pure Insurance Championship so amazing.

Her mother calls the trip to Pebble Beach a "once-in-a-lifetime deal." Kayli was among 78 participants from The First Tee chapters around the country who were selected to compete alongside PGA Tour Champions players like Bernhard Langer and Mark O'Meara, Vijay Singh and Davis Love III.

But then, everything about Kayli is once in a lifetime.

For starters, she doesn't know exactly where she was born, or even when. She was an infant when she was found outside an equipment factory in Nanjing, China, and taken in as an orphan. That's about the time Lisa Lucas

showed up as part of a 20-month process to adopt a baby girl.

The orphanage sent her a picture, and Lucas could see in the baby's eyes something was not quite right. No matter. She wanted her. When they arrived in Nanjing and switched the girl out of her clothes, her entire body was covered with scabies, which had led to a staph infection. Lucas said the baby was rushed to a hospital.

"They said two weeks longer and I would not have had my child," Lucas said. "She's a miracle all the way around. She was about 9 months when we got her and from lack of human touch, she could barely hold her head up. Two weeks before we left, she was sitting up on her own."

Her muscles were underdeveloped. She had a bald spot in the back of her head through elementary school.

Kayli knows her story now. Her mother waited until she was old enough to understand that she was born in China and was very sick, that they have no idea about her birth parents and never will. The orphanage had a rough idea of Kayli's age when they found her, so Lucas chose Oct. 14 as her birthdate for the official record.

"I'm not brought up in an Asian-oriented household. I don't necessarily think about it," Kayli said. "I don't think I fully understood it until five years ago. I never Googled the city where I was found, or born, until a school project. We had to do an autobiography."

Hers, no doubt, was different from her classmates.

Lucas remarried and moved to Gallatin, about 30 miles northeast of Nashville. She wanted her daughter to be more active, whether that was gymnastics or something else. Her friend in-

ited her to The First Tee, and Kayli asked her stepfather, Greg Borchers, to at least show her how to swing a club before her first lesson.

She was hooked.

Josh McCade, the executive director of The First Tee of Tennessee, could tell she was different. Sure, he heard enough conversations over the years to piece together Kayli's story. What he saw was someone who made the most of opportunities, and golf was no different.

"She had this eagerness to learn the game of golf," McCade said. "That was something you could tell. After class, she'd be hitting balls on the range, putting and chipping on her own. You can separate kids from who's there because they want to be there. She has a great spirit about herself."

Kayli says Borchers has invested the most time in her game, how to treat the course and manage her game. The teachers at The First Tee and Gallatin High have honed her swing. "Without them, my swing would be a hot mess," she said with a laugh.

She plays on the high school team. Her best score – not in competition – is 2-over par for 18 holes. She is looking into colleges in the Midwest for next year and deciding how much she wants golf to be part of it.

First, there's a trip to Pebble. Kayli was in Los Angeles last month for the CoBank Peak Performers, one of nine First Tee participants who spent a day with six-time major champion Nick Faldo at Trump National along the Pacific. "I was super nervous and did not hit the ball well," she said with a laugh.

She has not yet found out her partner for the Pure Insurance Championship.



This Aug. 23, 2019, photo provided by Greg Borchers shows Kayli Lucas posed on the 18th green at Trump National in Los Angeles, where she was part of an elite group of juniors from The First Tee to spend a day with Nick Faldo. Kayli's next stop is to play with pros this week at Pebble Beach in a PGA Tour Champions event. (AP)

FIFA president lambasts Italian soccer for 'hiding' racism

ROME

FIFA president Gianni Infantino lambasted Italian soccer authorities for "hiding the truth" about racism in a scathing assessment Tuesday following a complete lack of punishment after three cases of discriminatory chants during the four opening rounds of Serie A.

Three black players - Inter Milan's Romelu Lukaku, AC Milan's Franck Kessie, and Fiorentina's Dalbert Henrique - have been targeted by racist chants but no sanctions have been handed out by the Italian league, federation or police.

"I don't see why we have to hide the truth, not talk about what happens or say that it is not serious. No, that's not how you go about it," Infantino said in an interview with Sky Italia. "It's unacceptable, absurd and surprising."

"It's upsetting, because Italy is a country that people love, where you can live and eat well, where there's culture," added Infantino, who is the son of Italian immigrants to Switzerland. "This is supposed to be a modern, civil, polite country. And I think it's moving in the wrong direction."

Infantino suggested identifying fans responsible of racism and throwing them in jail, calling on the Italian federation to work with its clubs and local police.

Likewise, the Italian government's new sports minister vowed to eliminate racism "with more severe and efficient sanctions."

"I will dedicate myself toward eliminating it from stadiums during my mandate - even at the cost of making unpopular decisions," Vincenzo Spadafora, the minister, told Spanish newspaper El Pais.

"The time has come for everyone to assume responsibility: institutions, politicians, federations and

fans," Spadafora added. "Soon I will meet with all of the sports representatives to share with them a significant change, with more severe and efficient sanctions."

Atalanta's 2-2 draw with Fiorentina on Sunday was suspended briefly during the first half due to chants aimed at Dalbert.

However, the Italian league's judge announced Monday that he has yet to decide whether Atalanta warrants punishment. Judge Gerardo Mastrandrea said in his weekly disciplinary report that Dalbert needs to be interviewed before his decision is made.

Following FIFA's "three-step process" for handling racism inside stadiums, referee Daniele Orsato ordered a warning to be read over the stadium's loudspeaker that the match would not resume until the chants ceased.

The FIFA process requires the referee to briefly pause a match at the first hint of discriminatory chants and request an announcement over the stadium public address system asking fans to stop. If the chanting persists, the referee can suspend the match and order the teams into the changing rooms until it stops. If that doesn't work, the referee can stop the match definitively.

While the FIFA process is straightforward it has rarely been implemented in Serie A.

"The problem is, we have some laws stipulating that if it's a concrete number of people we stop the match. If it's 2, 3 persons or 10 persons then we cannot stop the match," Danilo Filacchione, the Italian football federation's international relations director, told The Associated Press in Ljubljana, Slovenia, after attending a UEFA meeting.

"But the clubs are also fighting," Filacchione added. "We are doing our best." AP

Valverde: The world stops when something happens to Messi

BARCELONA

BARCELONA head coach Ernesto Valverde said the world stopped when something happened to Lionel Messi as he discussed the star's latest injury worry.

Messi was substituted at half-time of Barca's much-needed 2-1 LaLiga victory over Villarreal on Tuesday due to an adductor injury.

The Barca captain was making his first start of the season after battling a calf injury and Valverde said he was simply unwilling to take risks with the 32-year-old.

"When something happens to Messi the world stops, not only here," he told a news conference.

"I don't think it's serious. We don't want to take any risks. We will see tomorrow [Wednesday], I can't tell you anything now."

"He has been injured for a long

time and we don't want to take any risks at the moment."

Antoine Griezmann and Arthur scored to see Barca to their victory, easing the pressure on Valverde after a slow start to the season.

Valverde talked up the importance of the result for his team after their shock loss to Granada on Saturday.

"Sometimes you get it right and sometimes you get it wrong. We played three days ago, rotations are always needed in these sort of occasions," he said.

"This was a cup final for us, we lost the last match. We needed fresh players in midfield especially."

"Villarreal are a good team, [Karl Toko] Ekambi is a very dangerous player, he's very fast. [Santi] Cazorla and [Gerard] Moreno are brilliant as well."

(Agencies)

Guardiola defends Bernardo Silva over tweet to Mendy

PRESTON, UNITED KINGDOM

PEP Guardiola insisted on Tuesday that Bernardo Silva is not guilty of racism over a tweet the Manchester City star sent to his team-mate Benjamin Mendy.

The English Football Association has written to the Premier League champions requesting their observations after Silva posted pictures on social media on Sunday comparing Mendy to the character on a packet of Conguitos chocolates.

Anti-racism organisation Kick It Out has called on English football's governing body to take action.

City manager Guardiola was asked for his thoughts after his side's 3-0 League Cup third-round win at Preston.

He was quick to defend Portugal star Silva from the accusations and said the pair are good friends.

"Honestly, I don't know what is going to happen but they should put the focus on other issues," Guardiola told reporters.

"They don't know which guy you are talking about. Bernardo is one

of the most lovely people I have ever met in my life."

"He speaks four or five languages -- that is the best way to understand how open-minded he is -- and one of his best friends is Mendy."

"He is like a brother for him. The image for the two is not about the colour of the skin."

"He took a picture of Benjamin when he was young and he related it (to) this cartoon -- quite similar, for the image."

"If they want to do that, to ask Bernardo, we'd be open to talk, but first to do that you want to know exactly which person are you talking about."

"There are many situations when white people, the colour, and you look at cartoons and it is quite similar as your face and you put it in there. It is not about that."

"I think the response from Mendy was clear after that. It was a joke all the time. Maybe, what I've said many times, my advice is do not use too much social media. That is what happens."

(AFP)

UEFA announce Champions League finals in Saint Petersburg, Munich, London

LJUBLJANA

THE 2021 UEFA Champions League final will be played in Saint Petersburg, European football's governing body announced on Tuesday.

The venues for the next three finals were revealed at UEFA's Executive Committee meeting in the Slovenian capital Ljubljana, with Munich being awarded the 2022 showpiece and the 2023 final being given to Wembley.

In awarding the venues for the next three years, UEFA have had to take into account not just the likely demand for match tickets but also the importance of hotel rooms and transport infrastructure.

That means there are a limited number of cities around Europe capable of successfully staging a match of such magnitude.

"The chosen venues have proper mobility, hotels and everything else. Where we have a problem, and probably will have a problem anywhere, is that sometimes hotels take advantage of the fact the Champions League final is in a certain city," admitted UEFA president Aleksandar Ceferin.

"I am sure that if you check those three cities in half an hour you will see that hotel prices have already started to rise."

"This is a problem but it is hard



The Champions League trophy stands on display during the group stage draw ceremony (AFP Photo)

for us to influence. That is why we want to go to such big cities with so many hotels that in the end you can choose."

"Those venues are big cities, interesting cities, accessible for the fans and with very nice stadiums," he added, although he said he "cannot do any promises for now" in terms of increasing ticket allocations for supporters.

- Return to Russia -
This season's final will be played

in Istanbul, before hosting is given to the 68,000-capacity Gazprom Arena in Saint Petersburg.

The venue, complete with a retractable roof, was built ahead of the 2018 World Cup held in Russia. It hosted seven matches at that tournament, including France's semi-final win over Belgium and will also host four games at Euro 2020.

It will be the second Champions League final to be played in Russia after Manchester United beat Chelsea

in Moscow to win the trophy in 2008. The 70,000-seat Allianz Arena in Munich is also a host venue for Euro 2020 and staged the 2012 Champions League final when Bayern Munich lost on penalties to Chelsea.

The 2023 final will be the eighth to be held at Wembley, with the iconic 90,000-seat London venue also hosting the semi-finals and final of next year's European Championship. Meanwhile, European football's governing body also revealed that the 2021 Europa League final will be played in Seville, at Sevilla's Ramon Sanchez Pizjuan stadium.

The Spanish city was chosen ahead of Georgian capital Tbilisi as the game returns to western Europe -- after being staged in Baku last season, next year's final will go to the Polish city of Gdansk.

The 2021 UEFA Super Cup match -- between the winners of the Champions League and Europa League -- will be played in Belfast.

UEFA said VAR, which made its Champions League debut in the last 16 last season, will be introduced to the Europa League for the knockout rounds this term.

A third European club competition that is set to start in 2021 will be known as the UEFA Europa Conference League.

AFP

Why 16-year-old Camavinga already has Europe's top clubs on high alert

BY JULIEN LAURENS, ESPN CORRESPONDENT

SINCE the beginning of August, Stade Rennais have seen two things experience massive growth in their day-to-day operations as a football club and both of them are related to one player in their squad.

The first thing is the requests for match tickets from scouts all over Europe, which have soared. The second is the solicitations for sit-down interviews, which have also multiplied. All this for a 16-year-old kid who still can't drive his own car, is still going to school, still lives at the Academy and has played only 12 Ligue 1 matches in his career.

Eduardo Camavinga has just enjoyed the best month of his life. The midfielder was named Ligue 1's best player in August after stellar performances against Montpellier, Strasbourg and Paris Saint-Germain. He bossed the PSG midfield like few players do in France, let alone at 16. He outplayed Marco Verratti and Marquinhos and made a real name for himself that night but nothing about Camavinga's success feels like a surprise.

Eighteen months ago, at the age of 15, Camavinga was already playing with the Rennes reserve team in the French fourth division and making a difference. Landry Chauvin, the former Rennes academy director, saw the phenomenon up close.

"Since he joined us at 10 years old from a local club, he was destined for great things. He was always ahead of everyone else in his age group but also everyone else one or two age groups above [him] in terms of talent, intelligence and maturity," Chauvin told ESPN FC.

Camavinga's prodigious talent was there for everyone to see. At the beginning of 2019 when he started to train with the first team, some were gobsmacked by what he could do.

"We were like 'wow,'" Hatem Ben Arfa, who played with Camavinga last season at Rennes, told ESPN FC. "He was incredible. Technically and physically, he is a monster. Everything he does is perfect. For me, he is the modern midfielder by definition. There is nothing he can't do. He can defend, tackle, head the ball, create, score, assist. He is powerful but gifted technically with his left foot. He is intelligent, elegant."

"You would have rarely seen a player like him at his age. Because let's not forget: he's still 16."



Eduardo Camavinga

Camavinga's superb start to the Ligue 1 season has led to all kinds of player comparisons even though his position in the heart of midfield differs from that of other French prodigies. To one old coach, he's the next Kylian Mbappe. Chauvin compares him to Ousmane Dembele, expecting his career to take a similarly steep trajectory as Dembele, who moved from Rennes to Borussia Dortmund to Barcelona in just two years, but also admits that Camavinga is already more serious, disciplined and professional than Dembele has ever been.

His manager, Julien Stephan, is doing his best to keep his young star midfielder grounded. "He has huge potential and, if you can believe it, we didn't want to rush him into the first team," he said. "But there is a moment when you realise that there is no need to wait any longer because he is ready and he will bring a lot to the team even in Ligue 1."

"I just hope he will continue to work hard, continue to learn and to develop. We will certainly put him in the right environment for that."

Born in Angola to Congolese parents, Camavinga arrived in France with his family when he was 2. He grew up with his parents and five brothers and sisters on the outskirts of Rennes, where the club spotted him playing for local side AGL Drapeau Fougères. When he was young, the Camavingas' house burnt down and they lost everything, a tragedy that made Eduardo even more determined to succeed. Although he excelled at judo as a kid, football quickly became his thing and making it to the top was always his dream.

"He has always been dedicated about football. He has a football IQ way above average but he will not rest on his laurels," added Chauvin. "There are a lot of talented young players in the world but he has

something special because his talent comes with maturity as well despite his young age."

The diamond from Rennes is, predictably, already attracting the interests of bigger clubs. Real Madrid, Barcelona, Arsenal, Tottenham, Manchester City, Bayern Munich and Borussia Dortmund, to name just a few, have been following Camavinga for a while but have stepped up their interest in recent weeks after seeing how much of an impact he's already having in Ligue 1.

"Talent like this, so precocious but already so mature, doesn't come along very often in football. [Camavinga] has been so impressive. I don't think there is anyone as strong as him in Europe in his age group," a scout of a top European club told ESPN about the Rennes prodigy.

If you need further proof of how good Camavinga is, he's been at the heart of a huge battle from Europe's top agents to secure his representation. Mino Raiola (agent to Paul Pogba and Zlatan Ibrahimovic), Jorge Mendes (Cristiano Ronaldo, David de Gea), Giuliano Bertolucci (Marquinhos, David Luiz) and others have been knocking at his door, sources tell ESPN FC. He ultimately chose Moussa Sissoko, Dembele's agent, who lives in London and is quickly becoming more and more influential at top clubs.

Before thinking about his next move -- and there will be plenty of opportunities next summer -- the young midfielder is hoping that his French passport will finally arrive. His request should come through quickly now after waiting for years. Once he officially becomes a French citizen, Didier Deschamps will surely be quick in giving him a first call-up for Les Bleus.

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Simba SC extra-motivated by Kagera defeats, says Aussems



Simba SC players, Deo Kanda (L) and Shomari Kapombe, attend the club's recent training session in Dar es Salaam to prepare for this season's Vodacom Premier League.

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

SIMBA Sports Club head coach, Patrick Aussems, has said his players are motivated by last season's double losses to Kagera Sugar in the Mainland Premier League.

A 2-1 away loss at Kaitaba Stadium in Kagera was followed by another shocking 1-0 home loss at Uhuru Stadium in Dar es Salaam to complete Kagera Sugar rare back-to-back victories against Simba.

The French born coach

has urged the squad to grab all three points in the game, which he accepts the Msimbazi Street Reds have to win to as a matter of honour and pride for the Simba badge.

"I have told them we have to show we are Simba. We are going with the intention of winning and not thinking about anything

else," he stressed.

Moreover, still stinging from the defeats, he insisted Simba must use those upsets as motivation for victory in today's encounter at Kaitaba Stadium.

"What happened last season gives extra motivation to players to perform better in the coming match," he explained.

Any meeting between Simba and Kagera Sugar is special but today's meeting at the Kaitaba Stadium promises to have even more flavour than usual.

The newly appointed Simba's Chief Executive Officer, Senzo Mbatha, threw himself into the ring cautiously by acknowledging Kagera Sugar as

a difficult opponent but he still see this as an opportunity for Simba to redeem themselves.

"Kagera Sugar is a difficult opponent. Simba lost all last nine points to Kagera Sugar," Mbatha tweeted yesterday.

"We have 90 minutes to redeem ourselves tomorrow (today) in Kagera."

Nevertheless, redemption is far easier said than done, with head coach Mecky Mexime having constructed a solid-looking Kagera Sugar side that have won three out of three in this season's campaign.

Even more remarkable is the fact that Kagera Sugar who avoided relegation by whisker last season have collected maximum points away from the comforts of their home ground, Kaitaba.

Last weekend, Kagera Sugar continued their perfect start in the Vodacom Premier League season with a 1-0 win over Mbao FC at Nyamagana Stadium in Mwanza.

Mexime's side sit top of the Premier League on nine points.

In contrast to his opposite number, Mexime is wary of the threat posed by his rivals and accepted they have a better squad which he termed as good as a 'national team'.

"It will be a good game because both sides play the same brand of football but Simba have a very solid squad, they are as good as a national team," Mexime said.

Kagera Sugar in high spirit ahead of Simba tie

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

KAGERA Sugar head coach, Mecky Mexime, has said his charges are well prepared for today's Vodacom Premier League encounter with Simba SC which will take place in Kagera.

He said he knows that Simba SC will come with full force aiming at collecting all three points, but his side is ready for anything.

"We know that Simba will come well prepared for this game, but my charges are ready as the aim is to collect maximum points...it will not be easy but we are ready for them," he said.

Mexime will probably depend on his players that include center back, Hassan Isihaka, Majid Khamis, midfielders, Awesu Awesu and Zawadi Mauya, winger Geoffrey Mwashuiya and forward Yusuf Mhiliu to stretch their dominance over Simba.

Awesu drilled in the winner for Kagera Sugar when the squad took on Mbao FC at the Nyamagana Stadium in Mwanza last week.

Simba SC, Vodacom Premier League defending champions, will therefore be in a tricky fixture today when they face Kagera Sugar away at Kaitaba Stadium.

Simba have already arrived in Bukoba for today's encounter against Kagera Sugar.

The match will be difficult for Simba considering that it is their first away game and the hosts will also have hand an upper hand when they face the Msimbazi Street based side.

Last season, the defending champions lost all six points to Kagera Sugar. They went down 2-1 to their opponents at Kaitaba Stadium and then suffered 1-0 defeat at home.

Kagera Sugar have nine points from three games in this season's league while Simba have six points from two games.

Kagera Sugar beat Biashara United 2-0 in the first match at Karume Stadium in Musoma.

Kagera Sugar went on to notch victories over Mwanza squads, Alliance FC and Mbao FC respectively.

Kagera edged Alliance FC 2-1 and then notched the 1-0 victory over Mbao FC, while Simba recorded the six points from 3-0 win against JKT Tanzania and 2-1 win against Mtibwa Sugar.

However, speaking in an interview, Simba head coach Patrick Aussems said last season's results in the hands of Kagera will motivate them to do well in today's game.

He said his players know the importance of winning today's encounter as the club's mission is to defend the Premier League this season.

"Last season we lost all six points against Kagera Sugar, we lost home and away, but this is another season," he pointed out.

"All of my players know the importance of winning tomorrow (today's) game, to me last season results will motivate my players to do well in the match," he said.

The coach said his players are fit for the game, apart from John Bocco who did not travel with the team as he is nursing an injury.

The side's third choice keeper Ally Salim, is with national U-20 soccer team, Ngorongoro Heroes, in Uganda for CECAFA U-20 tournament games.

The coach said although Bocco is a good and experienced player, he is confident that the other players will play well and record good results.

"Missing Bocco is a big blow to the team, he is very experienced, but I am confident that other players will fill in his boots well and help the team record the good results," he said.

In the absence of Bocco who always partners well with Meddie Kagere upfront, coach Aussems can use either Brazilian Wilker Da Silva or Miraji Athuman.



Failuna Abdi, one of athletes that will represent Tanzania in this year's World Athletics Championships in Qatar, scheduled to start tomorrow.

Dar athletes ready for IAAF World Championships 2019

By Correspondent Marc Nkwame, Arusha

THE national athletics team has been flagged off from Arusha, heading to Doha where Tanzania is to participate in the International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF) World Athletics Championships starting in Qatar tomorrow.

Comprising of four contestants, three of the local athletes were flagged off from Sheikh Amri Abeid Stadium here, after Athletics Tanzania (AT) had fought hard to secure air tickets for them in the last minute.

Wilhelm Gidabuday, AT secretary general, lamented that all of the sponsors have pulled out of support for unknown reasons.

The sponsors include MultiChoice Tanzania (DSTV) and Ngorongoro Conservation Area Authority, who had written commitment but failed to honour their commitment in the last minute without notice.

"We were stuck here and they were not even picking up our phone calls," the AT official disclosed.

Gidabuday also accused other AT officials for neglecting the national team, which did not even have time to pitch up preparatory camp for the World Athletics Championships 2019, forcing the runners to practice in their own.

The team's flight to Doha was bankrolled by Dennis Male of Ambassador Club of Arusha and Mwalimu Thomas Tlanka the owner of the Tal-

ent Club.

Talent Club has produced one of the national team's delegates, Failuna Abdi Matanga, who flew to Qatar earlier on and she is to run on Friday.

Others making up the national team include Alphonse Simbu, Stefano Huche and Augustin Sule.

The trio was bid farewell in Arusha on Thursday, though they are to leave on October 2, 2019.

However they are expected to participate in the showpiece on October 5, 2019.

Gidabuday left Arusha on Thursday to prepare for the national team's abode in Qatar, including securing all the relevant permits for the local athletes.

"It is almost the 'World Cup' for athletics events, which is threshold to 2020 Tokyo Olympics," Gidabuday said.

He noted they fought hard to see the team off to Qatar.

According to the AT official, all athletes are from Arusha and Manyara regions and they have been training here.

The 2019 IAAF World Athletics Championships is the seventeenth edition of the championships.

The showpiece will take place at the renovated, multi-purpose Khalifa International Stadium, in Doha between September 27 and October 6, 2019.

Flexibles by David Chikoko

