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President Samia Suluhu Hassan delivers speech to officiate the Benjamin Mkapa Legacy Symposium one year since the third president died. It was held at Mlimani City Hall in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Photo: State House

Anniversary symposium hails Mkapa health drive

By Guardian Reporters

AS Tanzanians mark one year since the death of former president Benjamin Mkapa, local and foreign observers have borne testimony to the late leader's sentiments for universal healthcare and cutting down on the numbers of material and infant deaths, along with the fight against HIV/Aids.

These are the main areas in the work undertaken by the Benjamin Mkapa

Foundation (BMF) which the third phase president created upon retirement in 2006, and attested by fourth president Jakaya Kikwete as having been a vital partner to the government in construction of medical staff housing and sending healthcare personnel to periphery areas.

Speakers also revisited the way methods designed by the foundation changed the way testing for HIV/AIDS was being approached.

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Deloitte says East African economies on the rebound

By Guardian Reporter

ECONOMIES in the East Africa region are projected to rebound with a growth rate of three per cent in 2021, says a new report by a global audit and financial analysis giant.

Titled 'Navigating New Realities,' the report released yesterday by Deloitte analyses the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on East African economies, surveying Tanzania, Kenya, Ethiopia, Uganda and Rwanda.

Commenting on the region's macro-economic environment, the Deloitte East Africa financial advisory leader Gladys Makumi said that the firm expects East African economic activity to pick up in 2021 with a three per cent growth in comparison to 0.9 per cent in 2020.

"This will be mainly driven by private consumption and domestic demand. However, the recurrence of lockdowns, slow vaccine roll-out across the region, restriction in movements and budgetary pressures in some of the major economies will have a negative impact," she stated.

The COVID-19 pandemic has taken more than four million human lives and seen economic stimulus packages across global economies surpass \$13trn, four times more than the response to the 2008 - 2009 financial crisis.

"Considered the black swan of 2020,

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Z'bar nabs 11 in wrongful Covid clearances episode

By Guardian Reporter

THE Zanzibar Anti-Corruption and Economic Crimes Authority (ZAECA) is holding 11 people for allegedly hacking the Isles' Covid-19 testing and result issuance portal, and issuing negative results to hundreds of travelers.

ZAECA Director General Ahmed Khamis Makarani told reporters here yesterday that the suspects—a mixture of public servants and private individuals—issued a total of 548 negative certificates to travelers who were not tested as required.

The results were issued through genuine documents but were not true because testing did not take place.



Persons travelling to foreign countries with fake documents and undergo fresh tests there showing they are positive means that Zanzibar testing equipment is fake and not safe

"They occasioned a loss of USD 50,000 that would have been collected as fees if the individuals tested as required," he said.

"Unfortunately, those who were issued with fake certificates include top government officials," he remarked, naming the suspects as Rashid Saleh (32), a Michenzani resident working at an orphanage, Peter MasikaWafula (41) said to be a Kenyan national resident of Kwa Mchinda area and working at the Al Rahma private hospital.

Others are Hassan Vuai Hassan (41), a Kwarara resident and works in the Health ministry laboratory, Yassir Said Ali (27), resident of Tomondo and working at Zanzibar Aids Control Programme (ZACP) Covid-19 Centre, Jamal Abbas Abdalla (38), a Kilimani resident working at the Zanzibar International Airport, and Abdalla Mohammed Juma (25) who works in the tourism sector.

Others are Asya Gharib Haji (39), a Mpendae resident working in the Health ministry lab, Salum Haroub Amour (24), Miembeni resident and part time worker

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Coronavirus vaccine import procedures now in final stages

By Getrude Mbago

PRESIDENT Samia Suluhu Hassan yesterday said that the government is finalizing procedures for the importation of Covid-19 vaccines for rolling out to the general public.

Speaking at a legacy symposium held in Dar es Salaam for third phase president, the late Benjamin Mkapa, Samia said final decisions are being made on a number of issues as per advice of experts before pressing the order.

"We are finalising procedures to import Covid-19 vaccines to keep our people safe," she said.

Among undecided issues being discussed by government experts is the type of vaccine to procure among those available, such as Pfizer/BioNTech, AstraZeneca/Oxford, Ad26.COVS developed by Janssen (Johnson & Johnson), Moderna or Sinopharm.

The Head of State further reminded Tanzanians to continue adhering to Covid-19 preventive measures as advised by health experts so as to remain safe.

"Once arrived, the vaccines will be provided

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NBC Bank head of retail sales, Abel Kaseko lifts the trophy after the bank emerged the winner among financial institutions for the fourth time in a row at the just-ended Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair, held in the city. Looking on are Zanzibar Second Vice President Hemed Suleiman Abdullah (2nd R) and the Minister for Industry and Trade, Prof Kitila Mkumbo (R). Photo: Guardian Correspondent



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Finance and Planning minister Dr Mwigulu Nchemba (L) engages with private sector leaders at a CEO roundtable of Tanzania (CEOrt) members' meeting in Dar es Salaam yesterday. He discussed opportunities for partnership between the public and private sectors to stimulate economic growth. Looking on (facing camera) is CEOrt chairperson Sanjay Rughani. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

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the COVID-19 pandemic ravaged through economies both globally and at an East Africa level, with far reaching effects witnessed across several sectors. The pandemic is now considered part of the new normal, though navigating through this new reality is expected to be bumpy and slow with full recovery and rebound in 2021 still largely uncertain," she asserted.

Tewodros Sisay, Deloitte East Africa financial advisory associate director noted that the past year has truly shown that the world is in a new reality. Despite the pandemic taking more than 150,000 lives in Africa and the continent's economy contracting by 2.1 per cent, countries have largely remained resilient amidst the pandemic and continue to charter a new path towards recovery as of the third quarter of 2021.

Recovery will be driven by tourism, agriculture, and manufacturing sectors. Subsequently, it will also be driven by an uptick in investment activity in the private sector with long-term effects of foreign direct investment (FDI) diversification expected to take effect, notwithstanding the 9.6 per cent reduction in FDI inflows into the East African region in 2020, the report indicated. This year's publication provides

high level insights into the continued impact of COVID-19 in East Africa and dives deeper into sectoral analysis, the analyst noted. "We have also incorporated feedback from our clients and readers and have included Rwanda in this year's publication. The publication highlights the COVID-19 sector heat maps across the East Africa countries as well as provides an outlook of the expected performance in 2021," he added.



CCBRT hospital chief executive office Brenda Msangi (C) celebrates with her fellow staff after the hospital's emerged the third winner in medicine, health related services and technology exhibitors category during the 45th Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair just ended on Tuesday at Mwalimu Nyerere grounds along Kilwa Road in Dar es Salaam. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

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to people voluntarily and no one will be forced to take it," she emphasised.

Late last month the president said that Tanzania had joined the COVAX facility for Covid-19 vaccine access for low income countries.

At a meeting with editors at the State House in Dar es Salaam, she said that foreign missions and international organizations are free to ship vaccines and inoculate their

staff and families.

While the general public awaits the vaccine rollout, private health facilities were free to purchase vaccines and charge people who are ready to pay for vaccination, she stated.

"What our experts are deliberating on currently is the type of vaccine to use," the president affirmed, noting that apart from the COVAX facility supplies expected next year, the country has set

aside \$477m (over Itrn/-) for a Covid-19 vaccination campaign and supporting economic sectors hit hard by the coronavirus outbreak.

"Half of the cash will be spent on vaccines, protective gear and other medical equipment with the rest going to stimulate sectors that are reeling from the crisis."

A number of countries and international organizations have shown interest in supporting Tanzania roll out its vaccination

programme, which in part awaits experts to decide on the type of vaccine for the government to press its order.

The COVID-19 Vaccines Global Access, abbreviated as COVAX, is a worldwide initiative aimed at equitable access to COVID-19 vaccines directed by GAVI (the Global Vaccine Alliance), the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations and the World Health Organization.

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at the Medical Stores Department, Arafa Abdul-hakim Muhsin (30), Ministry of Health employee in the at Covid-19 Centre and MbaroukKhamis Ali (43), Masingini resident who works in the Health ministry in the Laboratory Division.

"These people work in the Zanzibar government and private institutions, registered in the authentic Covid-19 certificates system hence they violated the entire system in accessing a secret code for the certificates.

"When they pass at the airport with these certificates the secret codes show the certificate are genuine while they are not, due to tampering with the code for their own benefit in disregard of the wider adverse effects to the country," he explained.

"Persons travelling to foreign countries with fake documents and undergo fresh tests there showing they are positive means that Zanzibar testing equipment is fake and not safe," the director underlined.

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creating a more friendly environment that facilitated more testing and a designed programme to follow in the wake of results.

Other speakers paid tribute to his legacy of transparency, good governance and setting up an institution to lead the fight against corruption as among key aspects of his 10 years in office.

Speaking at a legacy symposium held in Dar es Salaam yesterday, speakers described Mkapa as a leader who contributed immensely in laying the foundation for Tanzania's path to progress that is being seen today.

Apart from his contributions while at the helm, the departed leader noticeably went ahead to mobilize and deploy resources for health sector delivery in periphery parts of the country that were difficult to serve all the time the country has been independent, it was observed.

President Samia Suluhu Hassan paid tribute to the third phase leader and his widow, Anna Mkapa for having brought her up into attaining leadership confidence, the same sentiments expressed by Zanzibar President Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi.

Noticeably the current president served on the board of the Equal Opportunities Trust For All (EOTF) that the third phase first lady organised, and Dr Mwinyi was the founding chairman of the BMF, they said.

Dr Mwinyi invited the BMF leadership to hold its second anniversary legacy symposium in Zanzibar next year, with President Samia underlining that the third phase leader laid great emphasis on Zanzibar reconciliation efforts after the January 2001 riots where scores of people died as police confronted the rioters.

She said that the late Mkapa invested a number of strategies while in office to transform the country's development, fight poverty, corruption and diseases.

"Mkapa was a man of the people, a visionary leader who worked hard to ensure that the underserved Tanzanians are all lifted and move out of poverty. He played a huge role in giving opportunities for the private sector and attracting more investors," he said.

A panelist at the symposium revisiting "The Impact of Mkapa's Life to Society," former chief secretary Ombeni Sefue termed the former Head of State a person and leader who always thought and prioritized development of his people.

"The former president believed in transparency and truth, creating a conducive environment to allow the private sector to work closely with the government in complementing various development initiatives. He supervised to see that no one is left behind," he said.

He was the one who initiated various development and anti-poverty programs including the Tanzania Social Action Fund (TASAF), the Property and Business Formalization Programme, the 2025 National Development Vision and several other initiatives which are still doing well to date.

He also established government institutions including the Tanzania

Revenue Authority (TRA), the Tanzania Roads Agency (TanRoads), the Tanzania National Business Council (TNBC), the Tanzania Commission for AIDS (TACAIDS) and other agencies which have immensely helped to improve governance and service delivery.

In his virtual input, former UK Prime Minister Tony Blair said the late Mkapa was passionate and an outstanding leader not only for Tanzanians but the African continent at large.

"He has contributed a lot in improving quality health care and universal health coverage. I will continue honouring his legacy," he said.

Former US President Bill Clinton said the late Mkapa as played a great role in the fight against HIV/AIDS.

"He was also passionate in strengthening human resources for health, I have worked with him in supporting the scaling up of various health services including catering for HIV/AIDS sufferers as well as grooming young health workers to work across the country," he said.

Dr Jakaya Kikwete, in his remarks described the late Mkapa as a bright, visionary and a great Pan-Africanist.

"He was a passionate leader who cared for the poor, sick and disadvantaged people. All the programmes and institutions which he established while in office and after retiring speak for themselves as to how dedicated and visionary President Mkapa was," he asserted.

Dr Adeline Kimambo, chairperson of foundation, said the organization has reached over 20 million Tanzanians through various programmes especially in the health sector.

"Today also we are going to launch a BMF Endowment Fund to honor the life of our beloved Mkapa. Through the Fund we expect to raise 33.7bn/- in the next five years which will be invested into further supporting health care initiatives in the country as well as other programs to bring positive impacts in the country," she stated.

BMF executive director Dr Ellen Senkoro said the former Head of State was always ahead of time, investing much of his time and efforts to come up with solutions to address challenges facing the country.



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Army officer arrested for 'murder' in Monduli base

By Correspondent Marc Nkwame, Arusha

POLICE in Arusha Region have arrested and are holding in custody a soldier from Monduli base for the Tanzania People's Defence Forces, allegedly in connection with murder incident which occurred last Monday evening at about 4.00pm.

However, the Regional Police Commander ACP Justine Masejo who released the statement report, on Tuesday, did not divulge the suspect's name, only that the army officer is alleged to have killed a Maasai pastoralist, the late Laisi Ole Lemomo (aged 26), last Monday evening, at Lashaine village in Monduli District.

According to the Regional Police Commander Masejo Report, so far a team of state investigators have already been dispatched to Monduli to dig out more information on the matter and as soon as primary investigations have been completed, authorities will release a more detailed statement on the matter.

In yet another development, the Police in Arusha have also apprehended a man believed to be a 'sorcerer' (name withheld) who is a resident of Sombetini area in the city in connection with the child kidnapping, torturing and molesting case which occurred in the area last week.

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The alleged witch doctor is accused of having instructed the primary suspect, the child's step father, a resident of Burka area in the city suburbs, to kidnap then beat up, including torturing and badly molesting a 4-year-old child, being a requirement for voodoo spell to make the man rich.

The poor child who had gone missing from home, was later discovered dumped in a remote deserted place, with fresh grass stuffed inside the mouth, but eventually it came to light that the person who tortured the baby was the child's own guardian.

Due to that therefore the authorities here are warning local residents against resorting to witchcraft when should anybody suspect that there are people practising black magic within their neighbourhood then such matters need to be reported promptly.

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Tanzania Agricultural Development Bank (TADB)'s acting managing director Derick Rugemala (R) briefs Alliance for Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA) chairperson Hailemariam Dessalegn (2nd L) when he visited Bagamoyo based maize flour processing factory owned by two women entrepreneurs who are Joyce Donald Kimaro and Joyce Donati Kimaro the beneficiaries from a loan issued by TADB in partnership with AGRA. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

JNHPP steering committee happy with project pace

By Guardian Correspondent

THE Julius Nyerere Hydro Power Project (JNHPP) steering committee made up of Permanent Secretaries from 15 ministries has been pleased by the project's construction pace.

Minerals deputy Permanent Secretary Kheri Muhimbali led the panel's visit to the project site on Rufiji River.

Speaking on behalf of the committee, the Permanent

Secretary in the Vice President's Office (Environment) Mary Maganga said they were happy with the construction pace which is 54 per cent complete.

She said the permanent secretaries directly involved in the project, continue to work together to ensure the project is completed in time for its inauguration in June, next year. "This project is financed by internal funds; hence we have the responsibility to ensure everything

goes smoothly," she added.

For his part, Mineral Deputy Permanent secretary, Kheri Muhimbali told the committee that his ministry was the main supervisor in the project's implementation and will make sure it works together with the other ministries to ensure the 2,115MW project is completed in time.

He further said they will continue to supervise the project's contractors to make sure they

complete the work within the agreed time.

For his part, TANESCO Managing Director Dr Tito Mwinuka called on Tanzanians to be patient and trust their government as the project will be completed as planned for their own benefit.

The Committee visited various areas at the project site including the tunnel for diverting the water, the dam's walls, turbines' centre and the power generating room.



Mnazi Mmoja hospital secretary Hassan Makeme (C) briefs journalists in Zanzibar yesterday on the patients' precautions against COVID -19. He is flanked by the hospital's medical director Dr Abraham Khalfan and nurses and midwives service director Haji Mnyonge Pandu. Photo: Correspondent Rahma Suleiman

Tanzania can feed Africa, says former Ethiopian Premier

By Guardian Correspondent, Bagamoyo

ALL roads led to Bagamoyo town on Tuesday when former President Jakaya Kikwete and retired Ethiopian Premier Hailemariam Dessalegn visited a giant maize mill jointly financed by Tanzania Agricultural Development Bank (TADB) and the Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA).

The mill is owned by Joydons Tanzania Limited Company and TADB has given the company 1.2bn/- to modernise the factory

After touring the mill, delighted Ethiopian dignitary turned to former President Kikwete and declared to the audience: "Tanzania can feed Africa if there will be exhaustive transformation of agriculture, livestock and fisheries sectors...This mill is evidence of this probability; it is evidence of the huge possibility of adding value to crops."

He said he has been impressed by the kind of investment put in the industrial infrastructure, adding that the mill will spur good agricultural practices and agricultural productivity.

Dessalegn is the AGRA Board Chairman and President Kikwete is AGRA Board member.

TADB Board Chairman Ishmael Kasekwa said their board believes the investment cooperation between TADB and AGRA will trigger off the desired reforms in the agriculture, livestock and fisheries sectors. TADB, he said, will continue to offer soft loans to deserving applicants in the three sectors in order to support Tanzania's industrial revolution.

TADB Acting Managing Director, Derick Rugemala, told the audience the investment was spurred by the great demand in the agriculture sector for that kind industrial infrastructure.

"Tanzania is witnessing massive post-harvest losses for lack of

industries to process products of the three sectors. Because we are aware of this fact, we quickly and easily decided to support this mill to reduce post-harvest losses," he said.

Rugemala said another factor that drove TADB and AGRA into supporting the company is that the company is owned by two women, adding that the two institutions hope the existence of such a modern mill will encourage regions surrounding Coast Region to engage in serious cereal cultivation, especially maize, and that the company will ensure maize growers have guaranteed market for their maize.

Joydons Tanzania Ltd Managing Director, Joyce Donati Kimaro, thanked TADB na AGRA for what she called timely critical investment support to their company. She said the company is buying crops from 1,500 farmers in Coast and Tanga Region and producing some 150 tonnes of maize flour a day and flour is sold to different regions countrywide.

She said with that kind of investment, the company will be able to serve a bigger number of farmers in the country by buying their crops because they need those crops as raw materials.



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Biteko irked by gold smuggling at Stamigold gold mine

By Guardian Reporter, Kagera

MINERALS minister Doto Biteko has said Stamigold Company Limited's general manager, acting managing director and its entire board and workers should assess themselves whether they work for the national interest.

He made the remarks on Tuesday this week during his visit at Stamigold gold mine, a subsidiary company of State Mining Corporation in Biharamulo District, Kagera Region.

Speaking to Stamigold management and workers, he said the government through the ministry was irked by gold smuggling by some unfaithful employees.

"Gold was kind to you to work at this gold mine and I beseech you to nurture it, and it will nurture you, if the firm dies you will lose your jobs," said Biteko.

He directed STAMICO Board Chairman to take disciplinary steps against those involved, and for those who have been taken to

court, disciplinary measures should follow.

For his part, SAMIGOLD General Manager, Eng. Gilay Shamika, submitting his report on the mine's development up to May this year, said all mine workers now work hard to increase production and were ready to protect the mineral resources for the interest of the nation.

He praised STAMICO for its facilitation towards various activities at the mine.

In his visit, Biteko inspected the

mine's infrastructures including the gold refining plant and its tailings storage facility (TSF).

He also visited the mining site for artisanal miners at Matwiga who told him about various challenges they face.

In the visit the minister was accompanied by the Biharamulo District Commissioner kimelembe Rwota, STAMICO Ag. Managing Director Dr Venance Mwashe, Geita Region Resident Mining Officer Lucas Mlekwa and Ag. Secretary of the Commission for Mining,

Canada issues US \$30 million to support govt's under-five birth registration system

By Correspondent Friday Simbaya,

Iringa

THE government of Canada has issued US \$30 million to support Tanzania's under-five birth registration system.

Canada's head of cooperation and senior director (Development) Helen Fytche made the remarks during the launch of the exercise in Iringa Region.

The envoy said the project is an example of innovative partnership between the government of Tanzania, private sector and development partners to join hands and design and roll out an innovative idea for the birth registration of over 5.4 million children since 2013.

"Ensuring access to key services and rights, especially for women and girls, is a priority for Canada under its Feminist International Assistance Policy, as it contributes to eradicating poverty and building a more peaceful, more inclusive and prosperous world," she stated.

She said that the programme will unlock children's rights as citizens and is the first step in getting access to health services, education, and other key rights and protection.

She was accompanied by officials from the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) and Registration Insolvency Trusteeship Agency (RITA).

The system which is under the

Simplified Birth Registration System (SBRS) which was launched in 2013 is rolled-out in 20 out of 26 regions countrywide.

RITA Chief Executive Officer, Emmy Hudson said that the birth registration system is a huge success with more than 6 million children under 5 years registered and certified to date.

She said the one-stop shops for registration and certification in communities where people live makes it easy and accessible. Health facilities and ward offices are official registration and certification offices.



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Defence minister who is also Ushetu MP Elias Kwandikwa receives Uhuru Torch from one of the national racing group members at the border of Shinyanga and Tabora regions yesterday. Photo: Correspondent Neema Sawaka

Minister Mabula orders disciplinary measures against three civil servants

By Guardian Correspondent, Morogoro

Deputy for Minister Lands, Housing and Human Settlements Development Angelina Mabula has ordered for disciplinary actions against three civil servants who defied directives to be transferred from their duty stations from 2018.

The three employees are said to have refused to shift to Kilosa district in Morogoro Region where they were assigned to help in

combating land conflicts which is a serious problem in the area.

The deputy minister made the directives when she visited the district yesterday during her two days tour.

The servants namely William Njia from Dodoma, Kasese Karoli from Kigamboni and Hassan Ally from Chalinze were supposed to report to their new duty station the same year after their colleagues were suspended for failing to address

land conflicts which was a big problem in the area.

The tour was a result of a directive by President Samia Suluhu Hassan which she made at Dumila in the area when she addressed residents on her way to Dodoma last week.

"Legal actions must be taken upon them because defying such an order is illegal and a sign of lack of discipline," she said.

The deputy minister directed Morogoro regional leadership to

form committees to deal with land conflicts timely.

Morogoro Regional Commissioner Martin Shigela lined up a number of initiatives in place to address land conflicts, saying that the region needs support from the ministry responsible.

Recently president Samia revoked title deeds for 11 farms and ordered that it should be divided to residents while others should be given to investors.



Dodoma District Commissioner Jabiri Shekimweri (C) launches K Finance branch office in Dodoma yesterday. Left is the firm's board chairperson Devotha Minzi. Photo: Correspondent Ibrahim Joseph

By Guardian Correspondent, Kibaha

POLICE in Coast Region are holding 71 people, including 20 women allegedly involved in various criminal incidents, including being in possession of stolen goods.

Coast Regional Police Commander Wankyo Nyigesa has said the suspects were nabbed

Police hold 71 for possession of suspected stolen goods

during a special 14-day crackdown conducted in the region's five districts.

Wankyo said among the stolen items alleged found in possession of the suspects include police

uniforms, four motorcycles, 14 mobile phones, seven television sets, two laptops and 35 plastic containers of Mico GHold cooking oil.

Other items found with the

suspects include two electric irons, two decoders, four sticks of heroin, 19 bundles of qat (mirungi), 19 litres of illicit brew (gongo) and two locally made rifles (gobore).

The RPC said the suspects were

still being held by the police for more investigation and will be made court appearance in due time.

He also called on the people to cooperate with the police to unearth criminals in their areas in

order to eradicate crime incidents.

He further said the police insists on the people to engage themselves in legal activities for income generation and desist from crime.

NICTBB contractor urged to abide by project's benchmarks

By Guardian Correspondent, Nanyumbu

COMMUNICATIONS and Technology Deputy minister Eng. Kundo Mathew has instructed the Reddy Fibre firm installing the 72 km National ICT Broadband Backbone (NICTBB) from Mangaka to Mtambaswala to adhere to the given benchmarks for the installation of the infrastructure.

He said in doing so it will enable the contractor to avoid destroying the TARURA and TANROADS road infrastructure as well as water infrastructures.

He gave the instructions here on Tuesday during his visit to inspect the ongoing installation of the broad band in Nanyumbu District, Mtwara Region aimed at boosting communication services in border areas in particular connecting the services with neighbouring Mozambique.

"Any contractor tendered to construct or develop government infrastructures is required to work by adhering to the conditions specified in the contract agreements and submit authentic reports of the said projects so that the government can continue to trust local contractors for our own projects," he added.

Kundo added that he has identified some shortfalls in the installation of the broad band especially in regard to the depth underground for laying the cables and instructed the contractor to make sure the issue is dealt with and pledged to make further inspection

visit.

For his part, Nanyumbu Member of Parliament Yahya Mhata said the ongoing Mangaka-Mtambaswala installation of the NICTBB has created short term jobs to the youth in the constituency.

Raddy Fibre Project Manager, Mohamed Mlanzi said he has received the instructions given by the Deputy Minister and promised to make improvements in areas requiring such improvements.

The Makanga-Mtambaswala NICTBB project will cost 2.4bn/- of which 68 out of 72 kilometres has been completed and a Broad Band distribution centre has been installed and was 94 per cent complete.



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Vodacom Tanzania Plc retail shops manager Vanessa Mlawi displays the trophy the company won during the just ended 45th Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair (DITF). Vodacom Tanzania scooped the award after emerging the best company in the telecommunications sector. Photo: Guardian Correspondent.

8 villages in Tanganyika District earn historic revenues from forest conservation activities

By Guardian Reporter

EIGHT village communities and the Tanganyika district council have received over 1.3bn/- in revenues earned through a contract with the nature-based investor 'Carbon Tanzania' for forest protection activities.

Minister of State in the President's Office Regional Administration and Local Government, Umyy Mwalimu presided over the handing over ceremony in Mpanda on Wednesday.

The event was also be attended by officials from village, district and regional governments.

A press statement from Carbon Tanzania stated that the payments have been earned in return for the communities' efforts to protect their natural forests, legally defined as village land forest reserves.

In 2018 the village governments entered into contracts with Carbon Tanzania defining the process by which successful forest protection would be measured and financially compensated.

By stopping deforestation in their forest reserves the communities are contributing to the global fight against climate change.

"When forests are cut down the greenhouse

gas carbon dioxide is released into the atmosphere. When this is prevented from happening the resulting reduction of emissions is measured as carbon credits," read the statement.

Carbon Tanzania fulfils the role of selling carbon credits to what is known as the Voluntary Carbon Market in order to bring revenues into Tanzania for the forest communities.

The current revenues have been secured from the London based carbon financier Respira International who have entered into a long-term commitment to purchase carbon credits from the project.

They will work with international corporations, who will then purchase the credits and use them to compensate for their own carbon emissions as part of their offsetting programmes.

The village communities, in collaboration with the district authority, will make plans for the budgeting, disbursement and use of the earned revenues in line with local and national development priorities, and in order to fulfil the obligations of the contract with the investor.

This mechanism is a rare example of rural economic development based on the value of nature, which also contributes to the efforts to mitigate global climate change.

Mwambe donates building materials for teachers' toilets and dispensary in Masasi

By Guardian Correspondent, Masasi

Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office (Investment) Geoffrey Mwambe has donated 190 corrugated galvanized iron sheets and 260 bags of cement for the construction of a teachers' toilet, house and dispensary in Masasi constituency.

Speaking on Tuesday during a visit to Chipole and Machombe villages in Marika and Mumbaka wards of Masasi District, Mwambe said the move was to support the government's efforts to address the challenges facing the people of those areas.

"These facilities are part of the government's contribution and efforts in resolving the problems they face in order to improve the environment for the welfare of the people," said Mwambe, who is also an MP for Masasi.

He said of the 260 bags of cement, 100 bags will be used in the construction of a teachers' toilet at Chipole Primary School while 160 bags will be used in the construction of a dispensary in Machombe village.

"I am aware of the challenge of the lack of health facilities and lack of toilets for teachers, so this initiative will help to address the challenge," he said, adding that 30 corrugated galvanized iron sheets have been delivered and the remaining 160 will be delivered in the next few days.

In another development, Mwambe assured the people that the Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Agency (RUWASA) will complete a water project that will enable access to reliable water in the state.

"In terms of water, we have reached a good level and soon water will be readily available and RUWASA people have already reached a good step in completing this project," he said.

Mumbaka Ward Councilor, Hamisi Nikwanya thanked the MP on behalf of the people of the constituency for his efforts to help solve the challenges facing the people of the constituency.

"Sincerely on behalf of my fellow citizens, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the way you are actively involved in solving the various challenges and grievances we face," said Nikwanya.

Hamisi Msusa, a resident of the constituency, said the confidence of many residents lies with the MP and the government in helping them resolve various

grievances and bring development to Masasi.

"Our trust in the government of this phase and in you, our

representative, is great and our hope is that Masasi is making progress and the problems are being resolved in time," said Msusa.

Z'bar, Oman vow to boost historical ties

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

ZANZIBAR President Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi has said his government will enhance its historical ties with Oman including trade, economic and social relations.

Dr Mwinyi made the remarks at Zanzibar State House yesterday when he held talks with Oman's Consul in Zanzibar Said Salim Al-Sinawi, during the latter's visit to introduce himself.

During the talks Dr Mwinyi welcomed the envoy to Zanzibar and assured him that the Zanzibar government and its people to continue enhancing historical ties between the two countries.

He also assured the Oman envoy that the Zanzibar government values all efforts by the Consulate in support of various development projects.

He added that his government was also ready to work together with the Sultanate of Oman towards the reconstruction of Beit Al Jaib and the Peoples Palace at Zanzibar Forodhani area.

He said the construction was of great importance for the Isles development, stressing that there was essential to protect houses in Zanzibar Stone Town due to their historical appearance. He further said air passenger service between Oman and Zanzibar by Oman air has helped to enhance trade between the two countries, stressing that the Isles has many products that are in demand in Oman.

Ambassador Salim Al-Sinawi said the government of Oman was ready to enhance its ties with Zanzibar including its support to Zanzibar's development projects. He said the Oman government recognises the existing ties between the two countries and their people hence his country will boost these ties.

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NBC Bank emerges winner among financial institutions at the DITF

By Guardian Reporter

NBC Bank has continued to be the standout for the fourth time in a row at the Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair, which ended on Tuesday at SabaSaba grounds in the country's commercial capital as it prevails in the group of financial institutions.

Apart from being the main sponsor of the trade fair, the bank was at the forefront facilitating the participation of its various stakeholders in the Fair, including entrepreneurs, as well as sponsoring a business clinic organized in collaboration with the Tanzania Business Development Authority (TANTRADE).

Speaking at the closing ceremony of the exhibition, NBC Bank's Director of Business Banking, Elvis Ndunguru said the bank's participation in the exhibition

has been very productive as they have had the opportunity to serve their customers while opening up new opportunities to partner with various institutions including the Small Industries Development Organization (SIDO).

"In addition to partnering with more than 16 institutions in achieving a business clinic in this exhibition, we have successfully opened doors to other institutions that cater to emerging entrepreneurs and businessmen including SIDO so that we can join forces to serve these key stakeholders who contribute to industry and trade growth," he said.

He added that during the exhibition the bank had the opportunity to host various guests including senior government officials like Vice President, Dr. Phillip Mpango, who launched the exhibition, other ministers as well as the Second Vice President of

Zanzibar, Hemed Suleimani Abdulla, who also applauded the bank's efforts in helping entrepreneurs in the country.

"As a bank we are fully committed to ensuring that we act on all the views expressed by senior government officials and clients who visited our pavilion with the aim of ensuring that we design services that match their needs," he said. "NBC Bank has maintained a close relationship with SMEs and that is why we continue to design products that meet their needs such as non-collateral loans, digital services which save a lot of time as well as lower operating costs which aim at increasing productivity in their businesses," he said.

Speaking on the new partnership between the bank and his institution, SIDO CEO Eng. Prof. Sylvester Mpanduji thanked the bank for opening doors with the

institution while noting that it clearly shows the bank's intention to bring about a service revolution by supporting the industrial and commercial sector.

"This new partnership with NBC Bank demonstrates the bank's commitment to uplifting and supporting Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs). SIDO

welcomes this new partnership and is ready to work with the bank for the prosperity of the small-scale industrial sector and traders in the country," he said.



Director general of workers compensation fund (WCF), (Left) attends to a visitor at the Fund's pavilion during the 45th Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair that ended yesterday. WCF had emerged the winner in the category of Issuance and Pension Funds Institutions. Photo: Guardian Photographer

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Job Title: Regional Project Coordinators

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The project on beekeeping, funded by the European Union, has a duration of 4 years with an inception phase of 6 months.

The project is taking place under the 11th EDF National Indicative Programme for Tanzania (2014-2020) in which Sustainable Agriculture is a focal sector with the specific objective to "enhance management of natural resources, including forests, and ecosystem services for sustainable agriculture development and climate change adaptation". The European Union Action Document for Beekeeping Value Chain Support contributes to that objective and also to the Planet and Prosperity pillars.

The overall objective of the project is enhancing the beekeeping industry for inclusive growth, poverty reduction and food security in Tanzania.

The specific objective is to ensure that high quality honey is produced in an environmentally sustainable manner leads to increased market penetration.

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- Market links and Trade of bee products strengthened

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- You coordinate and facilitate the partnership between the implementing agencies, the EU, the partner countries where the project activities are implemented together with key stakeholder groups (private sector, civil society and governments) ;
- You manage the operational and financial planning, monitoring of the achievement of the results, and collecting and providing timely monitoring and evaluation reporting ;
- You coordinate the activities executed by the agencies and ensure optimal implementation in line with the decisions made by the project management unit and the suggestions for strategic orientations and synergies made by the steering committee and ensure the envisioned impact of the project is achieved ;
- You ensure the quality of the technical outputs and permanent quality improvement ;

- You lead the team to leverage the talents and motivation of each staff and ensure result-oriented project management ;
- You contribute to capacity development of partner organisations (to be specified in accordance with project) ;
- You advise on the basis of your technical expertise, in order to achieve performance in accordance with national and international norms and standards ;
- You organise knowledge building and knowledge management in order to create an inclusive, informed climate of trust within the project.

The Regional Project Coordinator reports to the Project Manager

Your profile

Required qualifications and experience

- Bachelor's degree in Agricultural Economics/Natural Resource Management or related field;
- Minimum 3 years of relevant experience in project management of international development programmes in field of Sustainable Forest Management or Natural Resources Management
- Experience in European funded projects or programmes is an asset ;
- Must be a Tanzanian Nationality

Required skills and knowledge

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Vodacom Tanzania foundation donates to premature babies

By Guardian Reporter

EIGHT regions have so far benefitted from the donation of lifesaving equipment provided to various health centres and clinics across the country by Vodacom Tanzania Plc through Vodacom Foundation.

The mobile phone company has partnered with Doris Mollel Foundation in donating lifesaving equipment to various health facilities across the country.

The regions which has so far benefited from the donation include Tabora, Mwanza, Dodoma, Rufiji, Mbeya, Lindi, Kigoma and Coast regions.

Late last year donations were made to Muriet health center in Arusha totalling 32m/-, St Mary's Kibara hospital in Mara Region which received equipment worth 58m/- and Mlele health center in Katavi which received equipment worth 50m/-.

The equipment donated included oxygen concentrators, baby warmers, feeding tubes,

blankets, blood oxygen meters and other vital equipment needed to care for prematurely born babies.

Speaking about the Foundation's role in supporting lives of premature babies, the Director, Rosalynn Mworira said: "We are glad to support maternal health care in the country because this is an area we feel is critical to survival of our nation."

Mworira said that for over a decade, Vodacom Tanzania Foundation have been keen to improve the health of Tanzanians by leveraging its mobile technology to address the most pressing matters in health issues in order to reduce maternal deaths.

Mworira added: "These interventions are not limited to the regions mentioned above but rather are nationwide and have been recognized as being of significant impact. Recently, the Foundation was acknowledged by the Ministry of Health, Community Development, Elderly and Gender for its equipment donations in partnership with the Tanzania

Red Cross Society to the Dodoma Referral Hospital which included baby beds, warmers, photo therapy machines and others."

She said the effects of these interventions are measurable giving an example of Sengerema and Shinyanga regions where the foundation's programmes have contributed to a decrease of 30 per cent in mortality rates.

She added the initiatives also play a role in building health infrastructure whereas after completion of the first phase of construction of the CCBRT Moyo Center will have the capacity to attend to more than 12,000 women.

"Statistics show that each year, approximately 213,000 babies are born prematurely or with low birth weight, of whom more than 13,000 die due to complications arising from that prematurity," said Mworira adding that Vodacom foundation will continue supporting the program in order to continue saving lives of pre mature babies.

SADC ministers of ICT, transport, information and meteorology meet to discuss sectoral issues

By Guardian Reporter

SOUTHERN African Development Community (SADC) ministers responsible for transport, Information Communication Technologies (ICT), Information and Meteorology have discussed various sectoral issues of infrastructure development in support of regional integration and development.

The meeting was opened by Janfar Abdulai, Mozambique Minister of Transport and Communications and Chairperson of the SADC committee of ministers responsible for transport, ICT, information, and meteorology.

He noted that this year SADC has witnessed the completion of regional projects such as construction of the Kazungula Bridge linking Botswana and Zambia and the installation of meteorological equipment in SADC member states to improve the early warning system and the field of information and communication technologies in meteorology.

He said Mozambique's geostrategic location and the existence of a complex of road, rail and port infrastructure gave the country enhanced accountability in the region, especially in logistics for imports and exports from the hinterland member states.

In the communications field, he said, the region faces challenges to meet the goals of promoting access to broadband to reduce the digital divide and accelerate the development of SADC countries.

The COVID-19 pandemic

demanding quality in telecommunications to enable telework, therefore there was a need for these goals to be achieved immediately and not in 2025 as planned.

Abdulai said at a time the effects of climate change were already being felt in the world and in the region, hence the need for SADC to harmonise and complement the different strategies and actions for greater efficiency and effectiveness in the provision of meteorological and hydrological services.

SADC Executive Secretary, Dr Stergomena Tax highlighted notable achievements recorded in the transport, ICT, information, and meteorology sectors including the development of Model Legislative Provisions (MLPs) that have served as guidelines for implementation of agreed policies.

The Executive Secretary commended Member States for the on-going postal digital transformation efforts which are aimed at ensuring long-term relevancy and diversity of the sector.

On the transport sector, the ministers approved the establishment of the SADC Alliance of NGOs for Road Safety (SANRS) application for consultative membership to the Road Transport and Road Traffic Committee.

Ministers urged the remaining Member States to consider signing the SADC Air Safety Organisation (SASO) Charter to enable full its operationalization and urged Member States who are not yet members of the Single African Air

Transport Market (SAATM) SAATM to expedite actions for signature of the Solemn Commitment to join SAATM for optimisation of benefits from Africa Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) and to effectively participate in the African Union programmes and projects on aviation related matters

As part of the implementation of the SADC Corridors Development Strategy, the Ministers noted construction of transport corridors and One Stop Border Post (OSBP) between SADC Member States which include Kazungula Bridge and OSBP between Botswana and Zambia, Mwami/Mchinji OSBP between Zambia and Malawi, Tunduma OSBP between United Republic of Tanzania and Zambia, and Beitbridge OSBP between South Africa and Zimbabwe.

On meteorology, Ministers called for the strengthening of the cooperation between SADC and World Meteorological Organisation (WMO), the Ministers encouraged Member States to collaborate with WMO to enhance delivery of National Meteorological and Hydrological Services (NMHS) to better serve society and socio-economic needs.

Regarding the Meteorological Association of Southern Africa (MASA) which was established to, among others, promote the development, establishment and operation of efficient, affordable and accessible meteorological services within the SADC region, the Ministers noted the offer by the United Republic of Tanzania to host the MASA Secretariat.



Chibila village farmers in Ileje District, Songwe Region display maize when Hans R Neuman Stiftung programme officers visited them to train them on agriculture reserves recently. Photo: Correspondent Nebart Msokwa

Govt directs creation of one stop service centre for GBV victims

By Guardian Reporter, Kigoma

COMMUNITY Development, Gender, Elders and Children Deputy Minister Mwanaidi Ali Khamis has directed for the establishment of one stop centres for victims of gender based violence (GBV) and child abuse acts to facilitate the hearing of their cases and speed up delivery of justice.

She gave the instruction here on Tuesday soon after visiting the Kigoma Resident Magistrates Court at which she received reports on the conduct of GBV and child abuse cases including challenges thereof faced by court officials.

She said together with existing efforts to establish service centres for GBV and child abuse victims, more efforts were needed in collaboration with the government

to reduce or completely eradicate these criminal acts.

She also thanked development partners involved in the fight against acts of GBV and child abuse for establishing hand-to-hand centres including their efforts to see these vile acts are eliminated.

Earlier, submitting his report to the Deputy Minister, Kigoma Senior Resident Magistrate Gadiel Mariki said the Court has collected views from stakeholders on criminal justice to be heard in juvenile courts.

Some of court officials recommended the improvements in the to be established GBV victims service centres and working tools.

The Deputy Minister also visited various entrepreneur groups to see how they have benefitted by loans from Kigoma-Ujiji Municipal Council.

CSOs to support government efforts in combating the COVID-19 pandemic

By Alima Nkwong, HMC

RIGHTS Defenders and Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) have expressed interest to support government efforts in combating the COVID-19 pandemic through conducting awareness campaigns and research on the proper COVID-19 vaccine recommended for the people

The National Coordinator of the Tanzania Human Rights Defenders Coalition (THRDC) Onesmo Olungurumwa (pictured) declared yesterday in Dar es Salaam that Human Rights activists who are CSOs are ready to support the paramount approach so as to avoid bringing in vaccines that might have a devastating impact to the people.

“CSOs are ready to help the government identify the type of the vaccine to be used and can also advise on how they can be disseminated so that it can reach everyone in the country” he emphasized

He also directed members of the coalition to make sure they observe barrier measures when carrying on with their activities



as they have been doing since the outbreak of the pandemic hence protecting themselves and those around.

“Make sure to take precautions during meetings like observing social distance, putting on facemasks and sanitizing yourselves all the time and don’t forget to also wash your hands under clean running water” he encouraged

He also recognized contributions already made by the civil society through its various awareness campaigns in educating the public

and also providing key facilities like hand sanitizers while encouraging them to continue being part of the government’s efforts in the fight against the pandemic during this third wave.

Olungurumwa also stressed that CSOs who are part of the health community in the country can also educate the citizens on the importance of the vaccine in relation to the current situation faced by the world at large as far as the pandemic is concerned.

As referred to the report given last week by the minister for health, community development, Gender, Elderly, and children Dr. Dorothy Gwajima disclosed that 408 new COVID-19 cases have been recorded over the national territory since the third wave of the viral outbreak was discovered here, where 284 are being assisted with oxygen machines.

This calls for vigilance as the minister also insisted that citizens should continue observing precautionary measures against this third wave which can not only be easily spread amongst older people but also to the younger group.

EU helps WFP in providing food assistance to displaced people in northern Mozambique

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THE United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) has welcomed a Euros 6.7 million contribution from the European Union (EU) to support communities forced to flee their home in Northern Mozambique with food assistance.

The EU through the European Commission’s Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Department (ECHO) is supporting WFP’s response in northern Mozambique, a region with one of the fastest-growing displacement crises.

Since last May, the violence in Cabo Delgado province has displaced over 732,000 people, seven times more than the same period last year.

Antonella D’Aprile, WFP’s Representative in Mozambique said: “The humanitarian situation in northern Mozambique has pushed people to the edge. Those who managed to survive the attacks are forced to leave everything behind, including their livelihoods. We appreciate the European Union for stepping forward to ensure internally displaced people continue to receive urgent food assistance.”

Head of the European Union’s Humanitarian Aid office for Southern Africa and the Indian Ocean region, Alexandre Castellano said: “It is concerning that as the fragile security situation in Mozambique’s Northern Province of Cabo Delgado continues to deteriorate, thousands of families are being displaced and require urgent humanitarian assistance. At the EU, we are committed to

working with partners, like the WFP, to bring life-saving assistance to the vulnerable populations, most of whom have lost their main sources of livelihood.”

WFP will provide food to 360,000 internally displaced people (IDPs) for four months.

Families will either receive a food ration composed of rice, pulses, and oil covering 80 per cent of their daily kilocalorie requirements, for those who live in places where supplies are available in retailers and the security situation is adequate, a voucher of MZN 3,600 (around EUR 47.00).

Vouchers can be redeemed at selected retail shops to purchase food and other essential items, such as soap, sanitary supplies, detergents, toothpaste, and water sanitizers. Cash-based transfers (CBT) provide immediate relief for struggling families while positively

impacting the local economy and building economic resilience.


WFP will support over 32,200 children under five years old, and pregnant and nursing mothers through the treatment of Moderate Acute Malnutrition (MAM) of as part of the National Nutrition Rehabilitation Programme (PRN) in Cabo Delgado, Nampula, and Niassa provinces.

The EU is supporting 8,000 children under 5 years old for three months as a part of the WFP’s nutrition assistance which aims to prevent MAM among the displaced population.

Given the fragile security situation, WFP will also work to strengthen local capacity in terms of protection. With the Euros 6.7 million allocation to the WFP, DG ECHO is currently funding four WFP actions in Mozambique with a total amount of Euros 12.3 million.



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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR QUOTATION (RFQ) FOR PRINTING TOOLS (BOOKS)
RFQ No: MGIT/03/04/21
ISSUED DATE: 14th July, 2021

INTRODUCTION/BACKGROUND

Maryland Global Initiatives Tanzania (MGIT) is an International Non –Government organization under University of Maryland Baltimore funded by Center for Diseases Control (CDC). MGIT is providing technical assistance to the Regional Health Management Teams (RHMT) under Ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender Elderly and Children.

MGIT is requesting for competitive quotes from reputable companies to print and deliver printed tools (books) for National AIDS Control Program (NACP) as per technical and Schedule of requirements below.

Potential bidders are requested to include the following details in the Response for RFQ;

- Submission of Company and business registration documents which are: Printing Valid Business license, Tax Identification Number (TIN), Value Added Tax (VAT) and Tax clearance certificate.
- Price schedule (Price quoted in TZS should be inclusive of all taxes and other charges together with all delivery logistics to MGIT office.)

Other Requirements

- There are two (2) lots. Bidders can quote for both but it is not mandatory that all lots will be awarded to one bidder. Award for every lot will depend on price quoted, delivery time and technical capability after physical visit of the printing factory of proposed vendor(s)
- Validity period of the quote should be not less than 30 days
- Payment terms: 100% payment after delivery, payment will be affected not more than 30 days after delivering all printed tools.

Evaluation criteria

Bidders will be evaluated by the following evaluation criteria

- Meeting all set criteria stipulated above
- Total price quoted for each lot
- Delivery time for each lot
- Technical capability after physical verification together with reference/experience

Quotation Submission Instructions

- Sealed Envelope with Subject and RFQ number should be address to: The Country Director, Maryland Global Initiatives Tanzania, P. O. Box 75568, Dar es Salaam.
- Quotations submitted in unsealed envelope, via email or beyond set deadline will not be accepted.
- Office Location: 6 Kenyatta Drive, Oyesterbay, Dar es Salaam. Tel: +255 22 26666849
- Deadline for submission: Wednesday 21st July, 2021 at 12:00 noon.

Technical Specifications and Schedule of Requirement

Attachment

Lot	Book description to be printed	Book specifications		Qty
1	Register book (Kitabu cha Regista ya huduma za uchunguzi na upimaji wa VVU, Uhakiki ubora na matumizi ya vitenganishi)	Size	61.5 cm x 37 cm	12,810 Books
		Cover	Full color, Top cover be art paper 250gsm glossy and back cover should be 250gsm. Top cover color is in Light blue color and back cover in brown color	
		Inside paper	NCR, Black & white, 50 top papers + 50 bottom papers. Should be with separator (240gsm buff manila)	
		Finishing	Finishing: Cloth binding/Side binding	
2	Monthly summary book (Kitabu cha muhitasari wa Taarifa ya mwezi)	Size	A3	5,876 Books
		Cover	Full color, Top cover be art paper 300gsm glossy and back cover should be straw board (hard cover). Should have inside cover (flip)	
		Inside paper	80gsm, Full color, 50 top papers + 50 bottom papers (NCR). Top paper and bottom paper all are full color	
		Finishing	100pages for each book (50 originals + 50 copies) PLUS 4 sheets at the end of the book (these sheets are single color, 70gsm MF paper and one-sided print)	
		Finishing	Cloth binding/Side binding	

Note: In case you need to see physical the hard copies are available at MGIT offices’

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Social health insurance schemes in Africa should not leave out the poor

HEALTH insurance (medical insurance) is a type of insurance that covers the whole or a part of the risk of a person incurring medical expenses. As with other types of insurance is risk among many individuals. By estimating the overall risk of health risk and health system expenses over the risk pool, an insurer can develop a routine finance structure, such as a monthly premium or payroll tax, to provide the money to pay for the health care benefits specified in the insurance agreement. The benefit is administered by a central organisation, such as a government agency, private business, or not-for-profit entity.

According to the Health Insurance Association of America, health insurance is defined as 'coverage that provides for the payments of benefits as a result of sickness or injury. It includes insurance for losses from accident, medical expense, disability, or accidental death and dismemberment'.

Health insurance history was made in Tabora region last weekend when NMB Bank Plc officially rolled out its financing of farmers' medical services scheme in conjunction with the National Health Insurance Fund (NHIF).

The bank has initially set aside 5bn/- to finance the 'Cooperative Health' insurance scheme which last week recruited two Tabora tobacco cooperative unions as partners, allowing their members to get interest-free loans to finance their annual insurance premiums.

Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa launched the first formal rollout of the scheme on Saturday when he presented three beneficiaries with NHIF cards during an event to mark the International Cooperatives Day held nationally in Tabora.

In his speech, Majaliwa thanked financial institutions such as NMB for supporting the government's efforts

to revive cooperatives and make them robust economically. "We in government are satisfied with the support that financial institutions such as NMB are giving to cooperative unions. We are also persuading banks to address the issue of high interest rates which they are now working on with experts at the Bank of Tanzania," he stated.

The NMB sponsored health insurance cards were given by the prime minister to representatives of tobacco farmers, Kulwa Mfaume, Saleh Mpemba and Athanas Semeduke. They are part of an initial 102 cards the lender is backing up, under the scheme.

NMB's Chief of Retail Banking, Filbert Mponzi said the bank plans to increase the 5bn/- earmarked for lending to over 300,000 farmers across the country. "This amount will be increased depending on demand for the service and how farmers respond to the health insurance loans scheme," he said.

Deals with WETCU and Mirambo Cooperative Unions represent over 200 farmers' cooperative societies in the region. It will be a game changer in the insurance sector as apart from supporting productive farming, as the NMB's main reason for investing in the scheme is to back state plans for universal health coverage in the country.

Under the arrangement, insurance loans to the farmers are interest free and will be repaid after harvesting and selling their produce. "Today is a historic day for NMB as a strategic development partner for the government and as a bank that serves more than four million Tanzanians. This scheme will ease availability of health insurance for tobacco farmers in Tabora and their peers across the country," the banker explained.

Agribusiness Retail Banking director Issac Masusu said NMB will also issue the next batch of 90 'Cooperative Health' cards in Kahama district of Shinyanga region.

Public financial management reforms a key driver for enabling economic growth

PUBLIC financial management reforms are a key driver for enabling economic growth, improved service delivery and overall development in the country. Tanzania's economic and development vision was to transform Tanzania into a semi-industrialised middle-income country with a high level of human development by 2025. Consequently, the country places great emphasis on increasing domestic revenue mobilisation and implementing fundamental reforms in the area of public finance. Enhancing the supply of and demands for accountability is vital to ensure that potential tax revenue increases are utilised for the country's development.

Tanzania's public finance system is strengthened in accordance with the principles of good financial governance, specifically transparency, efficiency, and accountability.

The programme follows the holistic "Good Financial Governance" (GFG) approach by engaging in different areas of public financial management, while actively fostering synergies between its different fields of action. By applying a capacity-development strategy based on assessments of partners' needs, the programme conducts on- and off-the-job training and delivers organisational development expertise. It aims at improving stakeholder capacity and ownership to promote a sustainable application of results by the partners beyond the end of the programme cycle.

To achieve this goal, the GFG programme works in four closely related fields of action: Improving

external audit by building up the individual and institutional capacities of the National Audit Office of Tanzania (NAOT) as the supreme audit institution. Consolidating the internal audit system by providing strategic and organisational advice as well as targeted capacity building measures to strengthen the internal audit units of selected ministries and local authorities.

Supporting the system of own source revenue by aiming to increase local revenue. The GFG programme advises selected Local Government Authorities (LGA) on how to better manage own revenues in an efficient and transparent manner. Data management and improvement of quality and consistency of revenue data are the key work streams.

Enhancing social accountability by promoting dialogue between citizens and the government both at the local and national level. The programme promotes gender equality and mainstreaming by building the capacities of the "Women, Youth and People with Disability Fund", which funds small-scale business projects for disadvantaged groups.

The GFG programme empowers central actors along the accountability chain, thus systematically increasing transparency, efficiency and accountability in Tanzania.

GFG supported the Internal Auditor General's Division (IAGD) in elaborating a national "Strategy for the further development of the internal audit system in the public sector of Tanzania", which was officially adopted on 23 December 2019. This is an important milestone for improving the internal audit system in Tanzania.

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By Ismail Lagardien

WHEN one walks around the trials and tribulations of Jacob Zuma, metaphorically of course, it's hard to shake the sense that it represents a visage of rising Afro-nationalism, the African variant of the ethno-nationalism that besets much of the European world. I don't say that lightly.

Here we are, then, Tuesday morning 6 July (when I usually write this column) and Zuma's people are trying to prevent him from being imprisoned – after he has been sentenced.

There was an "order" of sorts, to arrest him if he failed to present himself to the authorities last Sunday, but he finagled a way of staying out of prison for at least a few more days. We have to wait and see.

By the time this column goes to press he may well be in shackles and behind bars. However, my gut feeling and from more than three decades of observing South African politics – especially acutely over the past decade or so – tells me that Zuma will not be arrested and he may not serve time in prison.

At best, I suspect, he would be placed under some kind of house arrest, or the courts will reconsider the order that he be arrested and suspend his sentence. The worst-case scenario is that never mind South Africa's rather comprehensive legal corpus, the Zuma case will be politicised to the extent that it might affect the body of South African law.

An all too brief summary of the law – by a non-legal person

South Africa has something of a hybrid legal system made up of a combination of English common law and civilian Roman-Dutch legal principles that can be traced to a civilian (colonial political) heritage. In this context, court procedure owes much to the common law tradition that includes adversarial trial, detailed case reports (including dissenting judgments) and general adherence to precedent.

In parallel to this, what is essentially a European system is customary law. In terms of Sections 30 and 31 of the Constitution, customary law is an equal partner in this hybrid legal system. Customary law was defined by the Constitutional Court in *Bhe v Magistrate Khayelitsha* (15 October 2004) and is made up of three different forms: law that is practised in the community; law that is found in statutes, case law or textbooks on official customary law, and academic law.

The current hybrid system in a sense replaces the wilful imposition of laws during the settler colonial and colonial era, which were generally foreign. This typically

Zuma saga could become a milestone in the spread of Afro-nationalism



Jacob Zuma 'too old to go to jail', says Malema

marginalised or completely ignored the laws of indigenous people. A corollary of this is that local common law – that which stems from Roman-Dutch and English law – excluded African customary laws, which held together, so to speak, the indigenous people of southern Africa.

The key, here, is that since the end of apartheid, there have been attempts to ensure that African Customary Law is developed and given the same standing as the common law which historically favoured the colonisers. In so doing the attempt is to reconcile African Customary Law with the Constitution of 1996. Out of this ought to emerge a legal pluralism through the application of both African Customary Law and common law, and this pluralism can contribute to building social cohesion – with one law dominating the other, or two different legal approaches for the same "crime".

It is worth bearing in mind that during English colonial rule, there was a system of "Native Administration" – a type of indirect rule. In terms of this policy, indigenous people could rule themselves according to indigenous law in certain matters (like marriage) while the colonial state retained exclusive jurisdiction over matters such as serious crime. I should stop here, as I am insufficiently qualified to say any more than that which I have presented here, nicht abgesichert – insufficiently protected from criticism.

My formal knowledge of legal matters was acquired during my study of international trade law with a focus on the pre-Meiji era in Japan where legal and political systems operated in tandem with Japanese social customs and put a lot of pressure on people to resolve problems among themselves without the aid of lawyers. It should be said, though, that in the Meiji Era there were no lawyers, as we know them today, in Japan. During the Tokugawa period (1603-1867) there

was a great emphasis on social harmony.

Imagining a life beyond the Magna Carta and 'the African Way'

A set of questions arise. Can indigenous or "traditional" law supersede common law, and given the rising nativism and an African turn towards a type of ethno-nationalism that besets the European world, destabilise South African society and force a retreat into indigeneity?

Let's face it, whether we like it or not, South Africa's Constitution is crafted on the basis of western liberal democracy and more particularly, on principles drawn from the Magna Carta which has (since the 13th century) served as the basis for individual rights in Anglo-American jurisprudence.

In step with this (if I may be so bold), South Africa has embraced late capitalist or industrial modernity that is constantly transforming our social and political economic relations. Given that the swelling radical economic transformation (RET), grouping wants nothing to do with anyone that has anything to do with "white monopoly capital" and periodically speaks of "decoupling" from the global political economy, at what point do they make the point that Zuma is being judged by non-African laws, and he is not treated in "the African way" – a bit (slightly) like pre-Meiji era Japan shirked conventional Eurocentric jurisprudence in favour of indigenous settling of arguments for the sake of social cohesion.

We know, already, that there have been veiled threats of violence. Zuma's lawyer, Christopher Mpofu, has threateningly said that sending the former president to jail could "create another Marikana" and that such a decision would "go against the will of the people". Here "the people" determine Zuma's fate, and not the legal system. Julius Malema, the putative leader of the RET faction, is on the record as saying white people should apologise, "for their rape, for their murder. When

they apologise, they must do it the African way. We need cattle... a synonym of money. They must pay us billions and billions."

In April 2016, Zuma told the National House of Traditional Leaders he would be "very happy that we solve the African problems in the African way because if we solve them only legally they become too complicated. Law looks at one side only, they don't look at any other thing... They [courts of law] deal with cold facts and I was complaining [about] that, but they're dealing with warm bodies. That's the contradiction."

That year, Zuma specifically said he would prefer that the Nkandla matter be dealt with "in an African way" rather than through a court of law – the very law that Zuma swore to uphold and protect.

What we are faced with, it seems to me, is that the law – I spent some time and space above to lay it out the best I understand it as a lay person – is largely derived from European principles and practices (and therefore "non-African"). There is a pluralism in South African law that makes for traditional law operating alongside common law (a hybrid system that includes English common law, civilian Roman-Dutch legal principles, and customary law).

Politically, however, there is a push-back against anything non-African, coupled with an increase in demand for an Afro-centric nationalism (an African Nationalism, so to speak), that breaks with all things associated with "white monopoly capitalism" which is code-speak for everything from modernity, land ownership to providing the basis for decolonising everything.

What, then, does all of this hold for a future South Africa? There is already an increase in scapegoating of non-Africans, repeated insistence on "the African way" and challenging the Constitution (based as it is in principles derived from the Magna Carta), all of which has distinct echoes with ethno-nationalism (white nationalism) and a fear that the West is losing its grip on the world, and that "the massive influx of non-whites is bad for the West".

So, with the Zuma case, are we perhaps not witnessing the advent of Afro-nationalism, the African variant of the ethno-nationalism of the European World, and a rejection of the mainly Eurocentric body of South African law, never mind its pluralism and hybridity along with everything "non-African?" There certainly is a lot to think about. We're still allowed to think what we want, non?

Where money talks, politics walks: The case for taking private money out of party funding

By Daniel Herwitz

ALL democracies are works in progress, rebuilding their boats while at sea. The time is now for both South Africa and the US to seek radical change in the political funding process. In the US, a winner is one who is on a roll (bankroll). Fortunately, South Africa has a head start on this, having now begun to implement the Political Party Funding Act of January 2019.

The recent absencing of Minister of Health Dr Zweli Mkize raises questions about democratic governance that go far beyond issues of corruption. The R2-million paid to Digital Vibes for Mkize's appearance on the SABC's news programmes seems to have been largely raised to fund the ANC, with a relatively small fraction of the money diverted to himself and his family.

The idea that a minister of government should be paid to appear on an organ of the state (the SABC) is of course outrageous. But it points to a political funding model that is flawed to the point where it is almost certain to require such corruption. That is, that political parties must raise their own cash.

It is well known that the ANC is out of money and must seek ways to pay its operating costs. Under such circumstances there are only three possibilities: small donations by a broad constituency, donations on a massive scale by individual or corporate donors, or corrupt diversion of funds. South Africa lacks a broad population with money to donate, and also lacks powerhouse donors, so is left only with the third alternative.

It is a bad alternative. But so are the first two.

Let me share with you the "example" of my alma mater, the US.

I am a person who splits his time between America and South Africa and has witnessed close-hand how the US funding model has run roughshod over the democratic politics of representation in the past 30 years. At its best the US relies on the first alternative - modest donation by a broad swathe of the population. This model works well for the funding of parastatal entities such as National Public Radio and the Public Broadcasting Service. But it works at best sporadically when it comes to funding political candidates, given the likelihood that party politics will anyway end up marginalising them (look at what happened to Bernie Sanders, for example).

As a norm, US politics rely on the second funding alternative. Big donors sponsor and even create political candidates, as the Koch brothers did with Scott Walker, who, thanks to a barrage of political adverts in all media



outlets of dubious truth value, all negative, was propelled into office as governor of Wisconsin. Wisconsin had formerly been a solid democratic union, working-class state, but in our post-industrial world of worker uncertainty that state went rogue right wing with Walker at the helm. What Walker did to his state from 2011 to 2019 - stripping universities of funding, rolling back workers' rights, greasing the palms of those who wanted bigger and more spectacular guns - became a model for Trump's aggressive, "populist" America.

As with all things in America, eventually the funding of political candidates turned into an expanding market, into which major investment of capital now leads to significant capital gains for the investor: tax write-offs for real estate, easing of rules allowing corporations to relocate elsewhere for tax advantage, whittling away of regulation protecting workers and populations from environmental waste, elimination of safety oversight, etc. All of which contributes to spiralling inequality and further populist rage.

American elections are now often decided by who puts the most money into a media blitz on TV, talk radio and the internet. As the conversation of democracy, or what is often called "the public sphere", is increasingly marginalised by this tactic, genuine debate and the articulation of political ideas - which prove unsuitable to these tactics - reduces to sound bite and 30-second accusation without evidence. This flattens the conversation of democracy into an accumulation of memes,

branding images and negative tropes.

This gradual erasure of real conversation has in turn been a central catalyst for the "post-truth society", since candidates win on the basis of how many negative ads they can roll out with consistency and intensity. And so John Kerry, a decorated Vietnam War hero, long-time member of the US Senate and presidential candidate for the Democratic Party opposing George Bush Junior, or "baby Bush", in 2004, was in part vanquished because of "swift-boat advertising", which portrayed his war record as fabricated. These ads, hammering away at network television, gradually take on subliminal force, as in: say it often enough and it becomes true.

Federal caps on third-party campaign spending were the next to come under attack as competition between big donors required an influx of more and more cash on their parts to vanquish competitors. And so the Citizens United case, heard before the US Supreme Court in 2010, led to a big victory for the big donor. This was because the court agreed with the argument that a cap is unconstitutional, deciding this on the grounds that political donation qualifies as freedom of speech and is therefore protected under First Amendment rights.

This wild inflation of First Amendment rights opened the door to a literalisation of the phrase "money talks". Since money talks, and talk is protected, there can no more be a cap on the amount of money donated than on the amount of speech a person

may use.

Political donation, now enshrined as a First Amendment liberty, is now justified in all cases that speech is justified. And in America the only constraints on freedom of speech are 1) if it represents a direct threat or 2) an incitement to violence.

America finally got to the point where the network news would report which candidate had outspent the other week by week, as if this qualified the "winner" for office. A winner is one who is on a roll (bankroll).

The US has a genius for the ex-

tension of market principles into ever new domains of life. Politics has become the most recent victim of this market expansion. South Africa should therefore hardly look to replace its also bankrupt political funding system with the big-shouldered alternative of the US.

All democracies are works in progress, rebuilding their boats while at sea. The time is now for both countries to seek radical change in the political funding process.

Fortunately South Africa has a head start on this: The Politi-

cal Party Funding Act of January 2019, which regulates private contributions to political parties. Valli Moosa, in a Daily Maverick op-ed on 28 September 2020, hailed this act as of lasting importance, also pointing out more acerbically that it has yet to be adequately deployed. But as he rightly says, the issue is also crucially state funding for political parties, which would level the playing field and at least reduce the need for Mkhize-style corruption. It is something to pursue, if South Africa does not aspire to the American road, paved as it is with gold and diamonds.



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Invitation to Tender and Framework Agreements setup Construction Works

ITT/SCITZ/2021/016

Save the Children (SCI) is the world's leading independent organisation for children. We save children's lives; we fight for their rights; we help them fulfil their potential. We work together, with our partners, to inspire breakthroughs in the way the world treats children and to achieve immediate and lasting change in their lives.

Save the Children (SCI) has set aside funds for the construction works to be done in Kigoma Region (Kibondo and Kasulu Districts in refugee camps) as detailed below. SCI through this process, will also set Framework Agreements (FWAs) with several construction companies for upcoming construction works in other places within Tanzania.

Therefore, Sealed bids are invited from reputed contractors, registered in the United Republic of Tanzania for the construction works to be done in Kigoma region and FWAs for upcoming construction works.

Lot	Description	Quantity	Location
Lot 1	Construction of counselling rooms	15 rooms	Nduta and Nyarugusu refugee camps
Lot 2	Supply and installation of Solar lighting systems	8 schools	Nduta and Nyarugusu refugee camps

To obtain a complete set of Tender documents with detailed technical specifications please send your request through email address: Tanzania.logsshared@savethechildren.org.

Please submit a Complete and sealed tender document marked on top "ITT/SCITZ/2021/016 - Construction Works and Framework Agreements" to the Save the Children Tanzania Country Office at the below address not later than 4.30 pm on 5th August 2021.

Tender Committee,
Save the Children Tanzania Country Office
257 Kiko Avenue, Mikocheni A, Mwai Kibaki Road
Dar es Salaam – Tanzania.

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Bodaboda training attracts 138 drivers

By Guardian Correspondent

A total of 138 motorcyclists (Bodaboda drivers) have graduated from a week-long training organised by the Automobile Association of Tanzania (AAT) in Dar es Salaam.

The training which was supported by city-based ASAS Group had targeted 500 motorcyclists, 363 registered and only 138 turned out for the training session.

Tanzania Zonal Traffic Officer Abdi Issango presided over presentation of the certificates to riders who passed their examinations during a ceremony held on Tuesday.

AAT vice-president for mobility and tourism, Justin Mwandu, on behalf of the association's president Nizar Jivani, said the objective of the training was in line with UN's target of reducing road fatalities by 50 per cent by the year 2030.

He thanked all stakeholders involved in the training project that included ASAS group for funding, Tanzania traffic Police Zonal office for providing instructor, Traffic Police Education Unit for always assisting in various training projects undertaken by AAT.

Mwandu reiterated the need for traffic police to be strict in enforcing laws and ensure that no one is allowed to drive without securing a valid license to minimize road fatalities.

"We earnestly request the traffic police to be very strict in enforcing laws to reduce deaths and injuries.

"No license should be given to anyone without going through approved training school like AAT & others. Also it is high time inspection should be carried out for checking the standard of helmets if they are approved by TBS and are of high quality. This will also help to contain severe injuries both to the Riders and passengers," said Mwandu.

Chairman of Bodaboda drivers in Ilala district, Phillip Mtoro thanked AAT, FIA and ASAS for their endless efforts in conducting road safety projects including the latest.

He said they relish good cooperation from the traffic police and the spirit has to be maintained with an objective of improving road safety.

Over 5,000 stands as beneficiaries of AAT/FIA road safety training, said Mtoro as he thanks ASAS for funding the recent training session.

Mtoro requested the guest of honour to assist in organizing a data base for all riders hence they should have a new look with identifies, uniform.

He also urged to establish identities and special stickers that would differentiate between commercial motorcyclists, three-wheelers and an ordinary motorcyclists/three-wheelers.

AAT Chief Executive Officer, Yusuf Ghor said a survey undertaken in two areas of Ilala district resulted in training only 138 riders despite extending the session for ten days more.

As per exam result it was established that riders lacked road safety signs knowledge. However, he said AAT would like to thank Boda Boda riders Ilala office for their full cooperation and Tanzania Police ZTO office for providing Instructor CPL Theresia Bayona.

Other stakeholders who were involved in the training were AAT Chief Instructor Samwel Salehe & Retired Abel Swai from Tanzania Traffic Po-



Zonal Traffic Officer Abdi Issango (C) presents a certificate to bodaboda rider Joyce Mbembati (L) during a presentation ceremony in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Right is CEO of the Automobile Association of Tanzania Yusuf Ghor. Photo: Guardian Correspondent.

lice HQ.

"We are also requesting the police department to advise motorists who lack road sign knowledge to join driving school of their choice for driver's refresher course.

Tanzania Zonal Traffic Officer, Abdi Issango thanked AAT for frequently conducting trainings and other road safety projects with an aim of reducing road fatalities or

saving lives.

He hailed ASAS group for highly valuable generosity of funding the latest riders' training.

He said all bodaboda riders should bear in mind that the government has allowed commercial transport to improve employment in good faith.

The ZTO said each motorcycle/three-wheelers must have mechan-

ical fitness, good breaking system, tyres, horn, side mirrors, licensed 18 years and above rider, helmets for riders and passengers, insurance, rider must be sober and free from influence of alcohol or drugs, only one passenger at a time and moderate speed.

He insisted on bodaboda drivers to adhere to rules, regulations and laws of road traffic while making

full use of the absorbed knowledge.

He warned riders to abstain from involvement in sexual activities with school girls, criminalities. Finally he requested riders to make use of the training opportunities so as to enjoy their job and assist in saving lives of pedestrians and passengers alike.

282 million face malnutrition in Africa- UN report

By Special Correspondent

THERE was a dramatic worsening of world hunger in 2020, a new report from the United Nations said.

According to the report, much of the global hunger was likely related to the fall-out of the pandemic.

The report estimates

around a 10th of the global population, about 811 million people, were undernourished in 2020.

FAO Chief Economist, Maximo Torero said "around 282 million people are more undernourished in Africa".

"In terms of the figures, this year 2020 we find that 720 to 811 million people around

the world faced hunger in 2020. This number is approximately 118 million more people that were facing hunger in 2020 with respect to 2019. What this means is that 418 million people are more undernourished in Asia and around 282 million people are more undernourished in Africa. And in Latin America

we also seen an increase to what 9.1% of the population being undernourished today", Torero said

This number suggests that it will take a tremendous effort for the world to honour its pledge to end hunger by 2030.

"This year report makes an important call that we need

to really act and transform the agri-food systems. We are facing a huge challenge of an increase of undernourishment of 118 million people. We have 3 billion people that don't have access to healthy diets. We have significant increase in stunting and overweight and obesity. If we don't change the way we are

operating in the agri-food systems we won't be able to achieve the SDGs (sustainable development goals), and the goals of the 2030", the FAO Chief Economist added.

The report is jointly published by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the International Fund for Agri-

cultural Development (IFAD), the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the UN World Food Programme (WFP) and the World Health Organization (WHO).

This year's edition of The State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World is the first global assessment of its kind in the pandemic era.

TARI partners with AATF, HEAL to improve seed varieties and rice production in Tanzania

By Correspondent Valentine Oforo,

Morogoro

THE Tanzania Agricultural Research Institute (TARI) is implementing a new project aimed at scaling up production of rice in the country.

The project is carried at its Morogoro based Dakawa centre with funding from Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

The project which is being implemented collaboratively with the African Agricultural Technological Foundation (AATF), Hybrid East Africa Limited (HEAL) through the Alliance for Hybrid Rice in Africa (AHyRA) focuses on enhancing farmers' access to hybrid rice technologies and promoting adoption of hybrid seeds in the Tanzania and Kenya.

It is implemented through public private partnerships and it incorporates testing of the hybrid rice varieties in different agro-ecological zones to ensure that farmers have the best varieties to maximize rice yields.

The AATF and HEAL hybrid yield up to 12 hectares compared to Open pollinated varieties (OPV) that yield 8 metric tonnes

Dubbed 'Hybrid Rice Project', the project has been dubbed a timely initiative which has attracted at least 400 farmers in Dakawa Township of Mvomero District in Morogoro region targets to introduce the hybrid rice seed varieties with better grain quality, good aroma as well as high yields, among others.

Through the project, four hybrid rice varieties are under multiloational trials in Tanzania and best performing hybrids that are preferred by farmers will be submitted for evaluation by the Tanzania Official Seed Certification Institute (TOSCI) before certification.

At the special irrigation scheme in Dakawa, estimated to the tune of 5000 acres, TARI has earmarked a least 100 hectare specifically for undertaking research and seed trials with the deal to ensure the rice farmers and processors in the country with wide choice of rice varieties.

Speaking during a special farmer's field day, tailored among others to give the involved farmers a platform to select the best seed varieties, Dr. Jerome Mghase, manager for TARI- Dakawa Center, and observed that despite being among best countries for the production of



rice in East Africa.

He said the country has been endowed with favorable weather to support cultivation of rice but the sub sector is crippled with shortage of enough hybrid seed varieties and needed agronomic practices among the farmers.

During the 2019/2020, the country managed to heighten rice production from 2.2 metric tonnes to at least 4.4 metric tonnes.

"In Tanzania, rice production sector is also crippled with poor adoption of improved seed varieties

among the farmers as statistics depicts that only 28 percent of farmers are using the improved seeds. Among others to this project gears to sensitize the day to start using the better seeds so as to improve production," he expressed.

For his part, Barnabas Sitta, researcher at TARI - Dakawa Center, said the project was majoring to produce seed varieties with focus to quench a thirst of rice market driven traits.

The focus, according to him, was to produce the varieties that will

commercially enable the country to compete highly in the world rice market, but also, fueling efforts by the country to attain the much needed food security.

Edith Kouko, Project Office for Hybrid Rice Project' from Kenya, detailed that the project is working with private seed companies and other key partners along the rice value chain through AHyRA to ensure professional development, promotion and sustainability of hybrid rice technologies towards rice sufficiency in Africa.

"Hybrid rice technology is one of the fastest means of achieving food security as the significant increase in productivity has a huge potential in meeting the rapidly increasing consumption rates across the continent," she explained.

Tanzania's rice statistics shows that at least 71 of rice in Tanzania is grown under rain fed conditions with about half of the county's rice is grown by 239, 000 smallholder farmers in Tabors to Shinyanga, and Morogoro regions in the central corridor.

When life gives you lemons: Citrus industry bears fruit for all

By Lukhanyo Nkombisa

THE industry has been thriving in the past year, despite the Covid-19 pandemic. Two landmark export agreements have come to fruition and exports are expected to grow by up to 500,000 tons in the next three to five years.

As our economy continues to take enormous strain from ongoing Covid-19 restrictions, it is worth reflecting on how best we can continue to grow it while ensuring that the outcomes of this growth benefits as many people as possible, especially those who, owing to our painful history, were deliberately excluded from economic opportunities.

These are questions that have exercised us in the citrus industry, especially within the CGA Grower Development Company, which was established to support black citrus growers. Standing almost alone among many other sectors of the economy, the South African citrus industry has had an excellent year despite the impact of Covid-19. This has been due to increased global demand for citrus produce, but also in large measure owing to the hard work and innovation of our local growers.

Local citrus exports are expected to grow by a further 500,000 tons over the next three to five years, making the future of our industry certainly seem bright – as long as we can continue to optimise, expand and retain overseas markets.

We celebrated as the first South African shipment of citrus headed off to the Philippines last month. This historic occasion followed 12 years of negotiations between the two countries, with a landmark work plan finally signed by the Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development and the Philippines Bureau of Plant and In-



dustry at the end of 2020. This new market presents an export potential of 20,000 tons of citrus fruit, with earnings of close to R205-million annually. It will also create desperately needed jobs, particularly in rural areas where unemployment is rife.

Another welcome milestone was the recent signing of a revised citrus protocol between South Africa and China by Agriculture Minister Thoko Didiza, which will allow lemons to be shipped to the Chinese market. With local lemon production expected to grow by 175,000 metric tons by 2024, the finalisation of the revised protocol means China will become a critical new market for this growth, securing R325-million in new export revenue and 800 new jobs.

We are also extremely proud that the successes in the cit-

rus industry have been felt by black citrus growers across the country. This is part of a sustained focus in the industry aimed at making it more inclusive and ensuring that those previously excluded from opportunity are given every chance to reach their full potential.

Locally, black citrus growers have achieved a 40% increase in their production figures across the board. Several farms and black growers recorded an increase in output of between 40,000 and 99,000 cartons between 2019 and 2020. Most farms increased their output to local markets by an astounding 55%. When it comes to increased market access, 75% of black citrus growers in South Africa currently export their produce to overseas markets, with black growers in the Eastern Cape increasing their export figures

(in terms of carton numbers) by more than 25% in the past year alone.

In our home market, black growers supplied more than 400,000 cartons of fruit to South African grocery stores and supermarkets in 2020, ensuring consumers had access to vitamin C during the pandemic.

The Citrus Growers' Association Grower Development Company (CGA-GDC), which was established in 2016 to facilitate transformation within the industry, has worked with government and other social partners over the past five years to support black growers. This has included assistance with enterprise development through technical and business management support, along with programmes to help them upskill and achieve regulatory compliance for the local and international commercialisation of their produce.

We have also helped provide critical infrastructure and equipment on their farms. We are thrilled that our interventions are clearly having a positive impact on

the sector. We hope to continue expanding our support for black farmers and recently finalised a four-year transformation plan that aims to increase the profitability and sustainability of black citrus enterprises. The plan focuses on the continued provision of enterprise development and the roll-out of socioeconomic development programmes in rural communities, and on having more black growers in industry leadership positions.

We also hope to continue playing a critical role in helping black growers to secure title deeds and water-use licences for their farms. In this regard, the CGA-GDC regularly facilitates between growers and government departments to remove any blockages in the issuing of deeds and licences. With so much to celebrate in the citrus industry, the CGA-GDC looks forward to continuing to fulfil its main objective – to grow the volume, value and level of participation of black growers and thereby contribute to meaningful and inclusive economic growth in South Africa.

By Olusina Thorpe

IN 2009, a popular girls' music group, Kush, sang an endearing song about Nigeria. In that song, they called on Nigerians to live in unity, emphasising that "our strength is in our diversity".

The diversity in Nigeria has since posed a recurring challenge for the country. We have survived a protracted civil war, as well as numerous socio-political adversities.

Being a Nigerian means different things to different people. To some, being a Nigerian equals being strong, resilient and focused, while to others it means being confident, kind and humorous. What is, however, not in doubt is that a typical Nigerian loves life. He is optimistic. He is loving and hospitable irrespective of ethnic or religious affiliation.

That is why it amazes me whenever I hear horrible tales of banditry, kidnapping, maiming and wanton destruction going on across different parts of the country. That, in my estimation, does not really define who we are.

Yes, we have ethnic differences. Sure, we have religious alterations. Naturally, we have political differences. But then, we are not vicious. We are not destructive. While growing up, I could recollect being in the midst of people of mixed ethnic and religious backgrounds. But we never saw ourselves from that framework of our diversity. Rather, we related as brothers and sisters. One nation. One destiny.

A friend who is from Ekiti State recently told me that as a primary school pupil he relished being in the company of young Fulani herdsmen who lived in a colony in their community. They were accepted by the community. Indeed, their children, according to my friend, had a reasonable grasp of the local dialect. He further told me that his parents had scores of cows that were in the custody of the

herdsmen.

Sadly, all that seems to have changed now as the demons of ethnicity, barbarism and savagery seem to have suddenly taken firm root in our nation. Suddenly, children are no longer safe at schools, as the fear of kidnapers has become the beginning of wisdom. Banditry and senseless destruction have become the order of the day. Is this really who we are?

No doubt, the Nigerian state comprises various ethnic, native or tribal groups with their particular shared cultural identities, customs, traditions and other identities intact.

It is not strange, therefore, that, once in a while, the constituent units in the country fan the embers of nepotism and ethnicism. Consequently, disunity has become a consistent dividing factor in the nation. The various components of the nation view national issues from diverse perspectives.

But then, despite this, as aforementioned, we have always lived as brothers and sisters, especially when it comes to values and passions that we share in common. When, for instance, our youths find themselves in different parts of the country during the National Youth Service Corps (NYSC), they integrate easily.

In fact, through the programmes, inter-tribal marriages have been consummated. Equally, some corps members, seeing the limitless possibilities for prosperity in their host communities, have stayed back in those communities to earn a living.

This goes to show that we could coexist as a nation and enjoy enduring prosperity, despite our obvious differences. Ours is not the

Nigeria will rise again!



only nation with such differences. Some of the greatest and most prosperous nations of the world equally have similar tendencies. But they always define their existence with what mutually binds them together as against what could tear them apart.

In my view, that is the path of wisdom. That is the path of unity, prosperity and peace. Therefore, the time has come for us as a nation to embrace positive change in every aspect of our national life.

If Nigeria is to attain real greatness, we must begin to imbibe new ethos, eschew tribalism, and divisive tendencies that polarise our people. Our huge population should be deployed as a great asset for economic emancipation; it should not be a liability.

It needs to be stressed that there is nothing peculiar or extreme about our national challenges. Several countries have had similar or same experiences and have been able to surmount them. The only difference is that while others identify their challenges and diligently work on them, we seem to allow ours to tear us apart.

In spite of the misgivings, I candidly believe that Nigeria will rise again. Really, could all these adversities be a learning-experience? Could it be that in the not-too-distant future, the country will turn the corner and return to the path of honour and greatness?

Is it possible that Nigeria's glory and glorious days are still ahead of her? What would succeeding or future generations say about Nigeria? Although present precursors do not point to a hopeful and optimistic future, but I dare to affirm that Nigeria will achieve true nationhood in our lifetime.

All we need to do is to see ourselves as one; eschew divisive tendencies and rally together as a people. At various times, in human history, human beings have proven their toughness in overcoming forces that stand against progress. They have shown that great things are possible and that man is capable of recording incredible successes in the face of massive odds.

Now is the time for the great renewal of our minds in order to engender positive change for our nation. A lot of nations have experienced tough times, but they have since moved on to greater heights.

Nigeria and Nigerians must not be an exception. Even as we think and get perplexed and angry about recent negative events, we must not give up hope. We must keep faith with the future of our dreams.

Nigeria is our country. We must make all efforts to ensure that it works for us and the coming generations.

In the words of John Maxwell, "Our destiny is determined, not by what we possess, but by what possesses us," hence, rather than allow hatred, bitterness, envy, nepotism and such destructive emotions to possess us, we should open our hearts to hope, love and brotherliness.

This brings to mind the inspiring story of a 65-year-old medical doctor from Ogun State, Dr Isa Akinbode, who was recently rewarded with a sum of N13.9m and a brand new car by the Borno State Government for leaving his comfort zone to provide professional services in a community under the threat of Boko Haram insurgency.

Akinbode, at the peak of the Boko Haram insurgency, was living in the General Hospital, Monguno, offering healthcare services to patients even when the town was faced with the severest threat from the terrorist group.

Akinbode, who graduated from the University of Maiduguri, later joined the Borno State Civil Service where he served for 22 years before he retired in 2016 at the Monguno General Hospital.

After his retirement, he remained in Borno to offer voluntary medical services to the victims of insurgency despite the fact that he was abducted and subsequently released by the insurgents.

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Women's chamber sets up Saccos to ease loan access for members

By Beatrice Philemon

WOMEN entrepreneurs who face difficulties in accessing loans from financial institutions may soon find the going being easier thanks to Tanzania Women Chamber of Commerce decision to set up savings and credit co-operative society.

TWCC Saccos Administrative and Finance Coordinator, Nelson Mbalamwezi said in Dar es Salaam this week during the climax of the 45th Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair that many women face challenges to get loans to invest in their businesses.

"We have decided to set up TWCC Saccos because we believe that it will help ease our members access to credit even without having collat-

eral," Mbalamwezi said noting that most TWCC members have property which belong to families with the husband as custodian.

He said so far, some 35 members of the 127 members, have already received loans from the Saccos without the need for collateral. He said members can get up to 10m/- in personal loans. "TWCC members only pay 10 percent interest rate to enable us maintain office administration," he said. He said borrowers are required to repay the loan through monthly instalments.

Mbalamwezi further challenged members to engage in cross border trading which is a lucrative market provided for under East African Community. "We also invite other women to who are not TWCC members to come and join us to exploit a number of opportunities available," he urged.

TWCC's CEO, Mwajuma Hamza (pictured) explained that apart from accessing loans, the



chamber has already established platforms to enable women engage in cross border trade. Hamza urged women to make good use of the platforms to discuss issues affecting their businesses so that management can search for solutions.

"These platforms are also meant to allow members share experiences and challenges they face while doing cross border trade," she said while noting that TWCC was set up to support women entrepreneurs across the country. The chamber has also conducted training of members of competitive business practises especially under the EAC customs union protocol.

Water bills set to rise on World Bank loan terms

NAIROBI

WATER bills are set to increase in the wake of pressure from the World Bank for new conservation levies and increased regulatory charges for water companies.

The multilateral financier reckons that Kenyan water service providers should cover 70 percent of the Water Resource Authority's (WRA) budget from the current 30 percent. Introduction of fresh water conservation levies will see the service providers pass the additional costs to homes and businesses for piped water and sewerage.

"To enhance access to water and sanitation services, and improve the management and conservation of water resources... implements new water abstraction charges and water conservation levies," the World Bank said. Abstraction charges are what the licensed water providers pay the WRA for accessing the commodity from natural sources like rivers.

"The current water abstraction charges do not provide adequate economic incentives for water conservation, nor generate enough financial resources to enable WRA to perform its regulatory functions," the World Bank said.

The World Bank's push for higher water levies was revealed in an advisory to the government after it approved a new loan for Kenya valued at Sh80 billion to help the country continue responding to the Covid-19 pandemic and address its debt vulnerabilities.

"The proposed changes affect companies that harvest raw water from rivers. The water companies will call for an increase from the regulator to reflect the higher cost of obtaining the water," said a top executive at the Water Services Regulatory



A man fetches water from a tap at Nyeri Water and Sewerage Company (Nyewasco) plant at Gatei in Nyeri on February 16, 2015.

Board (WSRB), which approves new tariffs. The board reckons that a number of water firms, including Nairobi City Water and Sewerage Company (NCWSC), are due for tariff review.

The service providers have been campaigning for the review of tariffs that were last revised more than five years ago in order to cover the ballooning costs of operation and maintenance. Under the new tariff guidelines, each service provider is expected to recover its full cost of providing services in the medium-to long-term and leave a surplus to allow them improve infrastructure.

Currently Kenyans pay an av-

erage of Sh93 per cubic metre or 1,000 litres for water piped to homes. The planned tariff adjustment will force water consumers to dig deeper into their pockets, a painful blow coming at a time when the cost of living has risen to unprecedented levels.

The combined impact of high water tariffs and costly petrol and cooking gas is expected to pile inflationary pressure in an economy where households have knocked off some goods and services from their budgets to navigate the turbulent times. Kenyans on social media have recently raised concern over reduced cash flow, fewer employ-

ment opportunities and mounting public debt, which triggered a petition to the International Monetary Fund (IMF) to stop giving the country more loans. The World Bank says the additional costs are necessary to meet the costs of conservation for water catchment areas.

The multilateral lenders, including the IMF, are expected to play a bigger role in shaping policy that would require the government to implement tough conditions across many sectors. The IMF and World Bank advisories come on the back of their multi-billion shilling loan facilities to Kenya where money flows straight into the bud-

get to top up the public purse.

Under the administration of former President Mwai Kibaki, Kenya kept away from this type of credit, with most of the support from institutions like the IMF and the World Bank coming in the form of project support. Kenya has recently faced a deteriorating cash-flow situation, marked by falling revenues, worsening debt service obligations, and the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic.

The Treasury also came under pressure from the IMF to double the value added tax (VAT) on all petroleum products in an effort to cut budget deficit and tame public borrowing. More recently, soaring demand for water and poor weather have led to shortages in most towns.

India sets up bank for bad loans in push to boost credit

NEW DELHI

INDIA formally set up a bad loan bank as part of efforts to remove one of the world's largest piles of soured debt from the balance sheet of financiers and boost lending.

The bank was registered as the National Asset Reconstruction Company on July 7, with Padmakumar Madhavan Nair as managing director, according to filings with the Registrar of Companies, where business establishments must register before becoming operational. Its paid-up capital is 746 million rupees (\$10m), according to the filing. Mr Nair previously worked at the State Bank of India where he handled the resolution of stressed assets.

Sunil Mehta, chief executive of the Indian Banks' Association, will be a director while SBI's Salee Nair and Canara Bank's Ajit Nair are nominee directors on the board, according to the filing. The bad loan bank will be owned by government-run and private sector lenders and will allow financiers to transfer as much as 2 trillion rupees of soured loans.

The will effectively free them from years of carrying and providing for these loss-making assets. The announcement of such an entity was first made by India's Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman in her budget speech in February. The government's decision to start the bad loan bank comes after an overhauled bankruptcy process unveiled in 2016 only resulted in muted success.

The bad loan bank will provide much-needed relief to Indian lenders struggling to bring down their massive problem debt pile that has eroded profit and constrained their ability to lend. It is intended to be a fillip to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's attempts to boost credit flow to revive the South Asian economy, which has shrunk the most in about seven decades due to coronavirus-induced slowdown.

Standard Bank appoints acting CEO in Mozambique, after R66.18m fine

JOHANNESBURG

THE bank and two of its senior officials have been fined and debarred from certain banking practices for exchange rate fraud.

Standard Bank has appointed an unnamed acting CEO to replace the outgoing country MD, Adimohanma Chukwuma Nwokocho, who was fined roughly R1.5 million by the Bank of Mozambique this week for fraudulent activities, following an on-site inspection by the bank.

Also fined was Domingos Francisco Madeira, director of corporate and investment banking "for serious infringements of prudential and exchange rate nature," according to a statement by Bank of Mozambique. Madeira was fined the equivalent of R3.3 million.

Standard Bank was fined the equivalent of R66.18 million (\$4.6 million) and suspended from currency exchange activities for a year. Both senior bank officials are debarred from management functions in the financial sector for six years.

The fines were imposed on the bank and its two senior officials for manipulating exchange rates, setting up an illegal payments system outside the country and carrying out irregular financial derivatives operations to hedge exchange rate risks, among others. The statement says Standard Bank is cooperating with Bank of Mozambique to remedy the irregularities.

Last week Club of Mozambique reported that Standard Bank customers with foreign currency accounts suddenly found themselves unable to access their salaries. This followed the decision by the Bank of Mozambique to suspend all activities involving the conversion of foreign currency in the foreign exchange markets. Standard Bank is one of the top three banks in the country.

Standard Bank issued the following statement: "In keeping our customers, partners and the general public informed, Standard Bank Mozambique would like to advise that we will continue to engage with Banco de Mozambique for clarification on the for-

ign exchange allegations. Besides the affected areas, we wish to assure our customers that the daily operations of the bank will not be affected. As part of Standard Bank's business continuity processes, an acting chief executive has been appointed to lead our executive management team.

"Standard Bank Mozambique is committed to doing business ethically and responsibly. In addition, our governance and compliance processes remain rigorous as we regard our reputation as our most valuable asset."

Bank of Mozambique says the one-year ban on forex-related activities could be lifted early based on progress made in remedying the irregularities.

"Such measures include, by the (Standard Bank) shareholders, the presentation and implementation of a credible action plan of remediation of irregularities and, by the Bank of Mozambique, the placement of a resident inspector which will ensure continuous monitoring of the action plan."



Bank of Mozambique governor, Rogerio Zandamela.

Minister Kigahe says Samia is open for business



Deputy minister of Trade and Industries, Exaud Kigahe (R) and KBL chairman Mehul Patel Unveiling the Kiwingu spirit in Dar es Salaam this week. Photo courtesy of KBL.

By Francis Kajubi

THE government has assured existing and new investors in the country of a conducive environment including predictable policies as it embarks on reviewing its present investment laws and regulations.

Deputy Minister for Trade and Industries, Exaud Kigahe said in Dar es Salaam this week that there is a fresh approach to the handling of local and foreign investors when to enable them survive market competition.

Kigahe who was officiating a liquor product called Kiwingu spirit property of Kilimanjaro Biochem Limited of Mwanza District pointed out that the government has started revisiting laws that are said to impeded to investors.

"President Samia Suluhu Hassan has made it clear that her administration is focused on

a private sector led economy. We at the ministry are working on strengthening and initiating new friendly approaches to enable the private sector take part in the economy actively," Kigahe said.

KBL Chairman Mehul Patel said his company has finally introduced the product to the market after a more than 12 months research on what consumers lack from numerous liquor brands already in the market.

Patel said his company has invested 11.5bn/- on the project which uses citrus as ingredient hence providing a market to smallholder farmers in the country. "Consumers expect unique

and pleasant taste, pleasing odour, elastic hangover feeling and of affordable price. Before coming up with the product, we conducted research across different age groups and concluded that none of those in the market meet their tastes," said Patel.

He said the KBL comes in a package of 250 millilitres potable glass bottle "We are hoping that the majority if not all mixologists will appreciate the freedom of blending cocktails with the spirit to create taste of their choices. The drink is 37 percent of alcohol which is higher than most brands in the market," he added.

KBL Managing Director,

Ashish Upadhyaya said the firm will offer 250 jobs both directly and indirectly. "The company has since its inception in 2008 been taking part in various social activities by giving back to the community through corporate social responsibility arrangement.

"On average, the company has been giving back 24m/- annually through its CSR portfolio to facilitate water, education and health projects in Mwanza District," said Upadhyaya while plans are to double the allocation to 50bn/- in the next three years. The company also targets to see growth in revenue to 15bn/- against the current 6bn/-.



GetEquity CEO and Co-founder Dike Jude.

Nigeria's GetEquity closes investment from GreenHouse Capital to launch its startup financing

LAGOS

GETEQUITY, a Lagos-based technology startup redefining the venture capital and startup financing landscape, has announced the close of their six-figure pre-seed round led by GreenHouse Capital.

The close of this round also marks the launch of GetEquity's first product: a first-of-its-kind venture funding platform that seamlessly connects entrepreneurs and investors, unlocking global capital for African and emerging markets.

Founded by Jude Dike and William Okafor, GetEquity's mission is to build and support Africa's largest startup financing ecosystem. Startups can list themselves through the GetEquity platform and market to institutional investors and public users using the platform. GetEquity enables anyone to buy equity in a listed startup for as little as \$10.

GetEquity CEO and Co-founder Dike Jude commented, "GetEquity is challenging the status quo of startup financing and venture capital. We are democratizing access to startup funding and thereby expanding the pie for previously underfunded and underserved startups. This pre-seed round investment will enable us to kickstart our vision of building Africa's biggest startup financing ecosystem."

GreenHouse Capital (GHC), the leading African fintech investment fund and platform focused on supporting early-stage companies and world-class emerging market entrepreneurs, led

the pre-seed round. GetEquity benefited from GHC's advisory services and direct mentoring from GHC Partner Bunmi Akinyemiju and Principal Ruby Nimkar.

Bunmi Akinyemiju, Founding Partner of GHC, commented, "we are proud to see GetEquity's revolutionary platform launch. One of our missions at GHC is to bring African startups to the world. GetEquity's platform advances this mission by democratizing access to the continent's fastest-growing startups. We also believe in 'founders backing founders' and have been thrilled to directly work with GetEquity from an early stage."

"The increased visibility that the platform will give African startups will inevitably result in larger investment rounds, faster closes, and an overall raising of the international profile of the African startup space." GetEquity's startup funding platform is now live and can be accessed on the web, Android, and iOS.

The startups listed at launch include: Breeze: facilitating currency conversions and transfers for businesses. Onboardly: helping organisations automate their employee onboarding experience. Nguvu Health: providing affordable and on-demand teletherapy access to users. Fluidcoins: helping African users receive payments in cryptocurrencies. WeMove Technologies: providing transport and logistics services to the supply chain sector. In the coming months, GetEquity will be launching another product tailored to institutional investors and VCs.

CBK wants return of CRB listing for digital loans

NAIROBI

THE Central Bank of Kenya (CBK) has asked Parliament to revise a proposed law to allow digital lenders to resume reporting customer loan defaults to credit reference bureaus (CRBs). Digital lenders were ordered to stop filing reports with CRBs in April last year in what the regulator said was in response to widespread abuse of the credit profiling system.

The CBK Tuesday told the National Assembly's Committee on Finance and National Planning that the digital lenders could return to working with CRBs since they will be regulated should MPs adopt the Central Bank of Kenya (Amendment) Bill, 2021. "The Central Bank Amendment Bill 2021 should empower digital lenders to share credit information," CBK Governor Patrick Njoroge told Parliament Finance Committee.

The lenders, comprising those issuing credit through mobile phones and the Internet, were accused of aggressive tactics, including threatening borrowers with negative listing. Once digital lenders fall under the watch of the CBK, the regulator will be able to supervise their use of credit information sharing like banks, sacco and other entities currently using the system.

The Bill gives the unregulated digital lenders six months to fall under the regulation of the CBK, which will license compliant firms. Besides threats of negative listing, digital lenders have also been accused of erroneous negative listing of borrowers with no processes put in place to resolve such mistakes.



CBK Governor Patrick Njoroge.

Credit information sharing is one of the most powerful risk-management tools for microlenders who typically don't take collateral from borrowers when issuing the short-term loans. A negative listing makes it nearly impossible for one to take a loan from another credit provider, serving as a deterrent against default.

The lock-out of digital lenders from CRB listings saw a 50 percent decline in loans issued over mobile phones. The Digital Lender Association of Kenya (DLAK) estimates that the value of loans issued each month fell by half to Sh2 billion. The unregulated digital lenders have issued a total of Sh4 billion, less than one percent of the banking sector's Sh3.1 tril-

lion gross loan portfolio.

They have, however, caught the attention of the government for their predatory business practices, including sky-high interest rates and aggressive loan recovery. It is not clear whether interest charged by the alternative lenders, which typically runs up to hundreds of percentage points when annualised, will be among the issues that will be regulated. The CBK says it will hold public participation before publishing specific guidelines once the Bill is enacted into law.

The regulator says it will borrow from the experience in other jurisdictions like South Africa to regulate digital lenders offering credit in the local market. Besides curbing predatory business practices by the digital lenders, the Bill seeks to address concerns of illicit financial transactions, including money laundering.

Customers of digital lenders have made many complaints, including being charged fees they did not expect and not being made to fully understand the costs or fees associated with loans. Most of them are oblivious of the terms and conditions that include frequent SMS notifications and surrender of their personal data to third parties.

Some alternative lenders have used social pressure tactics to collect loans like informing their customers' relatives and friends of their default. China is among the countries that have intensified their control of microlenders. The Asian nation recently banned the firms from issuing credit to college students to curb over-lending.

China also caps interest rates on microloans at up to four times the rate set by its central bank, the People's Bank of China. Use of digital loans in Kenya has grown exponentially over the last few years as low-income households have been attracted to the easily accessible credit facilities.

MARKETTRENDS

Why Rwanda could experience electronics' supply challenges

KIGALI

RWANDA, like other countries globally, could soon start experiencing shortages of electronics ranging from Computers, phones, tablets among others resulting from a global chip shortage which is affecting industries.

Computer chips are integral to a number of modern electronic products. The chips are tiny transistors made from silicon and allow computers, smart phones, appliances and other electrical devices to function. The current global scenario has seen growing concern among tech manufacturers and has led to delays in production and roll-out of new products and shipment delays.

The challenges can be traced back to the Covid-19 Pandemic which saw a spike in demand for electronics globally in response to remote working, virtual classes and meetings among other responses to the pandemic.

The increased demand for the personal electronics got to a point where production could not keep pace with demand. This was also at a time when there has been a global demand in micro-chips in recent years occasioned by demand in the automobile industry among other sectors that are being automated.

"Once coronavirus-related lockdowns expanded to other regions, there were new, sudden pockets of PC demand for remote workers and online classrooms that PC manufacturers could not keep up with," a study by Gartner, a leading research and advisory company read in part.

The global chip shortage has resounded across industries ranging from consumer electronics to automobiles as manufacturers vie for a silicon. The shortage and disruptions have led to empty store shelves, production bottlenecks and drop in supply of electronics, global studies have shown.

Locally, importers of electronics told Doing Business that they have noted delays in delivery of electronics in recent months which have been explained by their suppliers as delays in the value chain. This they said is especially the case for laptops and related accessories.

Time to re-brand 'Sabasaba' and capitalize on competitive advantages

By Godwin Semunyu

WHEN inaugurating the 45th Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair (Sabasaba) that took place from 28th June to 13th July 2021, Vice President Dr Philip Mpango, challenged the organizers, Tanzania Trade Development Authority (TANTRADE) to be more innovative to attract more international exhibitors and open doors for local producers.

Dr Mpango also called on the institutions dealing with trade and investment to use the trade fair to resolve bottlenecks facing traders and business investors to expand their businesses. Rightly so. For more than 12 years, I have been an active 'Sabasaba' participant in official and personal capacities. During this time, I have witnessed some improvements in many lamented areas. More is still desired if we are to get the levels to attract more and large-scale exhibitors. We are still falling short in areas of infrastructure in terms of the venue size and location, the event re-packaging and branding, and adoption of modern technology.

DITF with competitive advantages

DITF, which started in 1963, has established itself as one of the prime trade events in East Africa, forming a platform to serve as a mediator between the national sellers and foreign buyers. Contrary to many trade fairs in the region, the DITF enjoys competitive advantages in terms of the services of the Dar es Salaam Port, which serves as a getaway to several land-locked neighbours, the better connection of railway terminus and roads, tourists' attractions and a better political and business environment.

However, things haven't gone auspicious for DITF. The biggest challenge is that it has outgrown its current home, the Mwalimu Nyerere Trade Fair Grounds at Kurasini area. As a result, it is becoming difficult to accommodate all wishers and complicates the allocation of exhibitors as per products offered. I applaud the current move to set exhibitors into categories of agriculture, mining, and entrepreneurs. However, one would wish for more specialized zones in the future, such as electronics, appliances, manufacturing, and the likes, to help serve time, especially for serious buyers and



attendees.

There is no question that the venue size challenge will only get worse. Official records have indicated that the number of local exhibitors has been steadily declining each year, so does that of foreign exhibitors, bar the pandemic outbreak last year.

It is now time to look for a permanent solution. Either by embarking on an expensive vertical expansion strategy by constructing sky-rise exhibition buildings or move to a more spacious location. Areas like Kigamboni offer an attractive solution to set up a permanent exhibition village that can be accessed all year, allowing other businesses such as banks or heavy mechanical equipment sellers to have permanent outlets.

Two weeks are too short

The current modality of two weeks in a year exhibition needs to be relooked at; it is costly and proves to be a burden to exhibitors, specifically those obliged to invest in secured buildings structures. If you throw in investments and operational costs, it is hard to fathom that only two weeks of the exhibitions can cut it. It is high time to start undertaking DITF twice a year, for three weeks each. The two stints of DITF in a year, each of three weeks, will give ample room for sales and exhibitions. It can then be decided that each three weeks stint will feature what particular products. One of the most famous trade fairs globally, Canton Fair, in Guangzhou, China, is held twice a year for three weeks. There's no shame in the smart copy here.

Virtual Fairs are the new norm

COVID-19 has taught us one big lesson. We can still survive and do business with limited physical meetings. This year's online Canton Fair in China attracted more than 26,000 companies from across the world. Many of them attended the online event via live streams. I understand there were talks of encouraging the same at DITF the previous year; let's put this in motion. I am sure plenty of internet companies will jump at the chance of being the sole sponsor of the virtual part of the fairs. A hybrid of physical and virtual trade fairs is the best way forward.

Create attractive participation and recreation package

To attract international exhibitors, we need to repackage our participation offerings. Why not attach a chance to visit Zanzibar or Mikumi in the package? Who wouldn't jump at the opportunity to do business and recreation at the same time? Few, I bet.

One-stop-shop for business facilitation

Even though one can see the need for government wings and Parastatals at the fairs, it should primary for business-related functions such as Brella, Tanzania Investment Center, NEMC, SIDO, and the likes. It should be possible to initiate or even register companies on the grounds. Provided all documentations are in place.

Cashless is the way

Still, most payments such as car parking and entrance fees are made on cash basis. Posing some serious security risks to both exhibitors and buyers. I think it is time to do away with this model. Discouraging cash payments will not only improve security but will also ensure all the revenues are collected efficiently.

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Europe's central bank steps up plans for digital euro



The European Central Bank says a digital euro would 'complement cash, not replace it.'

FRANKFURT

THE European Central Bank (ECB) is expected to take the next step towards a "digital euro" on Wednesday by launching the project's exploration phase, but questions remain about potential pitfalls and benefits for eurozone citizens.

The move comes as the coronavirus pandemic has hastened a shift away from cash and central bankers nervously track the rise of private cryptocurrencies like Bitcoin.

But what would a digital euro mean for the 19-nation club?

A digital euro, sometimes called an "e-euro", would be an electronic version of euro notes and coins. It would mean for the first time individuals and companies would be allowed to hold deposits directly with the ECB.

This could be safer than having money with commercial banks, which could go bust, or holding cash that could be lost or stolen. The ECB has promised any future digital euro would be "a fast, easy and secure way"

to make payments. The service would be free and payments could be made by card or smartphone.

This would allow the Frankfurt-based institution to compete with foreign card companies such as Visa and Mastercard or digital payment services like PayPal, sectors where no strong European players have emerged.

A digital euro would "complement cash, not replace it", the ECB said. The ECB is still studying which technology is best suited

to develop the digital currency. The Covid-19 pandemic has accelerated a decline in the use of cash as customers try to avoid contact.

The ECB is also wary of falling behind virtual money issued by private actors like Bitcoin and Facebook's yet-to-be-launched Diem, formerly known as Libra. And there's pressure to keep up with digital currency pilot projects launched by other central banks, before the ECB misses the boat and consumers end up putting their money elsewhere.

If people in the eurozone were to switch en masse to virtual currencies that operate outside the ECB's reach it could hamper the effectiveness of its monetary policy measures. There are risks to adopting a digital euro, though. Citizens might avoid traditional accounts in favour of going digital, weakening retail banks in the euro area.

The risk would be higher in times of crisis, when savers might be tempted to flee to the safety of a digital euro and trigger a run on banks. To avoid this, the ECB will likely cap the number of e-euro people could hold in digital wallets, with executive board member Fabio Panetta suggesting a threshold of around €3,000 (\$3,536).

Concerns about privacy and ensuring the digital euro can't be used for money laundering will also be part of the ECB's thinking as it weighs the pros and cons in the months ahead. A key challenge that might emerge is that users "would have to be convinced to switch to a new payment method that is hardly different from existing ones", said Deutsche Bank analyst Heike Mai.

The ECB's project follows on from pilots being undertaken by other central banks, particularly as privately-issued digital currencies tend to be highly volatile. They are also under growing scrutiny from regulators.

Bitcoin hit a record high of nearly \$65,000 in April but has since plummeted by around 50 percent, largely because of a Chinese crackdown on cryptocurrency trading. So-called stablecoins are seen as less volatile because they are pegged to traditional currencies like the US dollar or the euro. This is the route Facebook has chosen for its highly-anticipated Diem project.

Many central banks are looking into offering their own virtual money - known as Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC) - as a stable and risk-free alternative. The Chinese central bank has started trials with a digital renminbi, while the Bank of England has created a task force to research a possible "Bitcoin".

The US Federal Reserve and the Bank of Japan are also exploring CBDCs. Having completed the preliminary research and a public consultation, the ECB is expected to move to a formal investigation phase focused on the design of a digital euro next, set to take around two years.

Mr Panetta told the Financial Times that if the project is then given the go-ahead, it would take another three years to get the digital currency ready for use - meaning rollout is not expected before 2026.

BANKING & FINANCE

Apple and Goldman Sachs plan 'Apple Pay Later' service

NEW YORK

APPLE is working on a new service that will let consumers pay for any Apple Pay purchase in instalments over time, rivaling the "buy now, pay later" offerings popularised by services from Affirm Holdings and PayPal.

The upcoming service, known internally as Apple Pay Later, will use Goldman Sachs as the lender for the loans needed for the instalment offerings, according to sources. Goldman Sachs has been Apple's partner for the Apple Card credit card since 2019, but the new offering isn't tied to the Apple Card and doesn't require the use of one, the sources said.

The "buy now, pay later" system could help drive Apple Pay adoption and convince more users to use their

iPhone to pay for items instead of standard credit cards. Apple receives a percentage of transactions made with Apple Pay, driving additional revenue to the company's more than \$50 billion per year services business.

More on 'buy now, pay later' companies

The service is currently planned to work as follows: When a user makes a purchase via Apple Pay on their Apple device, they will have the option to pay for it either across four interest-free payments made every two weeks, or across several months with interest, one of the people said. The plan with four payments is called "Apple Pay in 4" internally, while the longer-term payment plans are dubbed "Apple Pay Monthly Instalments."

When making purchases through an

Apple Pay Later plan, users will be able to choose any credit card to make their payments over time. The service is planned to be available for purchases made at either retail or online stores. Apple already offers monthly instalments via the Apple Card for purchases of its own products, but this service would expand that technology to any Apple Pay transaction.

The interest rates that Apple plans to charge for the monthly instalments were not divulged. Affirm charges as much as 30 per cent annual percentage rates, while other rivals charge less. The interest-free four instalment plans would rival

similar systems like ones from Australia's Afterpay, Sweden's Klarna Bank and US-based Sezzle, in addition to PayPal's popular Pay in 4 service.

Affirm shares fell 10 per cent on Tuesday on the news, while PayPal recovered losses to end down just 0.6 per cent. Afterpay slumped 9.6 per cent in Sydney on Wednesday morning. People who want to use the Apple Pay Later service will need to be approved via an application submitted through the iPhone's Wallet app, where they will also be able to manage their payments. Users will need to submit a copy of their local ID card to apply for the programme. Apple

will also offer customers the ability to exit payment plans to pay off the remainder of their purchase balance.

At least some of the Apple Pay Later plans will also exclude late fees and processing fees, only costing users interest for longer-term plans. The service will also not require running a credit check on the user. Separately, the company is also testing a feature that will let users create temporary, digital Apple Pay Later credit cards for individual purchases.

Apple's new service is still in development and its features could change or be cancelled, sources said. Spokespeople for Apple and Goldman Sachs

declined to comment. On an earnings call earlier on Tuesday, Goldman Sachs' chief financial officer Stephen Scherr said he believes there are "more opportunities to be had with Apple". Goldman's alliance with consumer companies like Apple is aimed at helping it find a footing in the world of consumer banking - an expansion it has sought in recent years to spread its reach beyond the world of high finance on Wall Street.

Apple's iPhone-based payment service is accepted at 85 per cent of all US retailers, according to the company. The new service would mark one of the largest additions to the service since its launch in 2014, following other features like peer-to-peer payments. Apple last year acquired a company that developed technology to allow phones to receive payments by tapping another phone or credit card on its back, adding another potential feature to the Apple payments road map.

WORLD

Worst violence in years spreads in S. Africa as grievances boil over

JOHANNESBURG

CROWDS clashed with police and ransacked or set ablaze shopping malls in cities across South Africa on Tuesday, with dozens of people reported killed, as grievances unleashed by the jailing of ex-president Jacob Zuma boiled over into the worst violence in years.

Protests that followed Zuma's arrest last week for failing to appear at a corruption inquiry have widened into looting and an outpouring of general anger over the hardship and inequality that persist 27 years after the end of apartheid.

Poverty has been exacerbated by severe social and economic restrictions aimed at blocking the spread of COVID-19.

Security officials said the government was working to halt the spread of the violence and looting, which has spread from Zuma's home in KwaZulu-Natal (KZN) province to the country's biggest city Johannesburg and surrounding Gauteng province, and to the Indian Ocean port city of Durban.

The South African Police Service (SAPS) said late Tuesday that as many as 72 people have lost their lives and 1,234 people have been arrested in the last few days of protests which have now turned into rampant looting and riots.

There have been reports of sporadic violence in two other provinces as well and "law enforcement officers patrolling identified areas of threat in an effort to deter possible opportunistic criminality," SAPS said.

Soldiers have been sent onto the streets to try to contain the unrest.

Zuma, 79, was sentenced last month for defying a constitutional court order

to give evidence at an inquiry investigating high-level corruption during his nine years in office until 2018.

He also faces trial in a separate case on charges including corruption, fraud, racketeering and money laundering. He pleaded not guilty in court in May.

Zuma's foundation said there would be no peace in South Africa until the former president was released from jail.

"Peace and stability in South Africa is directly linked to the release of President Zuma with immediate effect," it said in a Tweet. "The violence could have been avoided. It started with the decision of the constitutional court to detain president Zuma ... This is what gave anger to the people," a spokesman for the foundation, Mzwanele Manyi, told Reuters separately.

Troops moved into flashpoints on Tuesday as outnumbered police seemed helpless to stop the unrest, with columns of armoured personnel carriers rolling down highways.

The bodies of 10 people were found on Monday evening after a stampede at a Soweto shopping mall, Gauteng premier David Makhura said.

Hundreds of looters raided warehouses and supermarkets in Durban, one of the busiest shipping terminals on the African continent and an import-export hub.

Outside a Durban warehouse of retailer Game, looters stuffed cars with electronic goods and clothes, a Reuters witness said. Inside, the floor was a mess of discarded packaging as the crowd emptied the shelves.

The rand, which had been one of the best performing emerging market currencies during the pandemic, dropped



Disgruntled residents throw rocks as they confront police officers at the entrance of a partially looted mall in Vosloorus, on July 13, 2021. Stores in two South African provinces were ransacked for a fifth consecutive day, hours after President Cyril Ramaphosa deployed troops in a bid to quell unrest that has claimed 45 lives. The premier of Gauteng province, which includes Johannesburg, said 10 bodies were found late on July 12 at a looted shopping centre in Soweto, on the city's outskirts. (AFP)

to a three-month low on Tuesday, and local and hard currency bonds suffered.

Shares of banks, real estate companies and retail firms that are largely dependent on the performance and outlook of the local economy also tanked on Tuesday.

Unfulfilled promise

Shops and petrol stations have been forced to close while on the streets protesters have hurled stones and police responded with rubber bullets, Reuters journalists said.

Aerial footage from local channel eNCA showed black smoke rising from several Durban warehouses, while debris lay strewn.

A clothing factory providing 600 jobs in Isithebe, north of Durban, would be forced to close as all its machinery and materials had been looted, a textiles union said.

"No amount of unhappiness or personal circumstances from our people gives the right to anyone to loot," Police Minister Bheki Cele said, echoing sentiments expressed by President Cyril Ramaphosa overnight.

However, Defense Minister Nosiviwe Mapisa-Nqakula, speaking at the same news conference, said she did not think a state of emergency should be imposed yet.

Post-apartheid strains

The legal proceedings against Zuma have been seen as a test of post-apartheid South Africa's ability to enforce the rule of law.

But any confrontation with soldiers risks fuelling charges by Zuma and his

supporters that they are victims of a politically motivated crackdown by his successor, Ramaphosa.

The violence worsened as Zuma challenged his 15-month jail term in South Africa's top court on Monday. Judgment was reserved until an unspecified date.

The deteriorating situation pointed to wider problems and unfulfilled expectations that followed the end of white minority rule in 1994 and the election of Nelson Mandela in South Africa's first free and democratic vote.

The economy is struggling to emerge from the damage wrought by Africa's worst COVID-19 epidemic, with authorities repeatedly imposing restrictions on businesses.

Growing joblessness has left people ever more desperate. Unemployment stood at a new record high of 32.6 percent in the first three months of 2021.

The health department meanwhile said it had been forced to temporarily close some vaccination sites affected by the unrest, which had disrupted the rollout of COVID-19 vaccines.

Essential healthcare services like the collection of chronic medication by tuberculosis, HIV and diabetes patients were also affected by the violence.

An official, who declined to be named, said a government target to vaccinate 200,000 people on Monday fell short by 54,000 shots, mostly owing to disruption from the violence.

Agencies

Xi highlights BRI, global COVID-19 fight

THE Belt and Road Initiative and the joint fight against COVID-19 were major highlights of President Xi Jinping's phone conversations with foreign leaders on Tuesday night.

Speaking with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky, Xi (pictured) said that the COVID-19 pandemic is still raging and only through unity and cooperation can the international community win the arduous fight against the novel coronavirus.

China is ready to continue to strengthen cooperation with Ukraine in areas including vaccines and traditional Chinese medicine to help the country overcome the pandemic, Xi said.

Zelensky said China has provided timely and valuable assistance to Ukraine and plays an important role in fighting the pandemic, and he hopes that the two nations can strengthen cooperation in areas such as vaccines and medicine.

On bilateral cooperation, Xi said the two sides should seek high-quality joint building of the Belt and Road Initiative, advance projects such as those regarding infrastructure and China-Europe freight trains, strengthen cooperation in agricultural products, and expand people-to-people exchanges and cooperation.

China is ready to take next year's 30th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic ties as an opportunity to advance relations with Ukraine and help the two countries better achieve their respective development goals, Xi added.

Zelensky said Ukraine values, and is committed to, developing a closer strategic partnership with China and stays true to the one-China policy.

In his talks with Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, Xi said that the two nations' close cooperation in combating COVID-19 adds new highlights to their bilateral ties.

China is willing to take vaccine cooperation with Turkey further and the two sides should jointly oppose moves that politicize source-tracing and defame countries in the name of the virus, Xi said, calling for promoting the building of a global community of health for all.

Erdogan thanked China for offering support to Turkey in the fight against COVID-19. He noted that the safety and efficacy of Chinese vaccines have been recognized and trusted by the world and said Turkey hopes to strengthen vaccine cooperation with China.

As China and Turkey are about to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations, Xi said China is willing to strengthen cooperation with Turkey in fields such as anti-terrorism and security.

The two sides should promote the synergy of the Belt and Road and Turkey's Middle Corridor Initiative, explore new ideas and measures to optimize their trade structure, and raise the level of their economic and trade cooperation, Xi said.

Erdogan said that Turkey is willing to further advance building the Belt and Road and expand pragmatic cooperation, and welcomes Chinese enterprises to invest in Turkey. Turkey firmly adheres to the one-China policy and supports China's efforts in safeguarding independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity as well as cracking down on terrorism, he said.

Turkey does not allow anyone to use its territory to engage in separatist activities that compromise China's sovereignty, he added.

Speaking with Barbados Prime Minister Mia Amor Mottley, Xi envisioned greater bilateral teamwork in areas such as vaccines and medical care, and said China is ready to further advance the Belt and Road with Caribbean countries.

Russian Tourism Agency suggests working group to monitor tourist situation in Egypt

MOSCOW

THE head of Russia's Federal Tourism Agency, Zarina Doguzova, suggested setting up a Russian-Egyptian contact group to constantly monitor the situation with Russian tourists, the agency said in a statement.

On Tuesday, Doguzova had a video conference with a delegation of the Egyptian travel industry, led by Minister of Tourism and Antiquities Khaled El-Enany. The conference was also attended by the head of the Federal Service for Surveillance on Consumer Rights Protection and Human Wellbeing (Rosпотребнадзор), Anna Popova.

"The head of Rostourism, Zarina Doguzova, put forward a proposal to set up a Russian-Egyptian contact group with the goal of round-the-clock monitoring of the situation and exchanging information related to Russian tourists," the statement says.

According to Rostourism, the talks focused on the current epidemiological situation in Egypt and the country's measures to contain the novel coronavirus infection. Its participants also discussed Egypt's preparedness to accept Russian tourists.

"The Russian side noted that an important factor in mutual travel was to ensure safe and comfortable stay of tourists, which is particularly important against the backdrop of the current pandemic," the statement says.

US attempt to smear National Security Law strongly opposed

HONG KONG

THE Office of the Commissioner of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of China in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region yesterday firmly opposed remarks by the US State Department spokesperson that smeared the National Security Law for the HKSAR and the rule of law in the city.

In a statement, a spokesperson for the office said the remarks by Ned Price attacked the business environment of Hong Kong without justification and grossly interfered in Hong Kong affairs and China's internal affairs.

"We urge the US side to immediately stop its misleading political theater and immediately stop wrong acts that damage the mutually beneficial economic and trade relations between China and the US," the spokesperson said.

The National Security Law marks a historic turning point of Hong Kong from chaos to stability and opens a new chapter of sound governance in Hong

Kong, the spokesperson said. It has effectively safeguarded national security, upheld the rule of law, ensured social stability, and created a strong sense of security for Hong Kong people.

The US side has confounded black and white by smearing the National Security Law for the HKSAR and Hong Kong's business environment in a bid to mislead American and other international enterprises in Hong Kong.

"All this reflected that the sight of a well-developed and sound-governed Hong Kong stings the US," the spokesperson added.

"It also laid bare the malicious agenda of the US to contain China's development by playing the 'Hong Kong card.'"

The US' threat will not shake China's firm resolve to safeguard the national sovereignty and security nor stop the steady and sustained implementation of "one country, two systems."

"We believe that visionary people around the world will remain clear-eyed, see through



This Nov 17, 2016 photo shows the Office of the Commissioner of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region in Central.

the tricks of the US side, and make the right choice," reads the statement.

The spokesperson stressed that Hong Kong belongs to China and that Hong Kong affairs

are purely China's internal affairs. "We once again urge the US side to abide by international law and the basic norms governing international relations, abandon its wishful thinking

of disrupting Hong Kong and China as a whole, and immediately stop interfering in Hong Kong affairs and China's internal affairs at large in any form," the spokesperson added.

China strives to help relocated poor embrace better life

By rolling out various measures, including launching vocational training, developing featured industries, and providing financial support, China is working to consolidate the results of poverty alleviation relocation and ensure that the relocated residents can secure jobs and become better-off.

Relocation is essential for bringing leapfrog development to the Chinese people in inhospitable areas, and an important approach to the country's victory in its fight against poverty.

From 2016 to 2020, China relocat-

ed more than 9.6 million registered impoverished residents, and built about 35,000 resettlement areas for them.

Luo Yonghe used to live in Doudi village, Huishui county, southwest China's Guizhou province. Five years ago, he and his fellow villagers were relocated to a community in the economic development zone of Huishui county.

After Luo was elected as the secretary of the Party branch of the community in December 2016, he made a decision to find jobs for all relocated residents.

He started a night school that provided 15-day vocational training programs. Based on an investigation into the literacy and educational background of the residents, the night school tailored different training plans to suit different groups and desired jobs. It is estimated that the night school's training programs are joined around 1,200 times each year.

To provide better employment services, the community has also established a labor service company to match job seekers to enterprises.

Among all 5,935 residents at the community, 3,123 have secured jobs, or at least two in each family.

"We have more than 400 enterprises around us, as well as six poverty alleviation workshops in the community. The per capita monthly income stands at around 3,000 yuan (\$459) to 4,000 yuan," said Luo.

According to him, the average annual per capita income of the village was less than 3,000 yuan in 2016, and has hit 14,800 yuan today.

"We shall work harder on em-

ployment to better revitalize the countryside and improve the well-being of people," he added.

In 2016, Jiangbei township of Ganzhou, east China's Jiangxi province built a relocation site in its Jiangbei village, which is adjacent to a national highway.

Near the relocation site, the township government established a three-storey poverty alleviation workshop with a total area of nearly 1,200 square meters which was later rented by an electronics manufacture producing earphone cables and data cables for smart

phones.

It was in this workshop that 55-year-old Huang Liuzhao, who moved from the mountainous village of Laiyuan, Jiangbei township to the relocation site, secured a job that earns him over 3,000 yuan each month.

So far, Jiangbei township has established seven industrial bases for poverty alleviation. A total of 158 relocated residents from 28 households in the township have benefited from local industries, and 99 have secured jobs.

People's Daily

SPORT



Tanzania Football Federation (TFF)'s president, Wallace Karia.

Tanga soccer centre now set for launch next year

By Correspondent Ismail Tano

A football center funded by world soccer governing body (FIFA), to be built in Tanga, is expected to be operational by January 2022.

The center's construction manager, Khalid Abdallah, said that the prospect of using the facility in the meantime has been made certain by the contractor who is building the institution.

According to Abdallah, he has been promised the construction will reach completion by December this year.

"According to the agreement, the construction is due to be completed by December 2021 and the contractor has promised to do so," Abdallah, who is also a member of the Tanzania Football Federation (TFF) Executive Committee, noted.

The TFF official pointed out the body's delegate has been visiting the center to check on construction progress and revealed that the contractor's pace was satisfactory.

He said when it comes into use, the center will be a saviour for Tanzanian football because it will be a hub for the development of Tanzanian children's football and youths' talents.

The TFF official pointed out: "I believe even our national junior teams and even national women's teams will be better because they will have a place to build capacity."

Football stakeholders, who commented on the construction of the center that is built at Mnyanjani in Tanga, expressed satisfaction with the speed of the contractor.

The stakeholders added when completed, the institution will stimulate the growth of football. "It is a gift that basically Tanzanians should appreciate FIFA it is built in Tanga," one of the stakeholders noted.

"It will stimulate and inspire the growth of football in Tanzania," Nurdin Bakari, a soccer follower residing in Tanga, noted.

Mefaki Duga, a City Councilor, said an increase in cash flow in Tanga stands to be another benefit that will be gained from the existence of the center.

Tanzania has been benefiting in various ways from funding from FIFA, with the center's construction being one of the most successful programs.

Meanwhile, Azam FC's top scorer, Prince Dube, is expected to miss their Vodacom

Premier League match against Simba SC, slated for Thursday at Azam Complex in Dar es Salaam.

The game is expected to be extremely competitive because Azam FC is struggling to achieve the goal of finishing second while Simba SC needs to stamp its authority.

The hosts have played a total of 32 matches and they have collected 64 points.

This means the squad should convincingly win all of its remaining fixtures, while praying second-placed Yanga lose their matches, so that the ice-cream makers can finish second.

Yanga sits second with 70 points with two matches in hand. In terms of goals scored, Yanga has scored 50 goals while Azam FC has scored 48 goals.

Dube has been involved in 19 goals out of 48 scored by Azam FC, scoring 14 goals and providing five assists.

The Zimbabwean attacker missed the Federation Cup semi-final match which saw Azam FC suffer 1-0 loss to Simba.

The forward was on the stands watching the game at Majimaji Stadium in Ruvuma due to a stomach ache he is suffering.

In a related development, Yanga officials have boasted the team will grab six points in its remaining two Vodacom Premier League games to tighten its grip on the top flight's second spot.

Yanga, which has recorded 70 points after playing 32 games, has two games left against Ihefu SC slated for today and Dodoma Jiji FC, which will take place in Dodoma this weekend.

Hassan Bumbuli, Yanga's information officer, said they are planning to put spirited showing in the games to achieve the goal of getting six points that will enable them to finish with 76 points.

Bumbuli said they are sure they will notch all six points in the matches against Ihefu SC and Dodoma Jiji FC.

The Yanga official stated: "I can assure you that we are guaranteed to take all six points in our two matches. This is all due to the good preparations we have made."

"The main thing is to see to it that we are doing well in every match and that is clear considering that each player is fulfilling his responsibilities," he disclosed.

If Yanga manage to beat Ihefu SC and Dodoma Jiji FC, the squad will reach a total of 76 points behind champions Simba SC who currently have 79 points.

The champions cruised to victory over Coastal Union at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam last Sunday.

Simba SC does it again

By Correspondent Lloyd Elipokea

UNDENIABLY, it is crystal clear that the only thing that football devotees are chattering about is naturally Simba SC's brilliant fourth league title triumph, which, as it turns out, is the Msimbazi Street side's fourth title on the trot.

Indeed, after a titanic tussle for the league trophy with their nemesis, Yanga, Simba SC effectively wrapped up the title race with a sublime 2-0 victory against Coastal Union last Sunday, with the Msimbazi Street side's talismanic skipper John Bocco and Chris Mugalu bagging the vital goals needed for victory.

Strikingly, Simba have literally called the shots in the domestic top flight during the spell of the last four years, which clearly underscores their unchallenged supremacy over the clubs jostling for honours in the Mainland Premier League, yes, Yanga and Azam FC included.

Triumphing four straight times in the expectantly epic battle for the league title is no mean feat.

In fact, it could even be quite justly described as a virtuoso performance or a veritable football tour de force.

Indeed, it also clearly reveals that Simba have been loath to loosen their vice-like grip on the league trophy during the last four years and that other clubs have literally run out of answers on how to break the Msimbazi Street outfit's stranglehold on Tanzanian football.

Nonetheless, this sets things up rather nicely for next season as one doubtlessly expects that the likes of Azam FC and Yanga will use the 'off season' to fortify their respective squads in a bid to unseat Simba from the apex of domestic league football, which is the coveted top-most perch in which they have comfortably ensconced themselves for an amazing four consecutive years now.

Warm congratulations, then, should heartily be offered to Simba as their four-year reign of dominance has total-



Simba SC's players jubilate when the team scored against Kagera Sugar in a recent Premier League fixture, held in Dar es Salaam. PHOTO: COURTESY OF SIMBAS C

ly silenced the ranks of the naysayers and doubters.

Moving on, as a sport, it is fair to argue that national table-tennis has experienced almost wholly declining fortunes during the last couple of years.

Indeed, it is an incontestable fact that domestic table-tennis tournaments have been worryingly few and far between during this period.

It could also be tentatively said that domestic field hockey tournaments have increasingly become rarities in recent years.

Sadly, this litany of woes concerning low-profile sports on the local scene incredibly gets even worse.

Consider the state of affairs in local handball. Indeed, it is mightily arduous for anyone to recollect the last time when a handball championship was staged on the domestic sports landscape.

The pressing question of the hour is of course: why have table-tennis, field hockey, and handball been allowed to disturbingly descend into near-stagnation?

A considerable part of the answer to this question inevitably has to do with funding or perhaps more appropriately, the lack thereof.

Indeed, it is an ill-concealed secret here in the country that barring football, other sports, particularly the low-profile ones, have unfortunately had to contend with an almost chronic lack of funds for quite some time now.

This brings us to another weighty question, one of urgent importance: why have we nearly haplessly

failed to solve the seemingly insoluble conundrum of a lack of funding, which has confronted a plethora of sports for many a year?

Well, in my humble estimation, there can be no escaping the fact that the authorities will simply have to do more where this long-neglected matter is concerned.

Thus, one would like to propose that the authorities could set aside some amount of funds for each domestic sport on a yearly basis.

Indeed, one is sanguine that if this were to happen, the future could look rosier for many low-profile sports, particularly the three afore-said ones that have partly been at the heart of this sporting narrative.

Dar Black Panthers thump GP Pak Stars in Mwalimu Nyerere Memorial League T30 Div B

By Guardian Reporter

DAR Black Panthers Cricket Club has had an impressive start in 2021 Dar es Salaam Cricket (DC) Mwalimu Nyerere Memorial League (MNML)'s Division B 30 Overs, notching a comprehensive five-wicket victory over GP Pak Stars on Sunday.

In the first of the league's fixtures, the clash's eventual winners, led by new skipper Viraj Shukul, put solid showing against GP Pak Stars, led by Muzamil Hussain, at the Dar es Salaam Gymkhana Club (DGC) oval.

Having won the toss, GP Pak Stars chose to bat first. However their opening batsmen, Sheraz Khan and Saqib Ul Hassan, could not pull off a partnership as Khan was out after posting six runs.

The opener was caught in the first over of the innings, when the score was just runs on the board.

Their wickets thereafter fell at regular intervals as they struggled to keep Dar Black Panthers' bowlers in check.

With the exception of Ayaz Mustafa, slotted in at number three and notched 26 runs, and Sultan Qureshi, who scored 28 runs, none of the remaining members of the batting unit could go past the duo's scores.

Sarfaraz Mohamed and opener Hassan notched 18 runs and 14 runs, which included three fours, respectively.

Zahid Naveed was as well one of GP Pak Stars members of the batting unit with double digit figure given he recorded 10 runs.

The GP Pak Stars were then all-out for just 121 runs in 24.3 overs.

Anas Mansuri and Gurbinder Singh took three wickets apiece for Dar Black Panthers.

Skipper Shukul posted two wickets, fellow bowler Mahesh Soneji and Imrankhan Pathan took one wicket apiece.

Shukul was the most economical, having conceded only 12 runs for his two wickets, and his economy rate was at 4.00.

Dar Black Panthers began their chase of 122 runs for victory in the allotted 30 overs, but they too could not get off to a flying start.

Pathan and Shahab Ahmad opened their innings exactly the same way as their GP Pak Stars' counterparts.



Dar Black Panthers' Gurbinder Singh poses with man of the match prize he was presented with following his impressive showing in his club's Dar es Salaam Cricket (DC) Mwalimu Nyerere Memorial League (MNML)'s Division B 30 Overs clash against GP Pak Stars, played on Sunday. PHOTO: COURTESY OF DC

Dar Black Panthers too lost their first wicket of Ahmad in the second over and the second wicket of Sandeep Kumar in the third over.

Opener Pathan and Chirayush Barot, slotted in at number four, then laid the foundation for an easy victory, and did crucial partnership of 56 runs.

Barot then lost his wicket to a brilliant delivery executed by GP Pak Stars' Khan at his individual score of 21 runs, which included three boundaries, and the team score at 62 runs.

Anas Mansuri continued the chase along with Pathan, who made a good 42 runs at run-a-ball, which included six boundaries, before getting out at the team score of 72 runs.

By then, however, Dar Black Panthers were cruising towards victory at an easy pace.

Gurbinder Singh joined Mansuri and both took their team's score towards the 100-run mark.

Singh got out at his individual score of 20 runs from 15 balls, which included three boundaries.

Mansuri and Ashish Chopda took

the score past the target and Dar Black Panthers ended up with 122 runs on the scoreboard, losing only five wickets in 22.2 overs.

Dar Black Panthers, in this case, have got off to a flying start in the competition. Gurbinder Singh was awarded man of the match prize for his brilliant all-round performance for the tie's eventual winners.

The cricketer got 30,000/- in cash prize from the prize sponsors, General Petroleum Ltd.

The 2021 30-over DC MNML 30-over, held under the auspices of Tanzania Cricket Association (TCA), is one of regional tournaments aiming at raising cricket standard at the local level.

The GP Pak Stars members of the bowling unit, Wahid Hussain and Tambwe Rashid, recorded two wickets apiece, which could not help them weaken Dar Black Panthers' resolve.

Hussain had a six-over spell, leaking 35 runs, whereas Rashid had a five-wicket spell, which included a maiden over, leaking 15 runs.

Olympics Tokyo governor vows city's medical system is ready for Games

By Guardian Reporter

TOKYO

TOKYO Governor Yuriko Koike said on Tuesday that a sufficient number of hospitals combined with a speed-up in the vaccination rollout among the elderly meant the city will be able to hold "safe and secure" Olympics in ten days.

But Koike, speaking to Reuters in an interview at the Tokyo government headquarters which has for the last few weeks doubled as a vaccination site, also warned that the coronavirus pandemic is far from over and the spreading Delta variant remains a risk.

"Very many people will be vaccinated in the coming ten days and during the Olympics. The biggest change as a result of that will be a substantive fall in the ratio of deaths and severe cases among the elderly," Koike said.

"Because of that, and because the medical system is ready, I think we can press ahead with a safe Olympics," said Koike, who has returned to work after a brief break due to fatigue during which she was admitted to hospital.

The Japanese capital entered its fourth state of emergency on Monday causing bars and restaurants to close early, amid a rebound in COVID-19 cases that also pushed the Games organisers last week to ban spectators from nearly all venues.

Spectators from abroad were already banned months ago, and officials are now asking residents to watch the Games on TV to keep the movement of people to a minimum.

"It's very sad that the Games are being held without spectators," said Koike. "It's clear we'll be able to lower the risks (because of that), but the spectators are also very important for the athletes and give them a big boost. It's a big shame that we have to hold the Olympics without

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How viable is an African Super League, given Europe's disastrous attempt?

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Simba Queens

KMC FC all out to defeat JKT Tanzania

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

KINONDONI Municipal Council FC squad has resumed training to prepare for the Vodacom Premier League match against JKT Tanzania which will be played at Uhuru Stadium in Dar es Salaam on Thursday.

The KMC FC squad, coached by John Simkoko and Habibu Kondo, continues to recover after losing a crucial game against Simba at the Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in the city on July 7, this year.

The KMC FC, which currently has two games left before the end of the 2020/21 season, is determined to ensure that despite the fierce competition towards the game, it is planning to get good results in terms of leaving with three points.

The KMC FC, which is placed sixth in the Vodacom Premier League standings with 32 games, is preparing to do well in the remaining two games against JKT Tanzania and the one against Ihefu SC a game that will be played at Uhuru Stadium four days later.

With KMC FC being winless in recent five matches in the league, the side will be eager to bounce back from the disappointing form when it locks horns with JKT Tanzania, which has a bit of a good form after winning three games out of the squad's last five outings.

The KMC FC information officer, Christina Mwangala, disclosed: "We have just lost an important game against Simba, but this does not prevent us from concentrating on our next important game, we meet JKT Tanzania on Thursday, but we know the game will be tough."

She added: "We will also make sure we collect three points when we lock horns with Ihefu SC."

"At the moment all our players are fine although the result against Simba hurt us but we are reorganizing," Christina said.

Christina insisted: "The main issue that should be kept in mind is that KMC FC is a team with big goals so we are fighting to do well in our remaining matches so that next season we can start new strategies."

The KMC FC has no players nursing injuries and, with the exception of Andrew Vincent, who was shown a red card in the game against Simba SC which ended with KMC FC conceding 2-0 loss to the latter, the remaining are up for inclusion in the coming clash.

The KMC FC will, in this case, miss Vincent's services in the remaining two games.

The JKT Tanzania will also come to this game having only lost to Biashara United of Mara and Yanga in the army team's previous five games.

The Kilimanjaro side will be seeking to come out victorious and move up the top flight's table in order to escape the playoffs against the First Division League sides.

VPL relegation battle now heats up



Coastal Union's players jubilate after their team mate scored during a Vodacom Premier League match against Azam FC, which took place in Tanga.

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

THE battle to stay clear of the relegation zone and finish within the top four is set to move closer to reach a dramatic conclusion as the 2020/21 Vodacom Premier League season heads into its penultimate round today.

All teams will be in action as nine games will be played across the country.

Six teams find themselves in an intense relegation battle to remain within the top-flight that looks likely to head into the final day of the season.

Three of the six clubs will join Mwadui FC, which has already been relegated to next season's First Division League.

Coastal Union, whose hopes of securing safety suffered another blow last weekend with a 2-0 defeat to crowned champions Simba SC, are second from bottom in the standings.

Four points separate Coastal Union with five teams above them, Gwambina FC, Ihefu SC, Mbeya City FC, JKT Tanzania, Kagera Sugar, Mtibwa Sugar and Ruvu Shooting.

To have a realistic shot at staying in the top-flight, Coastal Union,

nicknamed 'Wagosi wa Kaya', needs to win both of their remaining games starting with today's home against Mwadui FC and Sunday's tie against Kagera Sugar - and hope results go their way.

At Sokoine Stadium in Mbeya, Mbeya City FC will host Gwambina FC in a game that is probably the most significant or season-defining fixture for both teams this season.

In their favour, it is a home fixture against a Gwambina side that has only four games on the road all season.

In Mlandizi, Coast Region, Ruvu Shooting will be aiming to stop their worrying slide into a relegation fight with a win at home against fifth placed Namungo FC.

Coach Boniface Mkwasa outfit's worrying form of no wins in their last six matches has seen them slip to just two points off the relegation places on 38 points.

Dodoma will see visiting Mtibwa Sugar take on hosts Dodoma Jiji FC at Jamhuri Stadium.

Dodoma Jiji FC which occupies ninth position, will aim for a win to finish an impressive debut season as high up the table as possible.

Kagera Sugar will be eager to

collect maximum points and enhance their chances of surviving the chop when they visit Polisi Tanzania at Ushirika Stadium in Kilimanjaro while JKT Tanzania also need to win their clash against hosts Kinondoni Municipal Council FC to boost their survival hopes.

Ihefu SC faces the most challenging task of the relegation candidates when they battle a confident Yanga side that is fresh from a morale boosting derby victory.

A loss for Ihefu SC that has notched 35 points would almost certainly cement their place in the relegation zone.

Thursday Fixtures:

Tanzania Prisons vs Biashara United (Mandela Stadium, Rukwa), KMC FC vs JKT Tanzania (Uhuru Stadium, Dar es Salaam), Ruvu Shooting vs Namungo FC (Mabatini ground, Mlandizi), Mbeya City FC vs Gwambina FC (Sokoine, Mbeya), Polisi Tanzania vs Kagera Sugar (Ushirika, Moshi), Dodoma Jiji FC vs Mtibwa Sugar (Jamhuri, Dodoma), Coastal Union vs Mwadui FC (Mkwakwani, Tanga), Yanga vs Ihefu SC (Benjamin Mkapa, Dar es Salaam) and Azam FC vs Simba SC (Azam Complex, Dar es Salaam).

Simba Queens kept waiting as Women's Champions League Qualifiers postponed

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

THE Council of East and Central African Football Associations (CECAFA) has postponed the Zonal Women's CAF Champions League qualifiers.

The inaugural tournament was initially earmarked to take place from July 17-August 1 in Kenya.

Reigning Mainland Tanzania Women Premier League champions, Simba Queens, were due to represent the country in the CECAFA regional qualifiers.

The other teams that qualified to play in the qualifiers include Lady Doves WFC (Uganda), PVP FC (Burundi), Commercial Bank of Ethiopia (Ethiopia), Yei Joint Stars FC (South Sudan) and New Generations FC (Zanzibar).

Auka Gecheo, the Executive Director of the Council of East and Central Africa Football Associations (CECAFA) announced the development on Tuesday afternoon.

"After consultations, it has been decided that the WCL qualifiers, slated for July 17 to August 1 in Nairobi, will not take place as scheduled," Gecheo disclosed.

Gecheo added that a new date will be announced.

Simba Queens have been camping at their Bunju training base for the past three weeks preparing for the tournament and played a friendly against the national team, Twiga Stars on Tuesday.

The CAF Women's Champions League competition is a new competition introduced by CAF to develop women's football products in Africa.

It will feature top teams from all over the continent. It will run from November all through to December 2021 in Egypt.

To decide the teams that will participate at the final competition in Egypt later this year, Zonal Qualifiers will be played as preliminary rounds.

Each of the six CAF zones will have at least a representative at the final tournament with Union of North Africa Football (UNAF) and West Africa Football Union B (WAFU -B) getting two slots each.

The UNAF will, on the one hand, get two slots with a team from Egypt (host nation) and the other going through the qualifiers.

Egyptian women league winners, Wadi Degla, get automatic qualification as the team from the host nation for the final tournament of the CAF Women's Champions League.

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MORNING @ 11:00

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11:00 DADAZ LIVE
12:00 MPYA
12:30 Bongo Hits
13:00 Msosi Kitaani (r)
13:30 Kali Za Wana
14:00 Ujenzi (r)
14:30 DK10 Za Maangamizi
15:00 Funguka
15:30 Wagonga Ulimbo (r)
16:00 Ubongo Kids (r)
16:30 #HSHTAG
17:00 SSELEKT
17:55 Kurasa
18:00 eNewz
18:30 Music/Soap
19:30 EATV SAA I
19:45 MJADALA
20:00 DADAZ (r)
21:00 Kibiashara Zaidi

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10:00 MAMAMIA
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