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EMPOWERMENT PAYS OFF...



Residents of Kivunge suburb in Zanzibar's North Unguja Region pictured at the weekend harvesting vegetables they planted after undergoing training conducted by the EU-funded Viungo Project. Photo: Correspondent Rahma Suleiman

By Guardian Reporter

OVER 100 traders at the burnt Kariakoo market are appealing to authorities to arrange low interest rate loans as capital so that they can start afresh after their stalls and goods went up in flames a week ago.

The city traders who are now idle and counting the costs also want the government to make good its promise to secure them new stalls at the recently constructed Kisutu market as well as at the Machinga Complex, both within one kilometer from the centrally placed market. Anna Mzema, the Kariakoo Stall Owners Association secretary told this paper yesterday that the problem they now face is capital, even with the government moving to assist them to relocate to other central business district markets.

Being the leader of the 124 traders whose goods went up in flames, she said that just 19 traders came out unscathed, affected by the disaster.

"We have been given temporary sanctuary at the Kisutu Market even though the space is small," she stated, expressing gratitude to Regional Commissioner Amos Makalla, Ilala DC and city trade officers for assistance rendered.

"As we wait for the Prime Minister's assessment, we do not yet know what our fate shall be," she remarked.

Noting that many among the traders were of advanced age with family responsibilities, starting other lines of business was difficult for them, in which case low-interest loans

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Tanzania moved off Ireland's list for mandatory quarantine

By Correspondent Marc Nkwame, Arusha

TANZANIA is among 34 countries that have been removed from the mandatory hotel quarantine list for travellers arriving in Ireland, the Irish Minister for Health, Stephen Donnelly, announced at the weekend.

An Irish government statement made available here after it was communicated to major travel agencies said that the Irish

move went into effect at the weekend, where those travelling from Tanzania to Dublin or Belfast in Northern Ireland will be free to move in and out of the country.

They will no longer be subjected to undergo the mandatory hotel quarantine which is still a requirement for travellers coming from countries still listed as dangerous sources of the Delta variant of Covid 19 in particular.

"This is a positive development and comes at the right time," stated Sirili Akko (pictured), chief executive of the Arusha-based Tanzania Association of Tour Operators (TATO) in reaction to the Irish government's decision.

He said this decision is another boost to Tanzania's tourism industry as visitors from Ireland no longer have to undergo cumbersome health processes upon return to their country after touring Serengeti National Park, Mount

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Mbeya prepares nutrition plan to cut stunting levels

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

AUTHORITIES in Mbeya Region are drawing up a nutrition plan to guide families on what meals to eat on a daily basis to curb runaway stunting among children under five.

Regional Commissioner Juma Homera yesterday gave district commissioners in the region 30 days to liaise with nutrition officers and come up with meal guidelines to be distributed up to the village level.

The RC said the 33.8 per cent rate of stunting in Mbeya is unacceptable considering the fact that it is one of



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Tanzania's leading grain producers.

The Tanzania Demographic and Health Survey for 2015-16 showed that the average rate of stunting in the country among children less than five years stood at 36 per cent.

The situation is even worse in other food-rich regions such as Rukwa (56.3), Njombe (49.4), Arusha (36.0), Geita (40.5) and Iringa (41.6).

This move is partly prolonged implementation of the National Multisectoral Nutrition Action Plan (2016/17 -2020/21) which required

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Govt launches manhunt as 981 students fall pregnant

By Guardian Correspondent, Kibondo

THE government has launched a manhunt to locate suspects after it emerged that nearly 1,000 pupils have been impregnated in Kibondo District, Kigoma Region, in the past six months.

Mwanaidi Ali Khamis (pictured), the Deputy Minister for Health, Community Development, Gender, Elders and



Children was made aware of this situation by district officials, during her five-day visit in the district to inspect community development services.

Officials said that 981 pupils had their schooling interrupted beginning January this year, and scarcely any culprits have been arrested. She launched a 'One Stop Centre' centre at the Kibondo

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Jacqueline Materu, Vodacom Tanzania's head of PR and communications, opens a modern latrine at Mango Primary School at Kibosho in Kilimanjaro Region at the weekend after Vodacom Foundation handed it over to the school. Photo: Guardian Correspondent.

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could send them back to market business, she emphasised.

"We ask for long term low interest loans as people have been psychologically affected, with some starting to be infected with illnesses. In order to come back to business, what new business can they do?" she demanded.

Stephen Lusinde, the chairman of the petty traders association told this paper that despite the fire victims getting other areas for business, there was a huge challenge of capital.

Out of 1,636 Kariakoo traders affected by the fire, about 570 were relocated along Swahili Street and others at Kisutu Market and at the Machinga Complex.

"Swahili Street in Kariakoo has been relocated to 340 traders out of the 570, and those who were selling food and vegetables

have been relocated to the Machinga Complex," added Lusinde.

John Shao, the chairman of the Kariakoo Main Market Traders Association, said the traders have been relocated to other areas since late last week even though the spaces were not enough for all of them.

"Space for conducting business is small, for example a trader who had three or four stalls will get one area," he said.

Meat and fish sellers along with insecticides and pesticides vendors were relocated at the Kisutu Market, while sellers of equipment have been relocated at the Machinga Complex, he elaborated.

After the fire incident, President Samia Suluhu Hassan instructed defence and security organs to investigate the disaster to find out its cause, while Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa formed a probe team that was given seven days to come up with probe findings.

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District Hospital that would enable victims of domestic violence to obtain inclusive treatment in a short time.

Insisting that the school pregnancies reports cannot be ignored, she said that government officials in respective areas should make sure the suspects are apprehended and brought to court.

"The community cannot expect miracles of success for the coming generations if we close our eyes to these acts of gender based violence and child abuse by impregnating under-age girls and thereby ending their life dreams," she declared.

District Community Development Officer Sophia Gwamagobe praised joint efforts by the government and development stakeholders in finding solution to acts of GBV and child abuse.

She said the One Stop Centre' sponsored by Save the Children - an international charity organisation - will facilitate the provisions of the required services to GBV victims within a short period from the moment an incident is reported.

The centre incorporates the police, community development officers and doctors, with Save the Children representative Jackson Nsabo saying the global NGO decided to build the centre to fight the rising frequency of GBV and incidents of child abuse.

In June 2016, the legislature approved a bill where men who impregnate or marry schoolgirls face 30 years in prison as part of the government's commitment to prevent child marriages, with Tanzania reputed to have one of the highest child marriage prevalence rates in the world.

The provisions make it illegal for anyone to impregnate or marry primary or secondary school girls under any circumstances.

A 2015/16 survey by the National Bureau of Statistics showed that 21 per cent of girls aged 15 to 19 got pregnant and gave birth during the year.

While sex with underage girls is a criminal offence, poor parents often marry off their young daughters for cash using a special dispensation under the Law of Marriage Act 1971 which allows girls aged 15 to marry with parental or court consent or at 14 with court permit, while boys can marry at 18

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Kilimanjaro, Ngorongoro Crater, Zanzibar beaches or southern circuit hunting safaris, etc.

Kenya, Rwanda and Burundi are similarly on the list of countries which Ireland has confidence in their health and safety situation, in regard to the ongoing global Covid-19 pandemic.

Other countries that have been removed from the Irish mandatory quarantine list include Afghanistan, Angola, Bahrain, Cape Verde, Costa Rica, the Dominican

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Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Eritrea, Ethiopia, French Guiana, Guyana, Haiti, Kyrgyzstan, Lesotho, Malawi, Maldives, Mongolia, Nepal, Oman, Panama, the Philippines, Qatar, Somalia, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, Venezuela and Zambia.

Cuba was being added to the list of designated states for mandatory hotel quarantine, implying that people arriving in Ireland who have transited through Cuba in the previous 14 days will be subjected to restrictions, an instruction that comes into force tomorrow, July 20.

Uganda's school reopening hangs in balance - minister

By Damali Mukhaye

UGANDAN Education and Sports minister Janet Museveni yesterday said the reopening of schools for learners across the country still hangs in the balance with Cabinet yet to decide on the issue.

While releasing the 2020 PLE results at State House Entebbe yesterday, Janet said: "I do not want to talk about something we are not confident about. The decision of closing or reopening schools is not made by my ministry alone. The decisions can only be made by the government after they have been discussed by Cabinet," Janet said.

"It is premature to say we will open at this time. To me, I cannot say there is a time we shall open, but in the near future, we shall. We should all be patient," she added.

Janet also faulted parents for the poor 2020 PLE performance in Universal Primary Education (UPE) schools, saying they absconded from playing roles in the education of their children.

She said unlike parents in urban areas who are playing a vital role in the education of their children, the parents in rural areas, whose children attend Universal Primary Education (UPE) schools, have neglected their roles and left everything to the government.

Janet urged the parents to up their game and play their part by participating in the education of their children.

"You cannot blame the Ministry of Education when it exams are not done well. We have to share the blame. UPE and Universal Secondary Education are doing badly because we have no support from the families of these children," Janet said.

"Education is a shared responsibility. Parents in rural areas

leave their children to go to school on empty stomach yet parents in urban areas are putting a lot of effort in their children to ensure their children feed well and excel at school," Janet added.

She said children in urban areas go to school early enough and spend a lot of time learning whereas those in rural areas walk very long distances to schools, reach school late, start studying late and go back home late.

Janet also said teachers in urban areas put in a lot to ensure their learners excel unlike the ones in rural areas who put in less.

But she was optimistic that in the near future, the Ministry will be there for the rural child.

Just like in previous years, non-UPE schools outperformed UPE counterparts.

Janet also urged parents to embrace home schooling for their kids in lower primary school.

Learners in nursery, Primary One, Two and Three have never stepped foot in class since March last year when President Museveni announced the first lockdown.

Primary one to three learners were supposed to report back to School in May, but two days to the reporting date, President Museveni closed schools.

"I ask parents to homeschool their children. This should be considered as we work together with schools to reopen. We should not let our children waste a lot of time at home doing nothing," Janet said.

"Some people have come up with means of teaching their learners even during the lockdown even in rural areas where teachers are teaching their students in small groups. We should come up with means of teaching these learners instead of pointing fingers," Janet said.



Women entrepreneurs supported by Barrick Gold display their products at the just-ended Shinyanga Business Fair. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Mbeya prepares nutrition plan to cut stunting levels

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regional leaders and nutrition officers to draw up and implement nutrition action plans to address the challenge.

Stunted growth among children is chiefly characterised by low height-for-age, a sign of chronic under-nutrition arising from grossly inadequate nutrition over a long period. It can also be brought about or enhanced by recurrent or chronic illness, experts say.

The RC issued these instructions at the weekend at a meeting to

discuss nutrition in the region, attended by various stakeholders including government officials and representatives of development partners and multilateral agencies, including UNICEF, the UN Fund for Children.

"Once you prepare the schedules, use the media to advertise them and educate the people to enable them understand. We should reach a time to abandon debates on the stunting of children in our region; it is shameful to debate the issue while we have everything in this

region," he declared.

He also called on district administrators to make follow ups on issues of stunting in wards and villages, including identifying families with such children in order to find the means to assist them, similarly asking district councils to set aside funds for the implementation of the exercise.

Earlier, submitting a report on nutrition in the region, the Regional Nutrition Officer Benson Sanga said stunting has various adverse effects in the community, including slow

child growth be it physically or mentally.

Stunted women were more prone to having difficulties during delivery and likely to face life threatening situations, while children with stunting are also easily infected by diseases, including heart diseases, diabetes and cancer when they attain advanced ages, he explained.

Regional Administrative Officer Dr Angelina Lutambi said the level of stunting in the region was high, thus officials should work together to fight the menace.



Njombe district commissioner Kisa Kasongwa (3rd-R) pictured in Njombe municipality at the weekend presenting a Guavay Company Limited dummy cheque for 1m/- to avocado farmer Erasto Ngole (2nd-L) at the launch of 'Hakika' organic fertiliser. Second right is the Guavay managing director Ahad Katera. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

By Guardian Correspondent, Kagera

Grab opportunities offered by Eacop project - minister

PEOPLE living near areas where the East Africa Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) will pass have been told to emerge and grab various opportunities that will be available during the construction.

The call was made here on Saturday by Energy minister Dr Medard Kalemami at a meeting with various stakeholders that discussed opportunities offered by the pipeline project in Misenyi District, Kagera Region.

Dr Kalemami mentioned some of the opportunities as including the establishment of various factories for the production of goods to be used in the project

He said more than 15,000 Tanzanians will be employed during the project's construction period and urged them grab various business opportunities for income generation.

He said the aim of the meeting is to build up an understanding and to explain to Tanzanians about

their responsibility to participate in various businesses that would be available during the construction of the project, adding that more than 80 per cent of the work would be done by Tanzanians.

He added that the project work has begun and was in the last stages of paying compensation of land to be taken as well as construction of roads towards the project sites.

He added that the project will take three years to complete and will cost USD 3.5 billion.

The minister mentioned the project's benefits, saying that in regard to Singida, Tabora and Simiyu regions where the pipeline will pass also are expected to produce oil hence the country will use the same pipeline to transport the oil.

He also called the people to

provide adequate cooperation to the government and investors and engage in the pipeline's protection.

For his part, Kagera Regional Commissioner Maj Gen. Charles Mbuge said the pipeline will push up the region's economy and the entire country in general.

He said: "I will make sure the project will be implemented through close supervision so that other nations will know that Tanzanians are very serious people and patriotic, the situation that will make the country continue to get various opportunities in projects construction from neighbouring countries."

For his part, Muleba North Member of parliament Charles Mwijage called on the residents to come up and grab various opportunities to available from the project.

Tanzania, Rwanda scrap roaming charges

By Guardian Reporter

TANZANIA and Rwanda have joined a programme that will significantly reduce cost of communication between the two countries.

A statement released at the weekend by the Tanzania Communications Regulatory Authority (TCRA) said the two countries have embraced a special programme called Smart Africa-One Network Area in African continent and other developing countries

Speaking in Dar es Salaam at the weekend, Rwandan government chief innovation officer Antione Sebera said the costly roaming charges will be scrapped off under the alliance system.

He spoke during the visit by Rwandan Minister for Information, Communication Technology and Innovation Paula Ingabire who was accompanied by her Tanzanian

counterpart and host Dr Faustine Ndagulile.

Sebera said Tanzania and Rwanda will collaborate in harmonising communication services under the Smart Africa Alliance Programme that will also benefit all East African Communication Organisation (EACO) Member States as part of Developing countries.

Addressing the press after the Joint Tanzania-Rwanda Communication Ministers' bilateral relations discussions, Dr Ndagulile said as a Hubble of communication Services for East and Central Africa, Tanzania and Rwanda have unanimously agreed to collaborate on improvement of communication infrastructures so as to deliver quality and reliable communication services.

He said the two countries will also collaborate on Human Resource capacity building and Technical Experts Exchange Programmethat

will complement the long cherished bilateral relations between the two countries.

Dr Ndagulile identified other areas of bilateral relations collaboration as coordination of FM and TV Frequency Spectrum Planning, preparations of different Regulations and Guidelines for communication services and Preparations of ITU World Radio Communications Conferences (WRC).

Ingabire thanked Tanzania for the cordial welcome, adding that the two countries are determined to build a reliable digital economy that would accelerate development in the two countries.

She added that ICT sector has cross-cutting benefits to people from all walks of life and to almost all sectors country-wide contributing to improved living standards of people with sustainable development countries concerned.

NBAA releases results for May exams

By Guardian Reporter

THE National Board of Accountants and Auditors Tanzania (NBAA) has released results for the examinations held from May 4 to 7, this year, with 39 per cent of candidates failing.

According to a statement issued during the weekend by the NBAA executive director, CPA Pius Maneno, only 894 out 5,768 candidates passed the exams.

"In total 894 (15.5 per cent) candidates have passed the examinations while 2,624 (45.5 per cent) candidates passed some of the subjects in the respective examination level and 2,250 (39.0 per cent) failed their examinations," he said.

He said that in these examinations, 278 candidates qualify to be awarded the professional certificate of completion of the Certified Public Accountants (CPA) programme. The number makes a total of 10,766 passed CPAs since

the commencement of the Board's examinations in May, 1975.

On the CPA (I) equivalent qualification award, 13 candidates qualify to be awarded. The passed candidates make a total of 223 graduates since the commencement of the examinations in November 2014.

The examinations involved examination candidates at levels of accounting technicians' levels I and II, foundation level, intermediate and final level under the revised competence based syllabi.

According to him, in accounting technician level I, a total of 17 candidates passed the examinations while 27 passed some of the subjects and 30 failed the exams.

In the Accounting Technician Level II, Maneno said that 29 candidates passed their examinations and will be issued with certificates of completion of the Accounting Technician Certificates (ATEC) examinations.

In Foundation level (Skills and

Knowledge), 209 (32.2 per cent) passed the exams, 312 (48.1 per cent) passed some of the subjects. A total of 128 (19.7 per cent) candidates in this group failed the examinations.

In Intermediate Level, some 349 candidates qualified while 1,372 passed some subjects as 1,175 candidates failed.

The executive director further said in the final stage, a total 290 (14.7 per cent) candidates have passed the examinations while 882 (42.0 present) passed some of the subjects as 856 (43.3 per cent) failed their examinations.

Maneno congratulated those who have passed their examinations and encouraged those who have failed to work hard in the future examinations attempts.

Further, candidates are advised to make good of available learning materials when preparing for the examinations. They are advised to develop a reading culture of other books apart from study kits in order to widen their understanding.



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PUBLICATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND DISCLOSURE OF FUNDING SOURCES FOR JOHNS HOPKINS CENTER FOR COMMUNICATION PROGRAMS TANZANIA FOR PERIOD ENDING SEPTEMBER 2020 AND FROM OCTOBER 2020 TO MARCH 2021

Johns Hopkins Center for Communication Programs is incorporated in Tanzania as an International NGO domiciled in Tanzania. On August 11, 2008, the Organization was registered as a Non-Governmental Organization (NGO), having met the requirement of the NGO status. John Hopkins Center for Communication Programs is funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and Bill & Melinda Foundation to implement public health interventions on malaria and advance family planning thematic areas in collaboration with sector ministries and programs. In compliance with regulations 12 and 13 of the Non-Governmental Organizational Act (Disclosures) Regulations, 2018, Johns Hopkins University Center for Communication Programs Tanzania is hereby publishing financial Statements covering the period October 2019 to September 2020 (audited) and October 2020 to March 2021 (bi-annual).

Statement of financial position as at September 30, 2020 and March 31, 2021		
	2021 (TZS '000) Provisional	2020 (TZS '000) Audited
Assets		
Current assets		
Head office account	35,033	111
Trade and other receivables	258,133	205,981
Cash and cash equivalents	1,817,632	97,138
Total Assets	2,110,798	303,007
Liabilities		
Current liabilities		
Trade and other payables	2,110,798	303,007
Total Liabilities	2,110,798	303,007

Statement of Comprehensive Income for the year ended September 30, 2020 and March 31, 2021		
	2021 (TZS '000) Provisional	2020 (TZS '000) Audited
Income		
Replenishment Revenue Earned	1,140,612	690,851
	1,140,612	690,851
Expenditure		
Personel Costs	1,085,888	553,769
Non Personel Costs/Program Costs	89,756	136,972
Total Expenditures	1,175,645	690,740
Net Surplus/Deficit	(35,033)	111

Funding Analysis by Project as at March 31, 2021

#	Project Name	2021 (TZS '000) Provisional	2020 (TZS '000) Audited
1	USAID - Tanzania Vector Control Activity (TVCA) Contract	910,597	81,999
2	Advance Family Planning (AFP) Project	262,250	604,931
3	Other Projects	2,797	3,921
	Grand Total	1,175,645	690,851

The statement of Financial position published for 2021 to cover October 2020 to March 2021 is unaudited as approved by Johns Hopkins Center for Communication Programs Tanzania management in pursuant of regulation 13 of the Non-Governmental Organization Act (Disclosure) Regulations, 2018.



TANZANIA INTERFAITH PARTNERSHIP (TIP)

Consultant Vacancy Announcement

Final Evaluation Consultant (Open to local applicants)

The Tanzania Interfaith Partnership (TIP) has been working in Tanzania since 2010 on issues of health and Children's Rights. TIP is currently implementing a Faith and Community Initiative (FCI) Project on HIV/AIDS and Justice for Children in Mwanza region. The project is funded by PEPFAR/CDC through Ariel Glaser Pediatric AIDS Healthcare Initiative (AGPAHI).

TIP is currently recruiting for a short term (30 days) consultancy service for the final evaluation of FCI BORESHA project. This position is open to qualified and experienced Tanzanian M&E consultants.

The successful candidate will be responsible to:

- Provide both technical and financial proposal to TIP with due attention to the details of methodologies and strategies of the consultancy work.
- Develop an evaluation work plan that will operationalize and direct the evaluation.
- Work closely with TIP staff in planning and implementation of plan process.
- Design qualitative and quantitative data collection instruments and tools.
- Recruit and train qualified and experienced data collectors/enumerators
- Review and analyse key project documents such as Annual achievement reports and field monitoring reports.
- Ensure that the evaluation focuses on the overarching objectives taking into account, outcome indicators, opportunities and the lessons learned as a result of the project.
- Review and design evaluation questions, checklists, field guides and other instruments to be used as tools in collection and analysis of the findings and secondary sources.
- Coordinate and supervise the fieldwork during data collection period.
- Provide overall guidance to the evaluation team in the data collection processes
- Ensure that lessons learned are well identified and incorporated in the report.
- Facilitate consultative, debriefing and feedback meeting and discussions with TIP and district teams.
- Discuss and agree on work schedule, methodologies, timeframe and other arrangements for undertaking the evaluation exercise.
- Produce and submit interim reports (field report, first draft and second draft) on fieldwork findings per the agreed format and schedule.
- Submit final report after incorporating comments from TIP and partners.
- Present findings of the evaluation to TIP team, the council of Secretary Generals and as requested.

Qualifications and Entry Requirement:

The lead consultant must be a health specialist and must have a minimum of Master's degree in Public Health or equivalent.

At Least ten years of working experience in project management and experience in conducting United States Government (USG) Agencies end of project evaluation.

S/he has to have strong statistical/data management and data quality management skill with extensive experience in carrying out standard quantitative and qualitative surveys, managing and evaluating public health response and development project in developing countries, as well as strong familiarity with survey methodology.

Proven track records in leading evaluation teams and producing quality reports.

Skills Required Communication and analytical skills

Remuneration must be quoted as a lump sum (inclusive of all admin and living allowance and Travel costs; etc)

How to apply:

Please send a functional resume along with a cover letter to info@tip.or.tz with the subject line of the position you are applying for; on or before July 31st, 2021.

Only short-listed candidates will be contacted.

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ABOUT GEITA GOLD MINING LTD

Geita Gold Mining Ltd (GGML) is Tanzania's leading gold producer with a single operation in Geita Region. The company is a subsidiary of AngloGold Ashanti, an international gold producer headquartered in South Africa, with operations in more than ten countries, in four continents. The mine is situated in the Lake Victoria Gold fields of North Western Tanzania, only about 85 km's from Mwanza City and 20 km's South East of the nearest point of Lake Victoria. The company has its head office in Geita, only 5 Km's west of the fast-growing town of Geita, and also a supporting office in Dar es Salaam. Applications are invited from ambitious, energetic and performance driven individuals to fill in vacant position(s) mentioned below:

Position	: Senior Manager Mining – Open Pits
Contract type & Duration	: Unspecified time
Department	: Mining Open Pits
Reporting to	: Operations Manager
Number of Positions	: One (1)

PURPOSE OF THE ROLE

Purpose of the role is to build, develop, and lead an effective team capable of delivering industry leading practices within the mining operations in order to achieve business objectives/targets.

QUALIFICATIONS:

B.Sc in Mining Engineering or equivalent tertiary qualification.
A post graduate qualification in management is desirable but not essential.

EXPERIENCE:

10-15 years relevant open mining experience (Underground mining experience will be an advantage)

MAIN OR KEY ACCOUNTABILITIES:

The Mining Manager is accountable for:

Health, Safety & Environment

- Implementation, management and maintenance of the ISO18001 & ISO45001 systems.
- Promoting safe working practices and safety within the department.
- Leading and managing hazard and risk management programs and systems.

People Management

- Implementation, use and continuous coaching of the subordinates.
- Labour planning and budgeting.
- Develop and implement succession plans with measurable results in the localization of management in the mining operations.

Planning

- Supporting the Operations Manager in the development of an optimized business plan by proposing potential resource rationalization approaches, with associated benefits and risks, and models of possible long term mine plans for the 3-5 year future.
- In conjunction with the Technical Services Manager, support the development of the long term mine plan that will deliver the sustainable execution of the annual mine plans and deliver the expected results safely and within budget.
- In the mining environment, optimize production from two main operating pits, to achieve targeted gold production safely and within costs.
- In conjunction with the Technical Services Manager and Geology Manager manage the interaction between open pit and underground mining activities.

Operations

- The management of people and effective mine operations work systems within the context of the approved budget.
- Integrating all mining functions required to develop, monitor, progress, resource and executes the Mine Plan on a 3 year rolling basis.
- Designing and implementing operating systems and teams to deliver in accordance with the budget (considering owner and contract activities)
- Defining "good mining practice", and providing a framework and plan to sustainably and continuously improve performance.
- Optimising ore mining methods to balance productivity and quality by working collaterally with the Geology Manager to determine balance of factors required for optimal results.
- In conjunction with Geology, the development of mining methods which optimize resource recovery and mining dilution, commensurate with practical mining constraints and productivity targets. In conjunction with geology, develop procedures for the operation of the ROM pad, for the sorting, stockpiling and management of ore.
- In conjunction with Processing, optimization of ore mining methods (drill and blast) to optimize mill throughput
- Planning and implementing infrastructure to support the mining operation; Implement the management framework.
- Understanding and managing risks and opportunities over the 2 year business cycle

Contracts

- Defining, implementing and managing contractors in all open pit mining operations areas.
- Scope contract parameters for future mining contractors or contract extensions.

Mining Fleet

- Managing and optimize the use of the mining fleet, to deliver to the mining production plan and budget. Develop alternative scenarios for effective rationalization of HME in the 2 to 5 year timeframe

MODE OF APPLICATION:

- Please apply through our recruitment portal by following the link below. Please click the link or type the URL address on a website browser to access the application portal.
- On the portal you will be required to upload your detailed CV, copies of relevant certificates, e-mail and telephone contacts, names and addresses of three referees. Please do not attach certificates that are not related to the qualifications stated above.
- You will also be required to upload a cover / application letter addressed to "Senior Manager Human Resources, Geita Gold Mining Ltd". Subject should be "Senior Manager Mining – Open Pits"

Application Link:

<https://career5.successfactors.eu/sfcareer/jobreqcareer?jobId=16329&company=AGAprd>

- Candidates may also apply through our jobs email at jobs.geita@AngloGoldAshanti.com. Email subject should also be "Senior Manager Mining – Open Pits"
- You will be required to present original certificates if you are contacted for interviews.
- Internal Applicants (those currently employed by AngloGold Ashanti) must have their application letter endorsed by their Head of Department (HOD) or Manager once Removed (MoR).

APPLICATION DEADLINE:

- Applications should reach the above on or before **31st July 2021 at 5:30 PM**
- Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted for interviews.

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Govt produces chemical-free fertiliser for organic farmers

By Guardian Correspondent, Njombe

CHEMICAL-free fertiliser that seeks to strengthen organic farming in Tanzania and increase markets for crops produced by organic farmers, was launched here yesterday by Njombe District Commissioner Kisa Kasongwa on behalf of Njombe Regional Commissioner Eng. Marwa Rubirya. Managing director of Guavay Company Limited Eng. Ahad Katera said the launch ceremony that the company is currently producing 3,500 tonnes a year but plans to raise production to 20,000 tonnes annually.

He said the company is particularly targeting local avocado producers so that they can competitively sell the fruits in

European and American markets. "We want to help them increase productivity so that they can compete well and have their fruits accepted in those markets," he said.

He also said they are also targeting producers of vanilla, cocoa and coffee, explaining that those crops when produced by organic farmers they have a ready market overseas.

Kasongwa praised the company for its pioneering feat and for cooperating well with researchers from universities of Dar es Salaam, Sokoine and Makerere and the Commission for Science and Technology. The three-year research, that started in 2014 and ended in 2017, was sponsored by Bolnnovate Africa.

The DC said the fertiliser, being marketed under a brand name of

Hakika, is also a good for onion, maize and paddy and appealed to the company to increase production to reduce importation of fertilisers.

She said avodado is now a strategic cash crop for Njombe, Iringa and Mbeya Regions. She appealed to extension officers to educate farm on best ways of using the fertiliser and use the fertiliser to protect soil health.

The representative of Bolnnovate Africa, Shira Mukiibi, said the fertiliser will increase agricultural production in Tanzania and neighbouring countries.

She praised the Tanzanian Government for supporting researches that seek to increase agricultural production.



Mara regional commissioner Ally Hapi speaks in Musoma municipality at the weekend at the presentation by NMB Bank Plc of 750 corrugated iron roofing sheets and 157 desks for schools in the region alongside eight delivery beds for Mwalimu Nyerere Memorial Hospital. He is flanked by NMB chief financial officer Juma Kimori (L) and Musoma district commissioner Alfany Haule. The bank has previously donated desks, chairs and tables worth 68m/- to primary and secondary schools in the region. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Prime Minister's office to identify untrained but gifted youths for special jobs provisions

By Correspondent Marc Nkwame, Arumeru

TANZANIA is endowed with many untrained, but gifted young people whose self-acquired apprentice skills can be put into proper use of high productivity to boost the country's economy.

"But unfortunately the job openings available in the country have been snubbing those without formal academic credentials despite the fact that most of these young Tanzanians prove to be more industrious than their schooled counterparts," revealed the Arusha regional youth development officer, Japhet Kurwa.

Kurwa was speaking in Tengeru area of Arumeru District, during the occasion to mark the 'World Youth Skills Day,' organized by the 'Deutsche Stiftung Weltbevölkerung (DSW),' which is a global development organization focusing on the needs and potential of the young generation.

"To correct the oversight, Tanzania is now conducting a nationwide talent recruiting exercise to identify informally skilled and talented young people that will be assimilated into local job markets or have their raw talents polished for the better," revealed the Regional Youth Development Officer.

He added that at the moment the Prime Minister's Office through its department of Labour, Youth, Employment and Persons with Disability, has therefore entered into agreement with the Vocational Education and Training Authority (VETA) to formulate strategies that aim at tapping creative skills from young people who have not undergone formal college training.

Speaking during the World Youths Skills Day, Mr. Comoro Mwenda who is the National Program Coordinator for Youth Skills Development, at the

International Labor Organization (ILO), said his organization was rolling a similar program targeting to harness apprentice skills from gifted youths.

"Tanzania, Africa and the world in general have been missing out on potential capabilities of self-trained, skilled young people who have not undergone any formal education, because the global jobs markets are blinded with the requirements of 'official certification' from 'recognized institutions.'"

Mwenda pointed out that, most of the theoretically trained youth graduating from mainstream learning institutions have been faring badly when exposed to practical environments at workplaces such that the world is now diverting attention to raw talents found from self-trained young people to fill the gaps.

Peter Owaga, is the DSW country director who stated that his organization had already started recruiting, empowering and encouraging talented young people to showcase their skills for a series of development projects.

"Many young people work as apprentices in a number of industrial entities and the majority after learning the trade at work places become even better skilled than their supervisors, these are the talents that the country needs



Many talented and industrious young people are left out of mainstream productive channels for lacking academic qualifications as represented on paper certificates

to tap into for future development," said Owaga.

With just a few weeks left before the 2021 National Population and Housing Census is conducted, Tanzania is estimated to have 60 million people and half of this figure comprises the youth, a rather large army of 30 million.

It was learned during the event that; Tanzania's economy has been growing steadily for the past years and to enhance this growth even further, national strategies have been put in place to support youth skills and employability.

The government has set deliberate measures and affirmative actions for the purpose of promoting and enhancing economic opportunities through financial support, knowledge and skills schemes to enable its community members to meaningfully participate in economic activities.

According to the Tanzania Integrated Labour Force Survey report 2014, youth that enter the workforce each year in Tanzania are mostly in the agriculture and informal sector. Despite these opportunities, young people are not fully engaged because they lack tangible skills and the situation is particularly difficult for young women and girls who face even greater challenges in securing productive and fulfilling employment than their counterparts in the informal sector.

Like many other countries, Tanzania is failing to tap from skills being showcased by young people because the mostly mainstream job market only recognizes those with official academic documents.

Many talented and industrious young people are left out of mainstream productive channels for lacking academic qualifications as represented on paper certificates.

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Majaliwa hails bank for continuing with support to various development projects across Tanzania

By Guardian Reporter

PRIME Minister Kassim Majaliwa has hailed the Bank of Africa (BOA) for its continued efforts to support Tanzania in various development sectors.

He made the statement recently when he held talks with the bank's president Othman Benjelloun at the Sofitel Hotel, Rabat in Morocco.

He said that the bank's presence in Tanzania has enabled the people to benefit from the various services provided. "On behalf of the President President Samia Suluhu Hassan we thank the Bank of Africa for these efforts," said the Premier.

In addition, the Prime Minister advised President Benjelloun to continue to expand the scope of the bank's services in the country to reach more Tanzanians, especially in the sectors of education, agriculture,

livestock and minerals.

The Prime Minister promised to prepare a mechanism to bring together the Bank's leadership and the private sector in Tanzania to see how they can work together to serve Tanzanians.

For his part, President Benjelloun said the bank's goal is to continue to grow its investment in Tanzania.

He said: "We are ready to invest in areas where Tanzanian national leaders will advise us with the aim of making our contribution to building the economy."

Minister of Agriculture, Prof Adolf Mkenda said that the bank should help promote Tanzania-Morocco relations in the agricultural sector especially in crops such as rice, tobacco, coffee and other crops.

Zanzibar Minister of Tourism and Antiquities Leila Muhamed Mussa has said there are coastal areas that

have not been invested so far so it is an opportunity for investors to use them and that the President of the Revolutionary Government of Zanzibar Dr. Hussein Ali Mwinyi has opened the doors for investors.

He also asked the bank to see how to enable organic farmers to carry out their activities more efficiently.

Together with the bank's participation in the various development projects, the bank has shown its determination in supporting the Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) by providing tailor-made products and services together with stream lined services which has been the major attraction of customers to the bank.

As a commercial bank the bank client segment involves Retail customers, Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) and corporate customers.



Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa has a word in Rabat with Moroccan banker billionaire businessman Othman Benjelloun, president and CEO of multinational pan-African banking conglomerate Bank of Africa, during a just-ended official visit to Morocco. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Govt in move to reduce fertiliser transport costs

By Guardian Correspondent

THE government has promised to reduce fertiliser transport costs in the country to enable farmers get the input at affordable price as opposed to the current situation where the prices have risen during the last few months.

This was revealed by Agriculture deputy minister Hussein Bashe at the weekend as he was addressing fertiliser transporters.

He said the ministry plans to talk to Tanzania Railways Corporation (TRC) to reduce transport cost of the commodity from dealers to various areas in the country.

"We have had discussions with fertiliser importers and discussed various things, firstly to know how much fertiliser the country has during the month of July, who is importing how much so that we should not experience any kind of

shortage," Bashe said.

"In January I instructed TFRA to sit together with TRC and today I will meet with its Director General to discuss fertiliser transport cost as well as the availability of wagons," he added.

He said due to fertiliser price rise at world market contributed by Covid-19 pandemic, also saw the input's price increase in the country, thereby becoming a burden to farmers.

Citing examples, Bashe said DAP fertiliser was formerly being sold at USD 416 per tonne, but now the price is USD 650; while UREA that was being sold at USD 359 per tonne was now being sold USD 560 per tonne; whereas CAN was formerly sold at USD 274, was now being sold at USD 420 per tonne.

"We have also instructed TFRA and TARI to educate farmers on alternative fertiliser via TV

programmes to enable farmers understand the usage of these fertilisers.

Meanwhile, Deputy Minister Bashe said the government will continue investing in research to increase the quality of locally produced fertiliser in order for the country to be self-sufficient in the in the farm input than solely depending on imports.

"In the coming two to three years local fertiliser production will be increased, we have the Minjingu company that had initially faced challenges which have now been solved," he added.

He said through this fertiliser producer, local production of the input could increase from the current 100,000 tonnes to 200,000 tonnes, adding that this could reduce the burden in regard to high cost of imported fertiliser.

Barrick empowers entrepreneurs in 14 villages around Bulyanhulu mine

By Guardian Reporter

THE rate of unemployment has continued to be one of the major challenges in the country in recent years, and ultimately affecting economic welfare of individuals and the country at large.

Nevertheless, the government in collaboration with various stakeholders has been hard at work to mitigate this through various innovative initiatives that have further spearheaded the growth of sustainable entrepreneurial practices amongst Tanzanians.

It is with this regard that Barrick Company has taken the initiative to support government's efforts to support and encourage the growth of entrepreneurship within the community in which it operates through its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiatives.

Through its CSR initiatives, Barrick has been enabling entrepreneurs within its vicinity by providing training on practicing sustainable entrepreneurship as well as bankrolling their entrepreneurial initiatives.

One of the entrepreneurs from Bugarama village in Shinyanga Region, Clementina Felix, a mother of two said for many years, women in her village have been dependent and facing financial challenges.

However, she said ever since Barrick started helping and bankrolling their entrepreneurship initiatives them they have now experienced financial freedom whereas they are now practicing entrepreneurship through modern farming and animal husbandry.

We used to practice agriculture

and animal husbandry without the appropriate skills for agro-business and we ended up with no profits from our hard labour, so we are grateful for Barrick for introducing a program that aims to support economic welfare of more than 200 residents of villages in the vicinity of its mine, said Felix.

Another beneficiary of Barrick's CSR program, Berita Nyawanga, a resident of Mwiguru ward where the mining company has its CSR foot, commended the efforts done by Barrick and urged the company to continue supporting entrepreneurs in the areas especially women and youths who are highly affected by the rate of unemployment.

Community Manager for Barrick at the Bulyanhulu mine, Anthony Sebastian said the mining company is implementing the program to empower entrepreneurs as part of its CSR in the vicinity surrounding the mine, adding that they are keen to improve welfare of the people surrounding the mine by giving them entrepreneurial skills as well as educating them on best practices for modern agriculture and animal husbandry.

We are of the view that entrepreneurship, agriculture and animal husbandry can provide employment as well as improve people economic welfare, and this is why we created this program that would enable people from various wards surrounding the mine to benefit, he said.

Sebastian noted that to ensure that the program is sustainable, the mining company has been sponsoring entrepreneurship

trainings every week whereas villagers would gather and attend trainings facilitated by specialists in entrepreneurship on how to effectively conduct their economic activities and for those who practice agricultural activities also given fertilizer and seeds.

Apart from training them, Barrick has been enabling them to attend business related expo like the Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair and others where they get to showcase their products, search for markets and increase their skills on entrepreneurship from others.

Barrick has in place other community projects such as health, education and environment, which benefit its surrounding communities.

Sebastian mentioned some of the community projects implemented by Barrick Bulyanhulu as the construction of classrooms at Bulyanhulu secondary school and Kakola primary school, construction of dormitories for girls at the Bugarama secondary school, facilitating the purchase of an X-ray machine for Bugarama medical centre, as well as improving the morgue. In implementing these entire project, the mining company has spent a total of 1bn/-.

He expressed his gratitude for the support the mining company receives from the local government in overseeing implementation of community projects in the area, pledging that Barrick will continue to support government's efforts in mitigating socio-economic challenges.



INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – PREQUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS FOR SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF PTXC7 & PTXC10 FIELD COMPUTER TO BE PROCURED BY GEITA GOLD MINING LIMITED (GGML), TANZANIA

I. INTRODUCTION

Geita Gold Mining Limited ("The Company") an AngloGold Ashanti's ("AGA") asset is located in north western Tanzania, in the Lake Victoria goldfields of the Geita region, about 5km from Geita town.

The Company is in the process of procuring PTXC7 & PTXC10 field computer and is, therefore, inviting interested eligible service providers to submit Expression of Interest for the provision of the below service.

Scope of work:

REFERENCE NUMBER	SERVICE DESCRIPTION
GGME01202	SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF PTXC7 & PTXC10 FIELD COMPUTER

1. INFORMATION REQUIRED

PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS	10%
COMMERCIAL	
Company Profile	1.25%
Copy of registration/Incorporation Certificate	1.25%
Copy of Valid Tax Clearance Certificate (TCC)	1.25%
Copy of TIN Certificate of Firm/company and VRN	1.25%
Copy of Current Business Permit/Trade license.	1.25%
Company Shareholding Structure/Share structure of the company (ownership of shares in percentage %)	1.25%
List of Directors	1.25%
Compliance with the Mining (Local Content) Regulations, 2018 by having Local Content plan - Approved by mining Commission	1.25%
FINANCIAL POSITION & TERMS OF TRADE	5%
Audited & certified financial statements (2018-2019)	2.5%
At least 2 references from the applicant's bankers regarding supplier's credit position	2.5%
SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS	5%
OSHA Compliance Certificate	1.25%
Environment Compliance Certificate	1.25%
Workers Compensation Fund Certificate/ any proof of compliance	1.25%
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At least 3 names of the applicant's clients, value and duration of the contracts entered into with the clients in the past two years (must be listed)	1.25%
Signed contracts/LPOs (proof of the above)	1.25%
Acceptance certificates/completion certificates (proof of the above) where applicable	1.25%
Provide at least 3 recommendation letters from different clients	1.25%
TECHNICAL CRITERIA (GGME01202)	75%
Proof of Modular OEM Dealership Authorisation	20%
Proof of having experience in providing Technical Support (after sale services)	20%
Proof of Supplying Complexity Applications at Workplace (should be user friendly)	20%
Proof of Supplying a Field Computer that is compatible to Mining Work settings	15%
Total	100%

Interested bidders must submit their expression Letters of Interest ("LOI") by quoting the SERVICE DESCRIPTION AND REFERENCE NUMBER (GGME01202) of the service they intend to express interest on THE SUBJECT OF THE EMAIL together with supporting information to GGML, which states the full name, address, telephone and e-mail address of the bidder, name of the principal contact, and signed by an authorized representative. The LOI must outline a statement of firm capability to provide the relevant Services, including similar contracts undertaken over the past three years. All LOIs and support documentation must be received by the GGML Office via e-mail at geita.eoi@anglogoldashanti.com not later than 0830 A.M 30TH JULY 2021 (the "LOI" Submission Deadline). EOI submissions should not exceed 10MB per email. In case the size of the email exceeds 10MB, please split the submissions into more than one email.

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THE OFFICIAL LAUNCH OF TANZANIA COMMERCIAL BANK



TCB Director General Sabasaba Moshingi (centre) chats with the bank's Marketing Director, Mr Deogratius Kwiukwa (right), when briefing the guest of honour, Finance and Planning Minister Dr Mwigulu Lameck Nchemba, shortly prior to the official launch of Tanzania Commercial Bank.



Guests at the high table, led by the chief guest, the Minister of Finance and Planning, Dr Mwigulu Nchemba, follow with keen interest events at the official launch of the new state-owned bank in Dar es Salaam on Wednesday.



Finance and Planning Minister Dr Mwigulu Lameck Nchemba (seated) and the Director General of TCB, Mr Sabasaba Moshingi, discuss a point shortly before the launch of the new state-owned bank at its official launch on Wednesday in Dar es Salaam.



The board chairman of Tanzania Commercial Bank, Dr Edmund Mndolwa (right), with the new bank's Director General, Mr Sabasaba Moshingi (centre), and Treasury's Deputy Assistant Commissioner Janet Hiza (right), listen to the guest of honour, Finance and Planning Minister Dr Mwigulu Lameck Nchemba, at the launch of Tanzania Commercial Bank (TCB), on Wednesday in Dar es Salaam.



The Minister of Finance and Planning, Dr Mwigulu Lameck Nchemba (left), in a tete-a-tete with the board chairman of TCB, Dr Edmund Mndolwa, during the official inauguration of the new bank at Julius Nyerere International Convention Centre (JNICC) in Dar es Salaam mid this week.



Standing from left, the Financial Sector Commissioner at the Ministry of Finance and Planning, Dr Charles Mwamwaja; TCB Director General Sabasaba Moshingi; Finance and Planning Minister Dr Mwigulu Nchemba; and the board chairman of the new bank, Dr Edmund Mndolwa, admire a display by a traditional dance troupe shortly before the official launch of the state-owned entity.



The guest of honour at the launch of the state-owned Tanzania Commercial Bank, Finance and Planning Minister Dr Mwigulu Lameck Nchemba, and other invited guests sample dancing by a traditional dance troupe before the official launch of the new bank held at JNICC in Dar es Salaam.



Treasury chief Dr Mwigulu Lameck Nchemba (2nd left) officiates the inauguration of Tanzania Commercial Bank on Wednesday in Dar es Salaam at the Julius Nyerere International Convention Centre.

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Wanted: Global action to end gender-based violence

GENDER-based violence can take different forms and mostly affects women and girls. GBV is violence directed against a person because of that person's gender or violence that affects persons of a particular gender disproportionately. Violence against women is understood as a violation of human rights and a form of discrimination against women and shall mean all acts of gender-based violence that result in, or are likely to result in physical harm, sexual harm, psychological, or economic harm or suffering to women. It can include violence against women, domestic violence against women, men or children living in the same domestic unit. Although women and girls are the main victims of GBV, it also causes severe harm to families and communities.

GBV can take various forms: Physical: it results in injuries, distress and health problems. Typical forms of physical violence are beating, strangling, pushing, and the use of weapons. In the EU, 31 per cent of women have experienced one or more acts of physical violence since the age of 15. Sexual: it includes sexual acts, attempts to obtain a sexual act, acts to traffic, or acts otherwise directed against a person's sexuality without the person's consent. It's estimated that one in 20 women (5 pc) has been raped in EU countries since the age of 15. Psychological: includes psychologically abusive behaviours, such as controlling, coercion, economic violence and blackmail. 43 per cent of women in the 28 EU countries have experienced some form of psychological violence by an intimate partner.

Examples of gender-based violence include domestic violence

includes all acts of physical, sexual, psychological and economic violence that occur within the family, domestic unit, or between intimate partners. These can be former or current spouses also when they don't share the same residence. 22 % of all women who have (had) a partner have experienced physical and/or sexual violence by a partner since the age of 15. Sex-based harassment includes unwelcome verbal, physical or other non-verbal conduct of a sexual nature with the purpose or effect of violating the dignity of a person. Between 45 per cent to 55 per cent of women in the EU have experienced sexual harassment since the age of 15.

It is most welcome news that UNFPA has beefed up GBV fight against children in Kigoma. The United Nations Sexual and Reproductive Health Agency (UNFPA) handed over three gender desks and police station buildings worth 200m/- in Buhigwe and Uvinza districts, Kigoma Region.

Speaking during the handing over ceremony, Director of Children's Dignity Forum (CDF) Koshima Mtengati said the vision behind this goodwill gesture is to combat sexual violation against children in the western region.

He recounted that the region is known for its high involvement in sexual ills in favour of these little ones and in most cases are reported to be violated by those close to them including relatives, teachers, guardians and neighbours.

Apart from Kigoma, other regions such as Shinyanga, Mara, Dodoma, Singida, Manyara, Dar es Saalam, Kilimanjaro, and Tabora for the past five years have also been championing incidence of sexual violence including rape and sodomy.

Misunderstood reptiles and vital role they play in ecosystems around world

WORLD Snake Day is celebrated on July 16 every year. Unfortunately many people do not like snake and have bad associations about them. Snakes are said to be conniving and - there even is an own expression - snaky. But they are beautiful and to some extend endangered animals. World Snake Day is an important day when it comes to increasing awareness about the different species of snake all around the world. Snakes tend to have a negative connotation. A lot of people are scared of snakes, and of course, we can definitely understand the reasons why! No one likes the thought of being gobbled up by a snake, do they? Plus, when someone is two-faced or a bad person, they are often referred to as snakes. However, snakes are great creatures and they are so important to the world that we live in.

Did you know that there are more than 3,500 species of a snake around the world? Because of this, it is not going to be a challenge for you to find a snake that fascinates you and interests you that you may not have heard of before, even if you are someone who is interested in snakes and you have a pet snake of your own! So, this is one of the good reasons why to research snakes and learn more about them on this date. After all, there is so much that you can learn!

Snakes have gotten something of a bad rap over the past few thousand years. What with that one snake tricking that nice lady into eating an apple way back when, thus condemning the entire human race to mortality, snakes have been mistrusted if not flat-out feared.

And while it is understandable that people may fear an animal that can easily kill them, we think these fascinating, diverse creatures that range from several inches to 30 feet long, and from friendly and docile to aggressive and deadly, deserve for people to find out more about them.

Of the 3,500 species of a snake around the world, there are only around 600 that are venomous. This is less than 25 per cent of snakes! There are only 200 species of snake that pose a considerable risk to human life as well. Therefore, snakes are nowhere near as worrying or scary as we think they are. Of course, this does not mean that you should go up and start petting any snake that you come across! However, it is definitely something to think about. Perhaps we give these animals a much harder time than they deserve?

Snakes are highly effective predators and play a vital role in maintaining the balance of nature in each of these realms. Snakes are also fascinating in that they have a prehistoric lineage, thus giving us a glimpse back to a prehistoric time when the earth was ruled by reptiles - many people have no idea that modern reptiles are literally the living, breathing cousins of dinosaurs.

The species that seem to fascinate people the most are the King Cobra, the largest venomous snake in the world most people have seen in movies being coaxed out of a basket by a snake charmer; the Rattlesnake, that has forced countless people to suck its poison out of the bite before it's too late; and the Reticulated Python, the world's longest snake that kills its prey by strangling it.

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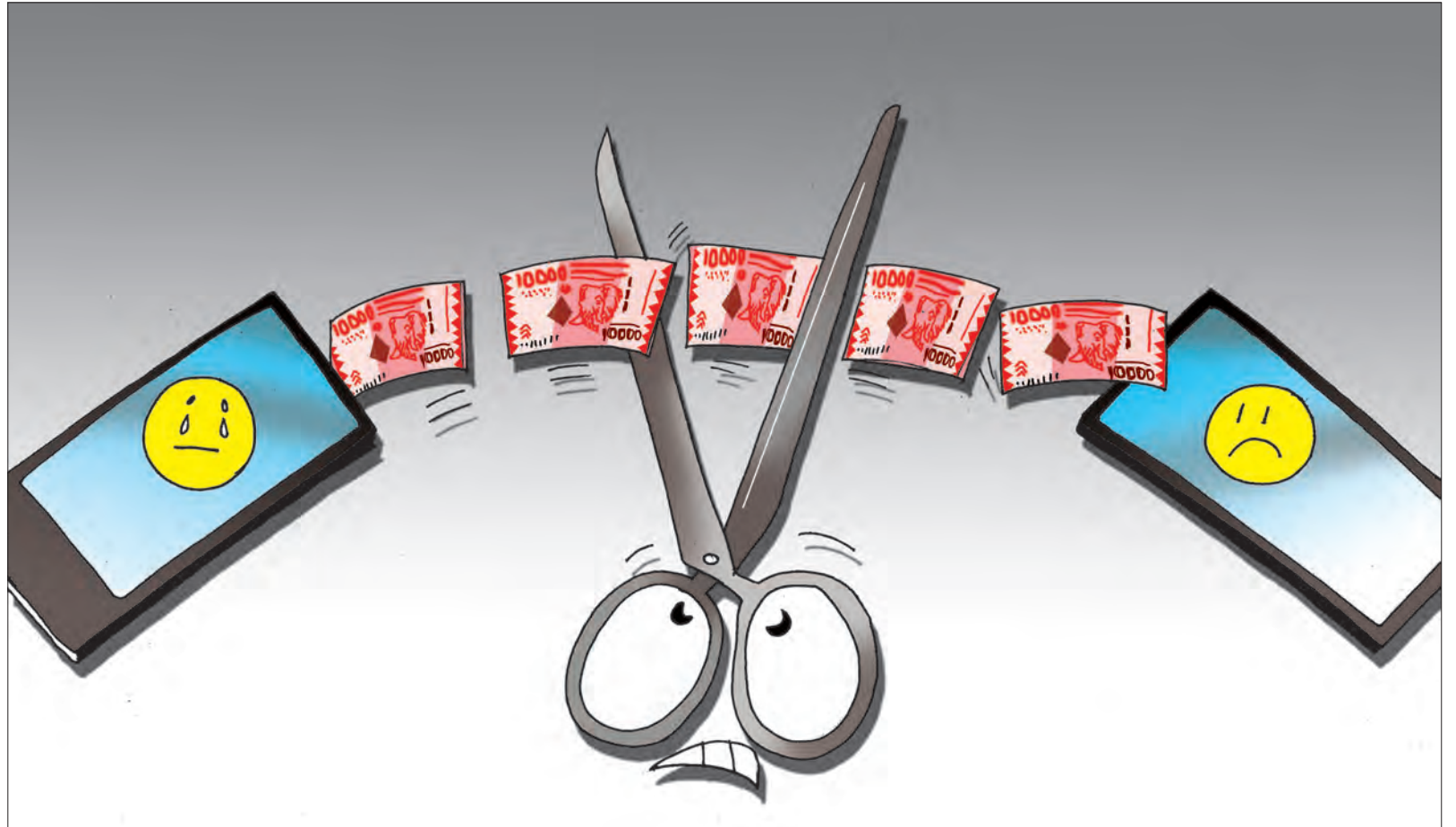
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By Special Correspondent

PRESIDENT Hage Geingob hit the nail on the head in stating that the underlying factors which led to violence and looting in South Africa are rife in Namibia too.

The president is also correct that poverty and hunger have caused pent-up frustrations among the majority of the population.

Such frustrations can easily be hijacked by self-serving leaders to incite the type of protests that brought much of 'big brother' South Africa to a standstill amid the deaths of civilians and destruction of private and public property.

But we believe the president may be overly optimistic in thinking that Namibians may not engage in rioting, because we are a "peaceful country, and democracy", with its "open door", fosters dialogue.

While it does not seem obvious that Namibia has a Jacob Zuma to incite mindless violence and destruction, it is important to bear in mind that looting can flare up from unexpected quarters.

Over the past two decades, the unstoppable disorderly land occupation that has manifested itself as the eyesore of shack dwellings countrywide is ample proof of people defying laws easily.

Not even the authorities in Windhoek with their relatively efficient City Police have managed

By Ray Hartley and Greg Mills

THE political and socioeconomic crisis in South Africa has not arisen by chance. It is a result of liberation-movement populism, that protects entitlement and impunity. There is going to be a rough ride ahead, but there are approaches that can lead to a more inclusive, more functional society.

From the blazing shopping malls of KZN to the hapless condition of the police, we are seeing evidence of the state of the ANC and South African politics. In the rampant lawlessness and selfish opportunism, we have glimpsed the abyss into which we are plunging unless we change direction.

It is a world of economic desolation, of an impotent state and of racial polarisation, which shares much with the Venezuelan slide except that the government there still wields power.

However, if we raise our gaze from the ashes, we will see that we can recover and even emerge stronger. But this will not happen without a seismic change in our political alignment. The failed politics of the past decade must be set aside and the opportunity to build a new consensus must be seized.

In the immediate term, the

Violence in South Africa wake-up call for Namibia

to slow sprawling 'informal settlements'.

If anything, Namibia had some warning of what's happening in South Africa when the City Police clashed with people allocating land to themselves.

We can only hope the masses will not be easily misled.

Nonetheless, our leaders should be spurred to action by the turmoil in South Africa, where more than 70 people have been killed in three days.

Most Namibians will not buy excuses that Covid-19, the drought, and factors external to the country are responsible for the massive decline in their living standards.

Simonis Storm's analysis of an 8% drop in the economy since 2016 will help us appreciate that the way Namibia has been governed has contributed to poverty and declining health services.

Unam-based economist Roman Grynberg calculates that people's living standards will have dropped by 20% in seven years by next year.

That's ominous.

The government has wasted public money on white elephants

- a fuel-storage depot (N\$7 billion), the Neckartal Dam (N\$5.7 billion), Tipeeg (N\$15 billion), and the list goes on.

Even when road projects were undertaken at a cost of billions, the underlying motive was to line the pockets of a few.

It is difficult not to suspect that a Cabinet decision to push ahead with a desalination plant is more about benefiting the politically connected than the country.

The government has ignored what experts believe is a cheaper and quicker option to develop underground water sources in the Ohangwena and Kavango regions, which would help promote food security. Once again, consumers will foot the bill for pet projects.

Meanwhile, education, health and creating a better environment for job creation get scant attention.

Little is being invested in expanding internet connectivity and making it cheaper to facilitate affordable trade for entrepreneurs and small to medium businesses.

The government is sticking to regulations that stifle new enterprises, despite urging

companies to invest and create jobs.

Instead of coming up with enabling policies that would help Namibians set up productive businesses, the government is pushing ahead with its so-called Neeeb black empowerment plans, which anyone can see are aimed at getting the ruling elites and their connections a slice of existing but dwindling white-owned businesses.

The government continues to give away public resources to a few individuals for free, through fisheries, mining, land resettlement and state tenders.

Unless you drastically change course, Mr President and Swapo, you will be culpable of creating conditions for chaos similar to that in South Africa, factors you rightly conclude make desperate people susceptible to being used.

We have ignored similar events in Zimbabwe under Robert Mugabe and Zanu PF.

We are now being warned a second time by the events in South Africa.

Do not fiddle while South Africa burns.

It's time for the law-abiding middle to take ownership of South Africa

government will, with the help of the private sector, gain back a measure of security and social control. The damage, however, has been done and the criminals that have extorted at the margins have come out of the shadows to occupy a central role in deciding what business must pay in order to proceed.

This situation has not arisen by chance. It is the consequence of liberation-movement populism, according to which entitlement and impunity go hand in hand. A zero-sum mentality pervades along with an unhealthy dose of 1960s ideology. The ANC's policy confusion reflects the polar division across the South African political landscape, between populist redistributionists, as exemplified by the EFF, and the pro-market constitutionalists epitomised by the DA. To the right of the DA lurk those who preach dangerous ethnic sermons. The ANC's attempts to span liberation-movement populism and constitutionalism left it organisationally paralysed and directionally schizophrenic.

There are two short-term opportunities for resetting politics

in a more positive direction.

In the first, President Cyril Ramaphosa takes command, displaying leadership, getting tougher and putting policies in place that will ensure growth while reeling in state expenditure.

A second opportunity provides more. In this scenario, the constitutionalists recognise the severity of the crisis and put aside their differences to return the country to the rule of law.

The DA, which should see a surge in support at the local government elections - unless the RET faction can get them postponed - would be an attractive partner for the pro-market, pro-growth constitutionalists in the ANC.

The DA would likely accept this scenario, simply because there is no way that it will gain an electoral majority in the next generation of SA politics. But it could conceivably be the broker of a different future, underpinned by values of respect for the rule of law, non-racialism, and the economy shared with the ANC's constitutionalists.

The alternative is truly too ghastly to contemplate: The ANC turns to its

corrupt RET faction and the equally corrupt EFF to form a coalition of the lawless that makes our current predicament seem like a picnic.

The unravelling of the ANC between these two poles of the RET faction and the constitutionalists will quicken if former president Jacob Zuma stays in jail. And if he doesn't, the RET faction will take this as a victory.

For the country, like the ANC, there is going to be, either way, a rough ride ahead, but there is no question which rough patch leads to a more inclusive, more functional society.

What South Africa needs is for the law-abiding middle from across political parties to stand together for constitutionalism and the rule of law. The construction of an effective criminal justice system that can act to protect life and limb and that can put the criminal syndicates who run these anarchic disruptions behind bars will have to be a priority.

We need a mature democratic system where the parties that support the rule of law and economic reform are in charge. There is simply no alternative.

By Niren Tolsi

Kwazulu-Natal races back to 1949

THE past week's violence and looting - and the potential for an orchestrated race war in the province - have evoked haunting scenes from a bitter and bloody history.

On the night of 13 January 1949, my father slept in the sugar-cane fields in Doringkop, on the KwaZulu-Natal North Coast, along with the women and children in his family. He was eight years old.

News had reached the tiny farming hamlet that there had been rioting earlier that day in Durban's Grey Street area. Shops owned by people of South Asian descent had been looted. The violence had started after an altercation between a man of South Asian descent and a youngster of Zulu heritage at the Victoria Street Market.

It was the spark that would lead to another two days and nights of wanton destruction of homes and buildings during an "anti-Indian" pogrom defined by murders, rapes and wounds of race and ethnicity

that, 27 years after the end of a racist and oppressive system, South Africa has yet to fully heal.

Most of the violence 71 years ago was centred in the multi-ethnic working-class neighbourhood of Cato Manor, or Umkhumbane in isiZulu. The attacks were orchestrated by provocateurs who mobilised the all-male, all-Zulu hostels in the city as well as other local networks. The anaemic police and army presence did not react to the violence happening in front of it. Donald L Horowitz, in *The Deadly Ethnic Riot*, describes white women celebrating the violence "dancing up the streets" afterwards.

The official count of the devastation was given as 142 deaths and 1 087 injured. One school and one factory were completely destroyed, along with 58 shops and 247 homes, while two factories,



652 shops and 1 285 homes were damaged.

The next night and the night after that, my father's stepmother and his sisters slept in the homes of their African neighbours. The adult men stood guard over the small farm that my grandfather, whose parents were indentured labourers, had bought in partnership with a cousin after they had saved enough money working at a local sugar mill. My dad and his brothers slept outside among the stalks of sugar cane; for a little boy, the experience was a bewildering mix of fear and adventure.

On the night of 13 July 2021, I helped my mother and father pack small bags with their identity documents, last wills and testaments, chronic medication and a change of clothes. My father also packed a small bag with a winter jersey of food and treats for their overindulged and overweight dachshund, Toby. There was no sense of adventure in the air. There was bewilderment. Distress and pain, too. And an unfathomable sense of foreboding that they may have to leave their entire lives behind.

A story of townspeople

My father is 80 years old now. My mother is 77, but she protests that the apartheid government recorded her date of birth incorrectly. They are both retired school principals who are easily recognised by many in Stanger (KwaDukuza), the working-class town where they have built their lives together, and their home in which my sister and I grew up.

Most adults in Stanger have gone through their schools at some point and both are fondly remembered and respected.

For this, if I am recognised as my parents' child, I am usually guaranteed a wider smile and a warm message for them from these locals. Sometimes I even benefit from a discount at one of the many shops in the town that have passed through generations of the same family.

My parents are solid citizens. People who have worked their whole lives to build and uplift their community.

When she was principal of Parkgate Primary School in Ottawa, nearer to Durban, my mother received children from Zwelisha, near Phoenix, and from newly built RDP homes near her school. Those communities had been relocated from shack settlements from Clare Estate and other parts of Durban. On the occasions that I have met her former students, they have spoken - without hyperbole - of my mother as a role model, of her school being an enabling and life-changing experience for them.

Zwelisha is a decades old shack settlement that dates back to the 1990s. Whatever socioeconomic gains have been made in post-apartheid South Africa, precious few have come close to its impoverished edges. It is where, over the past week, 20 people are reported to have been killed in what appears to be increasing racial violence in KwaZulu-Natal.

The tension has been orchestrated by provocateurs apparently intent on stoking race-based civil

war in the province by targeting specific communities that have deep-running fractures based on inequality and racial mistrust.

My parents believe that ordinary people build communities and a country. They have a strong affinity for equality. In 2010, when the local municipality sought to build a statue of Mahatma Gandhi to commemorate the 150 years since the arrival of the indentured labourers in South Africa, my father petitioned them, on principle, to rather commission a statue celebrating the thousands of indentured labourers themselves. He also pointed out that Gandhi only arrived in South Africa in 1893 as a lawyer, not a bonded labourer. The KwaDukuza local municipality, as is the wont of the ANC generally, preferred the elite individual over ordinary people.

My parents care about their community and their country.

Yet on Tuesday night they were preparing, if necessary, to leave their entire lives behind. Photo albums, books, family heirlooms and furniture passed down through generations, birthday cards made by my niece during lockdown... Everything that represents who they are, and what they have survived in a country that has often been oppressive to them, but that they still celebrate as their only one. A country that they have helped build without any thought of recognition or self-enrichment. One that they were watching being destroyed in front of their eyes.

I saw a pain in them that no person should have to bear. I discussed connecting the water hose to an indoor tap with my father, in the instance of our cars in the front yard being petrol-bombed. I swung some sports equipment around, wondering if a childhood cricket bat would be enough to fend off an attack on their home. I tried not to alarm them, but I cried inside.

A looming race war

KwaZulu-Natal appears to be careering towards a full-blown civil war. A war instigated by provocateurs on the ground and on social networking platforms like Twitter, along lines of race and class. But mainly race. Indeed, a mode of making claims in the name of race is being actively used to erase the question of class.

It is a race war to which the government, with its failing intelligence-gathering structures, is only now turning its attention. Part of a wider conflict, whose flames have been gleefully cheered on by people, including former president Jacob Zuma's daughter Duduzile Zuma-Sambudla and her twin brother Duduzane, on social media.

A race war that has been fomented for several years already by the "anti-Indian" demagoguery of people like EFF leader Julius Malema. One that in recent weeks has been stoked by trolls like @nkunz_ emnyama (Son of the Azanian Soil) and @FallIndians (Indians Must Fall) on Twitter.

There has also been incitement on the ground that began during the early stages of the various mobilisations of the past week.

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15th July, 2021

Kilombero Sugar Company Limited (KSCL), the largest producer of sugar in the country operating cohesively with Extra Neutral Alcohol Distillery is seeking to recruit a dynamic, visionary and result oriented person to fill the position of **Grower Business System Manager at Grower Agriculture Department** reporting to **Grower Agriculture Head**.

Role Intent

Implement and manage agriculture business systems for effective agriculture data analysis, with focus on components of the Planning, Forecasting and Reporting Systems, Ensure accurate business metrics through a Geographic Information Systems database, Contribute statistics necessary for the production of Strategic plans and Budget Revisions, Support agricultural optimisation by driving a high level of data accuracy and integrity in agriculture reporting, Enable effective monitoring, reporting, benchmarking and decision making across the agriculture function in Country, Promote information sharing through the grower communication platform, Promote a culture of continuous improvement in agriculture data management, Adhere to SHERQ standards and promote world class safety practices.

Duties and Accountabilities:

- Coordinate installation of business systems and components as required, including effective systems integration (e.g. CanePro with other estate information management systems), to report on long-term and season trends, crush and production plans, meteorological, manpower and other statistics and reports as required
- Implement and manage GIS system with reference to grower registration and mapping, land use plans, assets under management, land encroachment.
- Build standardized, accurate reports within required timeframes (e.g. Resource Planners, Scenarios and "Op Charts" in CanePro)
- Build capability on-site to enable use of reports e.g. training, streamlining agriculture business systems to facilitate single point of entry, automation, etc.
- Promote the use of and maintain local platforms (e.g. Kilombero 'Yetu, Asikhulumbe, etc.)
- Implement and monitor continuous improvement by driving work practices and techniques to deliver high quality, useful agriculture information
- Promote and adhere to Illovo's procedures, policies and guidelines, including, without limitation, those relating to SHERQ, Competition Law and Anti-Bribery and Corruption (ABC)


Job Requirements:

- BSc Degree in Business IT
- 5 years' experience managing or developing systems for agricultural businesses
- Good business acumen and agricultural expertise, with ability to anticipate, interpret and respond to changes impacting on functional area
- A formal business/commercial qualification would be an advantage
- Strong agriculture data analysis skills
- Knowledge to use GIS will be an added advantage

Terms of service: The successful candidate will be engaged on Permanent Contract.

All interested candidates, who meet the above requirements, should send their application letters and CVs with three referees indicating "Grower Business System Manager" in the subject line to kscl.agric@illovo.co.za on or before 30th July, 2021.

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Tembelea mitandao ya kijamii ya CAPITAL RADIO



CAPITAL RADIO



Bishop Michael Msonganzila (L) of the Musoma Diocese of Catholic Church inaugurates a modern church building at Natta-Mbiso village in Serengeti District last Friday. The church was built at US\$450,000 (1bn/-). Photo: Guardian Correspondent

US investor hands over 1bn/- church building to Serengeti District village

By Guardian Correspondent, Serengeti

GRUMETI Game Reserves has handed over a new church building to the Catholic Diocese of Musoma, whose construction worth US\$450,000 (1bn/-) has been fully sponsored by the investor, at a village in Serengeti District, Mara Region.

The church building has been built at Natta-Mbiso village in Tanzania's wildlife-rich district of Serengeti, earlier this year.

Bishop Michael Msonganzila led a special church service to bless and inaugurate the church last Friday after a day, after the investor handed over the church to him.

"The church building was handed over to me yesterday (Thursday evening) and we are today blessing it to officially make it our house of worship," the RC Bishop said.

He thanked the American investor for funding construction of the church for the village Catholics as well as continuing to support local development projects in villages bordering wildlife conservation areas in Western Serengeti.

"Even having a house of worship is social development. I thank God for the investor of Grumeti Reserves," Bishop Msonganzila who was accompanied by several priests and local church elders remarked.

The new church has the capacity to accommodate between 400 to 500 worshippers at a go, according to local church elders.

Bishop Msonganzila said the church will put the investor on the list of those who deserve prayers and blessings of the faithful.

Grumeti Reserves representative, Noel Mbise said besides investing heavily in wildlife conservation, the presence of the investor in Tanzania has continued to

transform lives in many ways, including supporting scholarships to needy but bright students through Grumeti Fund.

"Sustainable wildlife conservation cannot be possible without involvement of the community. The investor supports not only wildlife conservation but also the community," Mbise who is also the General Manager of Research and Community Unit at Grumeti said.

He said the church building will continue to enhance the existing good relationship between the investor who is also a catholic and local communities.

Grumeti Reserves operates several world-class lodges in Tanzania including Sasakwa, and the company has also massively invested in conservation and community development in Western Serengeti, through Grumeti Fund.

The area Parish Priest, Fr Jeremia Musira asked thousands of the church believers to clap hands for the investor as a gesture of appreciation, during the grand inauguration ceremony of the modern church, coloured by a special Mass led by Bishop Msonganzila.

Construction works of the church were carried out by Grumeti Construction, a sister company to Grumeti Reserves, after the investor donated US\$ 450,000 to support the project in recent months.

"The money came directly from the investor to build the church," Martha Baare, a senior official with Grumeti Reserves, said early this year when construction of the church was ongoing.

She said the US investor has been attending church services hosted by the Natta-Mbiso village Roman Catholic Church very often whenever he visited Tanzania.

"There has been a long term relationship between our investor and the church. And many of our workers go to worship in the same church," she said.

Biden administration announces donation of 25 million Covid-19 vaccines to Africa

WASHINGTON

THE White House has announced that the Biden administration will donate approximately 25 million COVID-19 vaccines to be distributed in Africa.

Planned to be made in the next few days are shipments of the Johnson & Johnson one-shot vaccine to Burkina Faso, Djibouti and Ethiopia.

In the coming weeks, U.S. officials say, Johnson & Johnson, Moderna or Pfizer vaccines will be made available to 49 African countries.

The administration says the government has collaborated fully with the African Union, the Africa Centres for Disease Control (Africa CDC), the African Vaccine Acquisition Trust, the Afreximbank, a Cairo-based multi-lateral trade finance institution, and the Covax collaborative for equitable vaccine distribution, co-led by the World Health Organization (WHO) and the Gavi vaccine alliance.

The U.S. doses will be delivered by Covax, which expects to get 620 million doses to Africa by the end of 2021, rising to 1 billion doses by the end of the first quarter of 2022.

The United States has also pledged to assist African nations in their readiness to receive vaccines. The donated shipments announced today follow the pledge made by President Joe Biden in May to share 80 million doses globally.

"The Biden Administration is committed to leading the global response to the pandemic by providing safe and effective vaccines to the world," said Gayle Smith, Coordinator for Covid-19 Recovery and Global Health at the U.S. Department of State. "Working together, we can save lives and bring the COVID-19 pandemic to an end," she said.

"African deaths have climbed steeply for the past five weeks", Dr. Matshidiso Moeti, WHO regional director for Africa, said yesterday. Africa has recorded a 43 percent weekly rise in Covid cases, with over six million cases confirmed on the continent of 55 nations. Limited availability of testing means the actual totals are likely considerably higher.

The British medical journal The Lancet, in an editorial for its 17 July edition, says, "Collaboration and solidarity are prerequisites for success in a pandemic.


Unfortunately, beyond scientific discovery, they have rarely been displayed globally...The need to vaccinate large proportions of the population while health systems strain under a third wave could have been avoided had international dissonance and vaccine nationalism not left African countries at the back of the vaccine queue."

"As the continent battles a surge in cases, we need collective action," said Gavi CEO Dr. Seth Berkley, welcoming the U.S. vaccine contribution.

The collective action that global health experts say is necessary to help Africa avoid health systems collapse and further economic devastation was on view yesterday, at WHO's Geneva headquarters, where German Health Minister Jens Spahn met WHO Director-General Tedros Adhamon Ghebreyesus.

At a media briefing, they announced Germany's agreement to donate "at least" 30 million Covid vaccine doses, which Spahn called an initial "baseline". "This pandemic will not be over until it is over for everyone," Spahn said.

He pledged Euro260 million for tests, treatments and vaccines, alongside the US\$500 million Germany has contributed to WHO to support the Covid-19 response.



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AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020.

1.1 STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2020

	Notes	2020 TZS.	2019 TZS.
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Property and Equipment	2	393,913,220	351,750,757
Investments		354,625,000	354,625,000
TOTAL NONCURRENT ASSETS		748,538,220	706,375,757
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash in Hand and Bank	3	723,966,434	1,388,298,709
Fixed Deposits	4	1,496,017,855	1,455,572,295
Other Receivables Accounts	5	1,416,464,684	1,523,825,568
Premium Receivable	6	2,080,385,174	1,612,210,968
Taxation Account	11	1,240,044,630	663,786,358
Reinsurers Share of Tech. Provisions	14	534,226,214	782,505,539
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		7,491,104,990	7,426,199,436
TOTAL ASSETS		8,239,643,210	8,132,575,194
FINANCED BY EQUITY			
Authorized Share Capital @ TZS. 10,000		5,000,000,000	5,000,000,000
Share Capital @ TZS. 10,000		4,119,038,243	4,119,038,243
Contingent Reserve		1,817,826,633	1,817,826,633
Retained Earnings	7	(1,582,263,724)	(1,271,777,641)
TOTAL EQUITY		4,354,601,152	4,665,087,235
CURRENT LIABILITY			
Duties & other Taxes	8	104,947,261	94,967,766
Claims Payable with adjusted IBNR.	9	1,323,633,072	1,435,515,488
Other Payables Accounts	10	181,467,982	143,522,500
Unearned premium	13	1,047,438,448	1,225,846,487
Reinsurers Premium Payable		472,584,601	367,641,232
Bank overdraft		728,415,187	157,483,078
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		3,858,486,551	3,424,976,551
NON-CURRENT LIABILITY			
Deferred Tax liability	11	26,555,506	42,511,408
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		26,555,506	42,511,408
TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		8,239,643,210	8,132,575,194

1.1 STATEMENT OF CASH FLOW
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020.

	2020 TZS.	2019 TZS.
From Operating Activities		
Profit before Tax	(326,441,985)	508,201,278
Add adjustable items:		
Depreciation	103,747,366	49,807,862
Profit after noncash adjustments	(222,694,618)	558,009,140
Add:		
Decrease/(Increase) of current assets:		
Fixed Deposits	(40,445,560)	(119,065,388)
Other Receivables Accounts	107,360,884	1,432,859,252
Premium Receivable	(468,174,206)	20,221,087
Reinsurers Share of Tech. Provisions	248,279,325	(91,736,238)
Increase/(Decrease) of current liabilities:		
Duties & other Taxes	9,979,496	(236,040,283)
Claims Payable with adjusted IBNR.	(111,882,415)	(213,576,813)
Other Payables Accounts	37,945,482	(80,512,079)
Unearned premium	(178,408,039)	197,844,796
Reinsurers Premium Payable	104,943,368	(154,860,697)
Bank overdraft	570,932,109	(571,372,932)
Tax paid during the year	(576,258,272)	(236,250,000)
Total change in working capital	(295,727,827)	(52,489,294)
Total flow from Operating Activities	(518,422,446)	505,519,846
From Investing Activities		
Property and Equipment	(145,909,829)	(91,226,010)
Total flow from Investing Activities	(145,909,829)	(91,226,010)
From Financing Activities		
Share Capital @ TZS. 10,000	0	150,000,000
Total from Financing Activities	0	150,000,000
Change in Cash equivalences	(664,332,275)	564,293,836
Balance b/d	1,388,298,709	824,004,873
Balance c/d	723,966,434	1,388,298,709

1.1 STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020.

	Notes	2020 TZS.	2019 TZS.
Gross Written Premium	12	10,474,384,480	12,258,464,872
Gross Earned Premium	13	10,652,792,519	12,060,620,076
Outward Reinsurance	14	1,729,242,079	2,061,117,296
Net Earned Premium		8,923,550,440	9,999,502,780
Commission Income	15	341,932,218	572,761,120
Investment Income	16	76,242,143	91,630,651
Other Income	17	258,956,182	339,340,784
Total Other Income		677,130,543	1,003,732,555
Total Income		9,600,680,984	11,003,235,335
Less:			
Claims Expenses	18	4,525,536,563	4,278,322,040
Commission Expenses	20	1,782,206,306	2,529,911,496
Marketing Expenses	21	622,577,835	525,022,880
Operating Expenses	22	1,236,927,441	1,471,985,215
Professional Expenses	23	289,917,078	417,612,727
Staff Costs	24	1,178,986,808	1,031,827,603
Statutory Expenses	25	167,223,571	175,544,233
Audit Fees		20,000,000	15,000,000
Depreciation	2	103,747,366	49,807,862
Total Expenses		9,927,122,968	10,495,034,057
Profit before Tax		(326,441,985)	508,201,278
Corporate Tax for the year	11(a)	-	152,460,383
Deferred Tax	11(b)	(15,955,902)	115,319,372
Net Comprehensive Income		(310,486,083)	240,421,522

1.1 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements. The Financial Statements were approved by the Board of Directors and authorized for issue and signed on its behalf by:



Chairperson

30/04/2021

Date



Director

China sets in motion national carbon emission trading market

By Liu Yi

CHINA'S high-profile national carbon emission trading market commenced trading on July 16. Power generation industry will be the first among all industries to try the new trading system, and the market will only allow spot trading in carbon emissions quotas among key emitters of the power generation industry during its start-up stage, according to a press briefing held on July 14.

This year marks the first implementation cycle of China's national carbon market, which has included more than 2,000 key carbon dioxide emitters in the power generation industry in the first batch of trading, said Zhao Yingmin,

vice minister of China's Ministry of Ecology and Environment (MEE), at the press briefing held by the State Council.

The aggregate annual amount of carbon dioxide emissions of the power companies included in the first batch of trading exceeds four billion tons, which means China's national carbon emission trading market will become the world's largest carbon market in terms of the volume of greenhouse gases it handles.

Carbon emission trading refers to the buying and selling of the rights to emit carbon dioxide like commodities. Before trading, the government allocates carbon emissions quotas, or the rights to emit carbon dioxide, to enterprises and other key emitters of carbon dioxide.

bon dioxide.

A company that manages to keep its actual carbon emissions below its quota by increasing investment in R&D and enhancing technological innovation can sell the rest of its granted quota on the trading market. Likewise, if a company's actual amount of carbon emissions surpasses its quota, it needs to buy carbon emissions right from other companies at market price to offset its excess carbon emissions.

The carbon emission trading market represents a major institutional innovation of China to control and reduce greenhouse gas emissions and promote green and low-carbon development by leveraging market mechanisms.

The carbon emission trading market is expected to be an

important scheme for China to realize the goal of peaking carbon dioxide emissions by 2030 and achieving carbon neutrality by 2060, according to Zhao, who added that the practice of foreign countries has proven that carbon market is a policy instrument for realizing certain carbon emission reduction goals at a relatively low cost.

Compared to traditional administrative means, establishing a carbon market can not only make enterprises take responsibility for the control of greenhouse gas emissions, but provide corresponding economic incentive mechanisms for carbon emission reduction, thus lowering the cost of reducing carbon emissions for the whole society, driving innovation and investment in green technologies, and offering ef-

fective tools for properly handling the relationship between economic development and carbon emission reduction, Zhao explained.

It should be noted that the quality of carbon emissions data of enterprises is particularly important for fair allocation of carbon emission quotas across the country. According to Zhao, China adopts a unified, open, and transparent method of allocating carbon emission quotas and makes the authenticity and accuracy of carbon emissions data the utmost priority in the construction of the national carbon market.

Since the national carbon market is expected to guide optimal allocation of resources for carbon emission reduction according to prices, how the transaction price for trading is

set and what level it will be kept at have drawn wide attention.

From a microcosmic and near-term perspective, the transaction price is determined by the supply and demand of the quotas, while macroscopically and in the long run, it is determined by the overall situation of and trend in economic operation and industry development, Zhao noted.

The transaction price of carbon emissions trading should be neither too high nor too low, according to Zhao, who explained that if the price is too low, it will dampen enterprises' enthusiasm for reducing carbon emissions; but if the price is too high, it will overburden some companies with heavy carbon emissions.

According to the seven pilot carbon trading programs, the

weighted average carbon prices have been around 40 yuan (about \$6.2) a ton in the recent two years, Zhao said at the press briefing.

On the basis of sound initial operation of the national carbon emission trading market, China will include more industries with heavy carbon emissions, such as iron and steel, non-ferrous metal, petrochemical, as well as aviation, into the market, according to the press conference.

The MEE will make continuous efforts to improve supporting institutional systems, promote the introduction of interim regulations on the management of carbon emission trading, and complete relevant technical regulations, standards, and management systems, Zhao said.

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FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

1. Background:
TRAFFIC, the wildlife trade specialists, in alliance with WWF (World Wide Fund for Nature) is seeking a detailed-oriented Finance and Administrative Officer to work in TRAFFIC's office in Arusha.

TRAFFIC, the wildlife trade monitoring network, works to ensure that trade in wild animals and plants is not a threat to the conservation of nature. It actively monitors and investigates wildlife trade and provides information to diverse audiences worldwide as a basis for effective conservation policies and programmes. The East Africa office of TRAFFIC has staff in Arusha, with activities in Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda and Ethiopia.

This position will work closely with TRAFFIC's East Africa Office Support Manager to ensure smooth operation of all finance matters in the regional office of TRAFFIC East Africa.

2. Specific Responsibilities and duties:

- Checks travel advances, travel claims, settlement of advances and process journals.
- Ensures that all payment requests are processed accurately and in a timely manner;
- Assists in the analysis of financial reporting, performance of projects and ensuring that sound financial control procedures are in place, in line with donor requirements;
- Enters data into TRAFFIC's accounting system;
- Assists with year-end and audit preparation;
- Supports the programme team with organization and delivery of events;
- Prepares statutory returns for review and payment (e.g., withholding tax, VAT and liaison with WWF on VAT refunds);
- Ensures that all financial records and files (e.g., supporting documents for expenditures, contracts, purchase orders, fixed asset inventory) in the office are well organized, maintained and updated;
- Ensures all assets are appropriately insured;
- Ensures that all procurement procedures are in accordance with the Internal Control System; and,
- Carries out any other financial as assigned by the Director and Support Manager.

3. Requirements:

- Bachelor's Degree or Advance Diploma in Finance, Accounting, or Business Administration
- Minimum of three years working experience in a similar role in the NGO/development sector;
- Experience in working with accounting software will be an advantage. Exposure to/ familiarity with SAGE/ ACCPAC will be a distinct advantage;
- A good understanding of accounting principles; and ability to perform project administration duties.
- High proficiency in Microsoft Office applications (i.e. Word, Excel, PowerPoint).
- Fluency in written and spoken English is essential;
- Highly motivated and results-oriented individual and able to work independently;
- Excellent interpersonal skills and a strong team player with proven communication and diplomacy with the ability to work effectively with multicultural and multidisciplinary teams
- Highly organized with the ability to prioritize and deliver assignments as required and ability to work under pressure to meet tight deadlines; and
- Able to travel within and outside Tanzania when required.

4. Applications:
Applications must include a cover letter, along with a complete CV with full contact details of three referees and should be addressed to TRAFFIC East Africa via email to: traffictz@traffic.org by midnight Tanzania time, 30 July 2021.

We thank all applicants for their interest in this position but only shortlisted candidates will be contacted. The interviews will take place over Skype and/or in person in Dar es Salaam or Arusha, Tanzania.

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HUMAN RESOURCE OFFICER - Africa

1. Background:
TRAFFIC is seeking to hire a competent and motivated Human Resource Officer – Africa based in Arusha, Tanzania.

CHARACTERISTIC DUTIES
The HR Officer – Africa will provide guidance, advice and general Human Resources (HR) support for TRAFFIC offices based in Africa. Overseeing all elements of the employee lifecycle for TRAFFIC staff, the role will either provide services directly or liaise with the host organisation to ensure recruitment, Inductions, contracting, performance management and HR policies and processes are in place and complied with.

The role will work closely with the Head – Global HR to provide an efficient HR service to TRAFFIC staff and provide support to the Programme Office Directors.

RESPONSIBILITIES

1. HR Information Management

- Ensure all TRAFFIC HR policies, procedure and forms are complied with and consistently used. Where necessary, updated regularly in line with local labour laws.
- Maintain and update electronic personnel files, including payroll information, ensuring confidentiality and compliance with TRAFFIC's data protection regulations.

2. Recruitment

- Review and grade job descriptions in line with TRAFFIC's position evaluation process to ensure organisation consistency.
- Manage the recruitment process including advertising, shortlisting, interviewing and job offer, ensuring all necessary immigration and legal checks are made and local laws complied with. (If hosted, the host will conduct the immigration and legal checks and may be involved in the interview/job offer process).

3. Contract Management including Compensation and Benefits
For offices where we directly employ staff:

- Responsible for drafting and ensuring legal compliance on offer letters, contracts and administration for all types of employment (permanent, temporary, consultancy, volunteers etc).

For offices where we work with a host organisation:

- Responsible for liaising with the host on the monitoring and reviewing of contractual arrangements to ensure they are aligned with TRAFFIC's expectations.

REQUIREMENTS / EXPECTATIONS OF THE ROLE

- Strong experience working in a generalist HR position in a NGO organisation or charity.
- Knowledge of employment laws in Tanzania and ideally in South Africa, Cameroon, Madagascar and Angola.
- Bachelor Degree in Human Resources Management or equivalent
- Strong clear and concise communication skills, must be approachable, friendly and open minded about different cultures and ways of working and have good interpersonal skills.
- Must be fluent in spoken and written English, other languages skills desirable.
- Strong IT skills, word, outlook and excel skills essential.

Additional information, including Terms of Reference and how to apply for the position please visit <https://www.traffic.org/about-us/careers> Deadline for application is by midnight UK time, 31st July 2021.

We thank everyone for their interest in this position but only shortlisted candidates will be contacted. The interviews will take place virtually.



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Ministry seeks to use new initiatives for harmonising local fertiliser costs hiked by COVID-19 prevalence

By Francis Kajubi

THE government has assured farmers of enough fertilizers availability as prices of the product surge at the global market due to COVID-19 prevalence.

Agriculture deputy minister Hussein Bashe said last Friday that to contain the situation, the ministry will hold on indicative prices that goes in line with the temporary suspension of the bulk procurement system to allow individual traders order the product and put it on market at competitive prices that are affordable to farmers.

He was speaking at a special meeting with fertilizers manufacturers and importers held in Dar es Salaam last Friday on the availability and costs incurred in logistics that has impacted in hiking purchasing prices for the final consumers.

"Fertilizer demand between July and March takes about 75 percent of the whole country's demand. Annual domestic utilization stands at approximately 570,000 tons just for the top five cash crops and horticulture. However, with considera-

tion of subsistence farmers' demand, the product's demand goes beyond 700,000 tons a year.

Fertilizer top its high demand between July and March, a period of high seasonal cultivation activities of both subsistence and large scale farmers," said Bashe.

The deputy minister called the meeting so that he could be assured of what amount of fertilizer is currently available in their warehouses as the product's price skyrocketed at the global market due to COVID-19 eruption that has led to hiking purchasing and logistics costs.

The global cost, insurance and freight rates have gone high due to the pandemic. At the local market fertilizers purchasing costs have gone high since 2018 when for example DAP was sold at average of \$416 per ton which has topped around \$650 last month. Urea price increased from \$359 to \$560, CAN rose from \$274 to \$420.

"The ministry is holding talks with the Tanzania Railway Corporation to see how logistics costs can be harmonized on the central and TAZARA lines. The purpose is making sure that farmers are reached



Agriculture deputy minister Hussein Bashe.

with the fertilizers at reasonable costs by eliminating double handling charges to importers and distributors from the port of Dar es Salaam to the final consumers," he added.

Tanzania Fertilizer Regulatory Authority (TFRA) Managing Director Dr Stephan Ngailo, said that currently there are only 13 local and foreign firms that are officially producing the product which its capacity is yet to meet the required demand.

Dr Ngailo said that from the year 2017 to 2020 the regulatory body has spent 1.6trillion/- in importation of fertilizer. If investments are drawn from both local and abroad the money spent on the latter will be reduced to a reasonable magnitude. "We are targeting at attracting more firms and businesses to invest in the fertilizer production so that competitiveness is strengthened and as result there will be reasonable prices on the market that are likely to benefit the final consumers," he said.

TFRA has brought forward this year's fertilizer importation and supply tenders to July 8 from the previous that was set for June 18. The intention of the time extension was to attract more participants from local and foreign countries thus boosting competitiveness that will lead to affordable prices for the final consumers.

"Demand for fertilizer has been growing year in year

out as of 2017/18 demand for fertilizer stood at 485,000 tons while in 2020/21 stood at 719,051. However, from this demand about 90 percent of it is being imported and the rest being produced locally," he affirmed.

According to him, in making the mission of increasing fertilizer production a reality, TFRA has invested in a number of initiatives that involves increasing the efficiency of the fertilizer bulk procurement system that caters three approaches. The approaches are a pre-qualification stage that involves identification of qualified importers who can be featured in the bulk procurement system.

He said the second approach involves consultation of the business community and cooperative unions so that they submit their fertilizer demands and the third process is advertising the tender where the qualified firms are listed at TFRA's database.

Buyers reject Sh1bn KTDA tea on Munya pricing cap

NAIROBI

MOMBASA auction rejected smallholder teas worth Sh1 billion this week after Agriculture Cabinet secretary Peter Munya set a minimum price for all Kenya Tea Development Agency (KTDA) produce.

Tea brokers' data show 53 percent of the teas from KTDA was withdrawn from the auction floor as buyers went for those that traded at less than Sh181, the minimum price Mr Munya set for smallholders' commodity.

Mr Munya set the minimum

price last week following a sharp decline of the tea prices at a weekly Mombasa auction, forcing the government to intervene. However, the directive did not offer a reprieve on falling costs as the prices further plunged to Sh166 on Tuesday from Sh179 in the

previous sale.

"The majority of KTDA teas offered remained unsold due to the reserve prices placed on all their teas," said the brokers. According to the report, out of 13.4 million kilogrammes offered, seven million kilos were struck out of the auction floor.

The teas, which were not sold, will be offered to the market next week. This could lead to a high supply in the market due to low demand for the beverage in the global market, depressing the prices further. The current low price of the beverage at the auction

implies that farmers' losses have increased sharply to Sh16 a kilogramme.

According to the ministry, the cost of producing a kilo of the beverage is Sh183. However, tea is now fetching an average of Sh167 a kilogramme at the tea auction. Tea price at the auction –

which determines farmers' payouts – has dropped from a high of Sh216 in January following a low demand in the global market amid a glut from top producing countries.

The price has been below Sh183 a kilo for the past month.



Anna Mzena trader at Kariakoo Main Market, speaks in Dar es Salaam at the weekend shortly after she received her insurance cover dues from Britam following the fire that ravaged the market last week. With her are Britam's chief operations officer, Vincent Tivai (left), and Stanbic Bank's head of consumer and net worth clients, Omari Mtiga. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Britam pays insurance claims for four traders affected by market fire

By Guardian Reporter

FOUR traders at Kariakoo Main Market, whose businesses were ravaged by fire, will soon be back in business, thanks to the payment of their insurance claims.

Juma Khamis Masanja, Anna Mzena, Given Sanga and Kidogo Investments have received a total of 18million/- from Britam, just one week after the incident occurred.

The four had covered their businesses against fire and burglary through a bancassurance product offered in partnership between Britam and Stanbic Bank.

"As we are talking, the money is already

in their bank accounts. Though the law requires us to pay the claims within 45 days, we have found no reason of delaying it further. We have paid them within six days since the incident occurred," said Vincent Tivai, the Britam Chief Operations Officer.

Fire razed the Kariakoo Main Market on Saturday, 10th July, adversely affecting businesses of a total of 220 traders, official figures show.

According to the Head of Consumer and Net worth clients at Stanbic Bank, Mr Omari Mtiga, since the incident occurred, the lender which is also a tenant at the Kariakoo Market Market - had been working with rel-

evant government institutions to bring the situation back to normalcy.

"We have also issued a three-month repayment relief to our clients who had been affected by the incident," he said.

The acting director of planning, research and marketing from Tanzania Insurance Regulatory Authority (TIRA), Mr Zakaria Muyengi, said the fire incident at the Kariakoo Main Market should serve as a wakeup for traders to see the importance of insuring their businesses against risks.

He commended Britam for its prompt payment of claims so that those affected by the fire can go back to business.

He said TIRA will work with all insurance companies to foster public awareness campaigns that will raise the population of Tanzanians who go for insurance products.

"Currently, 36 percent of Tanzanians are aware of what insurance entails yet it is about 15 percent of the total population that actually have insurance covers," he said.

The goal, he said, was to raise the number of Tanzanians who are aware of the insurance subject to 80 percent by the year 2030. The population, covered by insurance products, must also rise to 50 percent by 2030, said Muyengi.

Representing the beneficiaries, Juma

Khamis Masanja and Anna Mzena were all smiles that their businesses have managed to come out of the fire incident unscathed.

"I now have a better understanding of what insurance is all about. With the payments I consider myself a hero," said Masanja who sells horticultural products at Kariakoo. For Mzena, the incident was enticing her to venture into the insurance business as an agent.

"We need insurance. Having received these claims on time, I now wish I could have insured up to 50million/-. I am determined to start selling insurance products in the capacity of an agent," she said.

Lenders snub SME loan seekers on Covid jitters

NAIROBI

A QUARTER of small businesses seeking loans were turned away by lenders last year on the fallout of the Covid-19 pandemic that sparked fear of defaults leading to risk averseness.

A Central Bank of Kenya study showed that banks turned away 28 per cent of small businesses while microfinance declined 96 percent of the loan applications made to them.

Banks have shunned the private sector, especially small businesses that have defaulted on loans or asked for restructuring their facilities on the impact of the pandemic. Covid-19 disrupted businesses on State imposed lockdown measures, curfew and cessation of movement leading to losses, cash flow problems and even collapse of some enterprises.

"Within 2019 and 2020, commercial and microfinance banks received loan applications from MSMEs worth approximately Sh740 billion, of which Sh546 billion (74 percent) was approved," said the CBK.

The COVID-19 global pandemic had a significant impact on MSMEs' access to finance.

Businesses like restaurants, bars and retail stores are already struggling with a decline in customer demand, repayment of bank loans, rent and utility bills fueling worries of a spike in non-performing loans.

A total of 72,559 MSME loan facilities in the banking industry valued at Sh234.7 billion were restructured in 2020 when the regulator allowed lender to suspend principal and interest payments and lengthen maturities.

Ericsson's 5G march hits a wall in China, shares sink

STOCKHOLM

SWEDEN'S Ericsson (ERICB.ST), caught in the middle of a geopolitical battle between Beijing and the West, said on Friday it was no longer banking on previously anticipated contract wins for 5G tenders in China, sending its shares down more than 8%.

The telecoms company has previously warned that its business in China could fall afoul of Sweden's move to ban Chinese equipment giant Huawei (HWTUL) and in the second quarter its sales there fell by 2.5 billion Swedish crowns (\$290 million), the first drop in three years.

Asked on an analyst call if Ericsson expected to recoup that money, Chief Executive Borje Ekholm replied: "No, it's not coming back."

Ericsson currently generates just under 10% of its revenues in China and despite the country preparing for the next round of a massive 5G build-out Chief Financial Officer Carl Mellander told Reuters that it was "prudent to forecast materially lower market share" in the future.

European governments have

been tightening controls on Chinese companies building 5G networks following diplomatic pressure from Washington, which alleges Huawei equipment could be used by Beijing for spying. Huawei has repeatedly denied being a national security risk. China is preparing for the second phase of its 5G build-out and Mellander said that tenders expected during the second quarter did not take place.

Initial contract allotments are expected to be announced before the end of this month, according to two sources familiar with the matter.

The Finnish group, whose shares were up 0.5%, said this week it would likely raise its full-year outlook due to a stronger-than-expected second quarter.

Ericsson, which last year took a hit of about 1 billion crowns due to writedowns of product inventory in China, wrote down a further 300 million crowns in the second quarter.

It said network sales were strong in most of its other markets, and it signed an \$8.3 billion five-year 5G contract with Verizon (VZN), its single largest deal.



US officials look to address boring transportation supply chain issues

WASHINGTON

UNITED STATES Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg is looking at ways to address supply chain disruptions - from clogged ports to addressing the shortage of truck drivers.

President Joe Biden issued an executive order in February on supply chain issues.

In June, the White House unveiled a Supply Chain Disruptions Task Force led by Buttigieg and the secretaries of Commerce and Agriculture "to provide a whole-of-government response to address near-term supply chain challenges ... (and

to diagnose problems and surface solutions—large and small, public or private—that could help alleviate bottlenecks and supply constraints."

On Thursday, Buttigieg held a virtual roundtable on congestion at the Los Angeles and Long Beach ports that included the Federal Maritime Commission chair, Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti and other senior U.S. officials to look at ways of reducing congestion at ports.

"For our economy to fully recover, we now need our vital supply chains to operate smoothly and without avoid-



US President Joe Biden.

able congestion," Buttigieg said.

Approximately 40% of all containerized freight flowing through the United States arrives or departs through Los Angeles and Long Beach ports.

The California State Transportation Agency said on Thursday it will hold a September forum to examine options to improve cargo movement.

Last week, Buttigieg and Labor Secretary Marty Walsh held a separate meeting with trucking industry and labor groups to discuss driver recruitment and retention.

The department said turn-

over rates are over 90% for large long haul carriers. This driver turnover, coupled with the impact of COVID-19, has helped lead to supply chain disruptions.

American Trucking Associations (ATA) said projections show the industry will need to hire about 1.1 million new drivers over the next decade, or an average of nearly 110,000 per year, to keep pace with retirements and growing transportation needs.

ATA's Bill Sullivan said the group is working with the federal government to "make our supply chain more resilient and grow our workforce."

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Hong Kong says Binance is not licensed to sell its stock tokens

HONG KONG

HONG KONG'S markets watchdog on Friday said Binance, one of the world's largest cryptocurrency exchanges, was not licensed to sell 'stock tokens' in the city, products it said the exchange had offered in other markets.

Hong Kong's Securities and Futures Commission (SFC) also said in its statement that "no entity in the Binance group is licensed or registered to conduct 'regulated activity' in Hong Kong."

The move followed other warnings to Binance from regulators in Italy, Thailand, Japan, Germany and the United States. read more

Stock tokens are virtual assets that are represented to be backed by depository portfolios of underlying overseas listed stock.

The SFC said these were likely to be "securities" under Hong Kong rules, and so it may also be an offence to offer them to the Hong Kong public without its authorisation.

"The SFC does not tolerate any violations of the securities laws and will not hesitate to take enforcement

action against unlicensed platform operators where appropriate," said Thomas Atkinson, the SFC's executive director of enforcement.

Hong Kong plans to bring in legislation requiring all cryptocurrency exchanges in the city to be licensed and only to offer services to professional investors. At present, exchanges can apply to be licensed by the SFC, but are not required. A Binance spokesperson said it does not currently hold exchange operations in Hong Kong.

"We take our legal obligations very seriously and engage with regulators and law enforcement in a collabora-

tive fashion," the spokesperson added.

In a separate statement on Friday, Binance said it would stop selling stock tokens.

Binance last month was the world's biggest exchange by spot trading volumes, data from UK researcher CryptoCompare showed, with trading The platform offers a wide range of services to users across the globe, from cryptocurrency spot and derivatives trading to digital wallets and stock tokens.volumes reaching \$668 billion - a near 10-fold jump from July 2020.

Bezos and crewmates prepare for inaugural Blue Origin space flight

WASHINGTON

BILLIONAIRE American businessman Jeff Bezos and his three crewmates are engaging in a crash course of training on Sunday in preparation for his company Blue Origin's inaugural flight to the edge of space planned for Tuesday.

The suborbital launch from a site in the high desert plains of West Texas marks a crucial test for Blue Origin's New Shepard spacecraft, a 60-foot-tall (18.3 meters) and fully autonomous rocket-and-capsule combo that is central to plans by Bezos to tap a potentially lucrative space tourism market.

The planned 11-minute trip from the company's Launch Site One facility is set to include the oldest person ever to go to space - 82-year-old trailblazing female aviator Wally Funk - and the youngest - 18-year-old physics student Oliver Daemen. Joining them for Blue Origin's launch will be Bezos, the founder and current executive chairman of Amazon.com Inc and his brother Mark Bezos.

Blue Origin's training program, according to the company, includes safety briefings, a simulation of the spaceflight, a review of the rocket and its operations, and instruction on how to float around the craft's cabin after the capsule sheds Earth's gravity.

The training "will help you feel comfortable and prepared for spaceflight and your responsibilities as an astronaut," Blue Origin said in material describing the sessions.

New Shepard, which cannot be piloted from inside the spacecraft,



is named for Alan Shepard, who in 1961 became the first American in space during a suborbital flight as part of NASA's pioneering Mercury program.

New Shepard, like Virgin Galactic's flight, will not enter into orbit around Earth, but will take the crew some 62 miles up (100 km) before the capsule returns by parachute. Virgin Galactic's flight reached 53 miles (86 km) above Earth.

Billionaire businessman Elon Musk's space transportation company, SpaceX, is pledging to go even higher in September, sending an all-civilian crew for a several-day orbital flight aboard its Crew Dragon capsule.

Illustrating tensions in the high-stakes "billionaire space race," Blue Origin has described Virgin Galactic as falling short of the 62-mile-high mark (100 km) - called the Kármán line - set by an international aeronautics body as defining the boundary between Earth's atmosphere and space.

The U.S. space agency NASA and the U.S. Air Force both define an astronaut as anyone who has flown higher than 50 miles (80 km), as Branson achieved with his flight.

Tesla registrations in California surge 85pc in second quarter

WASHINGTON

TESLA Inc's (TSLA.O) vehicle registrations in California rose more than 85% in the second quarter versus last year, largely due to the success of the company's Model Y, according to data from Cross-Sell, a research firm that collates title and registration data.

The automaker posted record vehicle deliveries for the April-to-June quarter earlier this month, as it dealt with a semiconductor shortage and relied on sales of its cheaper models.

California registrations for the Model Y, Tesla's electric crossover utility vehicle, jumped more than sevenfold to 13,581, Cross-Sell data showed on Thursday.

The focus is now on the company's second-quarter earnings report due on July 26, with investors waiting to gauge if bitcoin's recent fall would hit Tesla's bottom line, due to its exposure to the cryptocurrency's volatility.

Total second-quarter vehicle registrations in the 23 states where data was collected stood at 46,926, with Model Y accounting for more than half of the registrations.

California, a bellwether for the electric-car maker, accounted for about half of the vehicle registrations in these states with a total of 23,556 registrations, Cross-Sell data showed.

Tesla has been increasing prices for its vehicles in recent months, with billionaire boss Elon Musk in May blaming the rise on "major supply chain price pressure", especially raw materials.

Registration figures might not accurately reflect the number of vehicle deliveries during the quarter as registrations in the United States typically take about 30 days from the time of sale.

On Saturday it has introduced an option for some customers to subscribe to its advanced driver assistance software, dubbed "Full Self-Driving capability", for \$199 per month, instead of paying



\$10,000 upfront.

Tesla has previously said its subscription service would generate recurring revenue and expand the customer base for pricy features including

lane changing on highways and parking assistance.

But the U.S. electric carmaker reiterated on Saturday that the current features "do not make the vehicle autonomous,"

adding they "require a fully attentive driver, who has their hands on the wheel." "FSD capability subscriptions are currently available to eligible vehicles in the United States. Check

your Tesla app for updates on availability in other regions," Tesla said on its website.

Tesla's CFO Zachary Kirkhorn said in April that its planned subscription service would generate recurring revenue for the company, although "there could be a period of time in which cash reduces in the near term."

Facebook says it should not be blamed for US vaccine failures

WASHINGTON

FACEBOOK on Saturday defended itself against U.S. President Joe Biden's assertion that the social media platform is "killing people" by allowing misinformation about coronavirus vaccines to proliferate, saying the facts tell a different story.

"The data shows that 85% of Facebook users in the US have been or want to be vaccinated against COVID-19," Facebook said in a corporate blog post by Guy Rosen, a company vice president. "President Biden's goal was for 70% of Americans to be vaccinated by July 4. Facebook is not the reason this goal was missed."

COVID-19 misinformation has spread during the pandemic on social media sites including Facebook, Twitter and Alphabet Inc owned (GOOGL.O) YouTube. Researchers and lawmakers have long accused Facebook of failing to police harmful content on its platforms.

"They're killing people. ... Look, the only pandemic we have is among the unvaccinated. And they're killing people," Biden told reporters at the White House on Friday when asked about misinformation and what his message was to social media platforms such as Facebook.

The company has introduced rules against making specific false claims about COVID-19 and vaccines for it, and says it provides people with reliable information on these topics.

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WORLD

Peace gradually returns to S. Africa

JOHANNESBURG

LIFE is gradually returning to normal in South Africa as volunteers and communities started cleaning the looting debris, shops were reopened, and trucks returned to main highways.

Most shops in Johannesburg's center were still repairing damaged infrastructure Saturday. Only a few shops like Cambridge Supermarket were open.

In Alexandra, a township in Johannesburg, which was severely ravaged in last week's violence, people were busy clearing the debris. There were long queues

of people who try to buy food from the few shops which were still open.

South African police and soldiers maintained a heavy presence in some malls and the country's key points.

According to local media reports, at least 20 different businesses, non-governmental and non-profit organizations have joined hands in distributing 40,000 loaves of bread and 40,000 liters of milk to communities impacted by violence and looting in the greater Durban area. Some chartered flights carrying necessities such as nappies and formula milk flew from Johannesburg and surround-



A policeman sits on cases of beer abandoned by looters near a warehouse storing alcohol in Durban on Friday after protestors clashed with police following a week of unrest in South Africa. AFP

ing areas to Durban.

After the reopening of N3 highway, hundreds of trucks left Johannesburg early Saturday, loaded with food and other essential goods to replenish KwaZulu-Natal's looted stores.

The South African Medical Association (SAMA) chairperson Angelique Coetzee welcomed the opening of N3.

"The unrest has undoubtedly had an impact on the provision of healthcare in KwaZulu-Natal (KZN) and a speedy return to law and order is now needed to ensure we can begin to start providing proper and effective healthcare in that province again. There are also fuel stations in KZN which are dedicating lanes and pumps

to healthcare and other essential workers; these steps are critical to ensure the continuation of the provision of health and emergency services and these fuel stations must be applauded for their foresight," she said.

The latest official figures showed 212 people were killed in last week's unrest in the eastern provinces of KwaZulu-Natal and Gauteng, triggered by the imprisonment of former South African president Jacob Zuma, with roads being blocked, properties and vehicles damaged and burned.

External forces meddling in HK affairs is like 'tiny ants trying to shake mighty tree,' says China

BEIJING

China urges the United States to immediately stop meddling in Hong Kong affairs, which are China's internal affairs, and the Chinese side will take all measures necessary in accordance with law to defend its sovereignty, security and development interests, a Foreign Ministry spokesperson said Saturday.

The spokesperson made the remarks after the U.S. government issued the so-called "Hong Kong Business Advisory" and imposed sanctions on seven officials of the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the Hong Kong SAR, the spokesperson said, stressing that these acts gravely violate international law and basic norms governing international relations, and severely interfere in China's internal affairs.

"China firmly opposes and strongly condemns this," according to the spokesperson. China adheres to the policy of "one country, two systems" under which the people of Hong Kong administer Hong Kong with a high degree of

forces that attempt to meddle in Hong Kong affairs will find themselves in a situation "like the tiny ants that try to shake the mighty tree."

The U.S. side has concocted the so-called "Hong Kong Business Advisory" to groundlessly smear Hong Kong's business environment, and illegally imposed sanctions on several officials of the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the Hong Kong SAR, the spokesperson said, stressing that these acts gravely violate international law and basic norms governing international relations, and severely interfere in China's internal affairs.

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Hong Kong's Chief Executive, Carrie Lam

autonomy, the spokesperson said, stressing that since the implementation of the Law on Safeguarding National Security in the Hong Kong SAR, social stability has been restored in Hong Kong, rule of law has been upheld, and development has been resumed on the right track.

Hong Kong residents exercise rights and freedoms in accordance with law, and foreign investors enjoy a business envi-

ronment with improved safety, stability and predictability, said the spokesperson.

The spokesperson noted that a report released by the International Monetary Fund (IMF) not long ago once again recognized Hong Kong's status as a global financial hub. Recent media reports have shown widespread objection to the U.S. government's issuance of the so-called business advisory among the U.S. business community in Hong Kong, the spokesperson added.

However, the U.S. government, turning a blind eye to facts and a deaf ear to the business community's call, attempts to use the so-called business advisory to cast a pall over Hong Kong's prospects and intimidate foreign investors in Hong Kong, according to the spokesperson.

"This once again exposed the sinister intention of the

U.S. to undermine Hong Kong's stability and prosperity, meddle in China's domestic affairs, and thwart China's development," the spokesperson said.

The despicable conspiracy of the U.S. will get nowhere, said the spokesperson, stressing that Hong Kong will surely have a brighter future.

"The so-called sanctions imposed by the U.S. are nothing more than a waste of paper," the spokesperson said, adding that it is simply delusional to believe that China will bow to sanctions.

The past few years saw China fighting resolutely against the so-called maximum pressure by the U.S. with strong countermeasures, the spokesperson noted.

"If the U.S. is bent on continuing with such tricks, we will play along every step of the way until the very end," said the spokesperson.

Xinhua

Turkey condemns EU court ruling on headscarf ban

ANKARA

TURKEY on Sunday slammed a ruling by a top European Union court allowing the banning of headscarves under certain conditions as a "clear violation of religious freedoms", adding the move would exacerbate prejudices against Muslim women in Europe.

The Luxembourg-based EU Court of Justice (CJEU) ruled on Thursday that companies in the bloc can ban employees from wearing a headscarf under certain conditions, if they need to do so to project an image of neutrality to customers.

The Turkish Foreign Ministry said in a statement the ruling was a sign of rising Islamophobia at a time when it said Muslim women in Europe are being subjected to increasing



This undated file photo shows wellwishers wearing headscarves hold Turkish flags as they gather near the Adlon Hotel, near to the Brandenburg Gate in Berlin, where preparations were under way for a state visit of Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan. AFP

discrimination for their religious beliefs.

"The CJEU decision, at a time when the Islamophobia, racism and hatred that have taken Europe hostage are rising, disregards religious freedom and creates a basis and legal cover for discrimination," the ministry said.

On Saturday, the Turkish presidency's communication director Fahrettin Altun condemned the move, saying "this wrong decision is an attempt to grant legitimacy to racism."

The issue of the hijab, the traditional headscarf worn around the head and shoulders, has been divisive across Europe for years, underlining sharp differences over integrating Muslims.

Turkish President Tayyip Erdogan's Islamist-rooted AK Party, which came to power in 2002 blending a pro-Western, democratic market approach,

has been criticized by Western allies in recent years for increasing authoritarianism and religious intolerance. The United States, Greece, Russia and church leaders expressed concern last year over his government's move to convert Istanbul's Hagia Sophia into a mosque last year.

Ankara has repeatedly accused European nations of not doing enough to prevent discrimination against Muslims, saying it will start publishing an annual report on what it calls examples of Islamophobia around the world.

Ties between Ankara and the bloc have been strained over a host of issues, namely over a dispute between EU member Greece and Turkey over maritime jurisdiction and energy rights in the eastern Mediterranean.

UK PM, chancellor to self-isolate after health secretary tests positive for COVID-19

LONDON

BRITISH Prime Minister Boris Johnson and Chancellor of the Exchequer Rishi Sunak will enter quarantine as normal after contact with Health Secretary Sajid Javid who tested positive for COVID-19 on Saturday, Downing Street said yesterday.



This marked a U-turn on the pair's initial decision to avoid self-isolation by taking part in a daily testing pilot scheme, which had caused huge public outrage in the country.

"Whilst the test and trace pilot is fairly restrictive, allowing only essential government business, I recognise that even the sense that the rules aren't the same for everyone is wrong," Sunak said on Twitter.

Javid, the new health secretary who replaced Matt Hancock last month, is now self-isolating at home with his family. He said he has had two jabs of the vaccine and his symptoms are mild.

The British government has confirmed that most COVID-19 restrictions in England will end on Monday as part of the final step, or Step Four, of England's roadmap out of the lockdown. But scientists have warned that lifting all restrictions at this stage could increase likelihood of dangerous variants.

Britain reported on Saturday another 54,674 coronavirus cases in the latest 24-hour period, bringing the total number of coronavirus cases in the country to 5,386,340, official figures showed. The total number of coronavirus-related deaths in Britain has reached 128,683.

More than 87 percent of the Britain's adults have received one dose of COVID-19 vaccine, while over 67 percent have received two jabs, the latest figures showed. Xinhua

Merkel bloc's advantage narrows in German election poll

BY BLOOMBERG

GERMANY'S opposition Green party gained in a weekly election poll, narrowing the lead of Chancellor Angela Merkel's conservative bloc to 10 percentage points.



Support for the Greens rose 1 point to 18 percent in the Insa poll. That would be enough to construct a governing majority with the Social Democrats and the pro-business Free Democratic Party if the numbers were replicated in the Sept 26 national election, according to the Bild am Sonntag newspaper.

Combined support for Merkel's Christian Democratic Union and Bavaria's CSU party, its ally at the national level, was unchanged at 28 percent. While the CDU-CSU is poised to win the most votes in September, it's also likely to need at least one coalition partner to secure a governing majority in parliament.

The July 12-16 poll of 1,354 people was taken before a gaffe on Saturday by Armin Laschet, the CDU leader and his party's candidate for chancellor, who was caught on camera laughing during solemn remarks by Germany's president about the country's deadly floods. Merkel isn't running for a fifth term after 16 years in office. Agencies

Decent level of metallurgists' income is top priority, Putin says

MOSCOW

RUSSIAN President Vladimir Putin has congratulated workers and veterans of mining and smelting enterprises of Russia on their professional holiday. His telegram was published on the Kremlin website on Sunday.

"Today you are facing large-scale contemporary issues related to the growth of competitive power and the expansion of the line of produced goods, the wide use of advanced ecological standards, the opening of new markets. I would emphasize separately that the top priority is the decent level of income and social protection of the workers of the mining and smelting complex," the message said.

Putin stressed that the "development of industry, of the transport and energy infrastructure, the strengthening of Russia's defense capabilities" depend on the efficient work of one of the strategic branches of the economy.

He expressed gratitude to specialists in different spheres of the branch. "We recognize and respect scientists, engineers, specialists in very different spheres who created and perfected the branch, built factories and industrial giants, implemented unique technologies and equipment, ensured the leading positions of our metallurgy worldwide," the president noted.

"I am confident that you will continue to successfully achieve the most ambitious goals to benefit Russia and our citizens," Putin added, wishing the workers every success.

China always regards rights to subsistence and development as primary and basic human rights

THE 47th regular session of the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC) adopted a resolution submitted by China on the contribution of development to the enjoyment of all human rights on July 12, reaffirming that development makes a significant contribution to the enjoyment of all human rights by all, the aim of development is to constantly improve the well-being of the entire population and that countries should meet the aspiration of the people for a better life.

In their remarks at the session, representatives of other countries commended this important draft

resolution submitted by China and thanked China for its leading role. They stressed that development is critical to countries, especially developing countries, adding that without development, it would be impossible to achieve enjoyment of human rights and overcome the challenges brought by COVID-19.

It was the third time that the UNHRC adopted a resolution on the contribution of development to the enjoyment of all human rights submitted by China. In June 2017, the UN human rights body adopted a resolution from China on development issues in an overwhelming vote, introducing the

concept "development promotes human rights" into the international human rights system for the first time. In July 2019, the UNHRC adopted a resolution submitted by China on development issues for the second time.

By holding high the banner of development, China makes the common aspirations and wishes of developing countries heard by the world, winning wide support from the international community.

Development is mankind's eternal quest and creates conditions for the realization of various human rights. The UN Declaration on the Right to Development specified

that the right to development is an inalienable human right.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, global poverty and inequality are increasingly prominent, becoming major obstacles to protecting human rights. In the face of grave global challenges, countries are in urgent need of better protecting the rights to subsistence and development, safeguarding and improving people's well-being in development, and promoting human rights through development.

As the largest developing country in the world, China is well aware that development is the key to solving all China's problems as well as a

driver of human rights progress in the country. Based on China's prevailing realities, the Communist Party of China (CPC) considers the rights to subsistence and development the primary human rights, driving continuous development and progress of the country's human rights cause.

After long-term unremitting efforts, the Chinese people have, under the leadership of the CPC, attained liberation, secured adequate food and clothing, become better off and achieved moderate prosperity in all respects step by step, and they are now heading toward a higher level of common

prosperity. China has made earnest efforts to ensure people's right to subsistence, significantly improved its protection of the people's economic, social, cultural, and environmental rights, coordinated the protection of civil and political rights, and protected the rights of special groups in all respects.

The process during which the CPC led more than 1.4 billion Chinese people toward a happy life represents exactly the Party's great practice of promoting the development of China's human rights cause.

People's Daily

Lavrov affirms Russia's Central Asian allies say they do not intend to host US military

TASHKENT

NONE of Russia's Central Asian allies stated their intention at the Tashkent conference of hosting any part whatsoever of the US military infrastructure, which the Americans are moving out of Afghanistan, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said on the sidelines of the international conference, Central and South Asia: Regional Connectivity, Challenges and Opportunities, on Thursday.

"As for the plans by the Americans that they are in fact making public and actively promoting, they seek to persuade Central Asian countries and Pakistan, in particular, to use their territory for accommodating some military infrastructure, which the Americans are moving out of Afghanistan," Russia's top diplomat said.

"First of all, Pakistan and Uzbekistan have already officially stated that this is out of the question and they will not use their territory to host such infrastructure. We conferred both in bilateral contacts, and now at the meeting of foreign ministers of five Central Asian states plus Russia on this issue. None of our allies has stated their intention to subject its territory and population to such a risk," the Russian foreign minister stressed.

The participants in the talks also spoke about another US initiative, namely, the attempt to withdraw Afghans who collaborated with the Americans and accommodate them "either temporarily or permanently on the territory of Central Asian states," Lavrov revealed.

"At first, they talked about 10,000 but quite recently I heard already as part of the American discussions in various political think tanks in the US that the figure of 100,000 until the end of the year was mentioned," Lavrov added.

"Today, I already mentioned this in my contact with my Central Asian counterparts and they understand perfectly well all the risks that these plans harbor and they will, perhaps, make the right decision, proceeding from their own interests," Russia's foreign minister specified.

Expanded "group of three" on the settlement in Afghanistan

Russian Foreign Minister also pointed out that including India and Iran in the expanded "group of three" (Russia, China, the US, and Pakistan) on the settlement in Afghanistan would enrich the possibilities of this format.

"The 'group of three' discussed in particular the candidacies of India and Iran [as new members]. I think that this can enrich the possibilities of this format," the top diplomat said.

The foreign minister noted that one of the key tasks of the expanded 'group of three' is the involvement in the dialogue on the settlement of all political and ethnic groups residing in Afghanistan.

France opens doors to vaccinated travellers, restricts others

PARIS

FRANCE will reinforce restrictions on unvaccinated travellers from a series of countries to counter a rebound in COVID-19 infections, while opening its doors to those who have received all their shots, Prime Minister Jean Castex said on Saturday.

The move comes as France faces a rapid surge in new coronavirus infections and President Emmanuel Macron tries to convince French citizens to accept vaccinations he says are the only way to stop the virus and put the country back on track.

From yesterday, July 18, non-vaccinated people coming from the United Kingdom, Spain, Portugal, Cyprus, the Netherlands and Greece will need to present a COVID-19 test dating from less than 24 hours before travel to enter France.

Currently tests can date from 48 hours for UK travellers and 72 hours for the other countries listed.

Cubans hold mass rally in support of revolution

HAVANA

THOUSANDS of Cubans on Saturday gathered at the La Piragua esplanade in Havana to express their support of the island's government after the recent unrest.

Raul Castro, leader of the Cuban socialist revolution, President Miguel Diaz-Canel, high-ranking officials, and leaders of social organizations attended the event.

Addressing the audience, Diaz-Canel said that the Cuban revolution continues to stand by its people, and accused the US administration of sponsoring a political and communication campaign against the Caribbean country.

Abiding by social distancing guidelines and mask mandates, participants held national flags and patriotic banners in support of the Cuban socialist revolution, and dozens of people waved from balconies.

Unity has helped Cubans overcome crises, said Gerardo Hernandez, national coordinator of the Committees for the Defense of the Revolution, adding that the US administration wanted to destabilize the tranquility of the island's neighborhoods.

"This revolution was made by Raul (Castro) and Fidel (Castro) for the humble, with the humble, and for the sake of the humble," he said, adding that the Cuban government will continue the work initiated by its predecessors.

Julio Cesar Crespo, who works at Havana's Higher Institute of International Relations "Raul Roa Garcia", told Xinhua that young people in Cuba were committed to the development of socialism on the island.

"We have to defend the revolution, which has been a beacon for all Cubans," he said. "We cannot lose (what) all we have shed so much blood for. Today we come to reaffirm our revolutionary convictions."



Death toll rises to 170 in Germany, Belgium floods

ERFTSTADT, Germany/WASSENBERG

THE death toll in devastating flooding in western Germany and Belgium rose to at least 170 on Saturday after burst rivers and flash floods this week collapsed houses and ripped up roads and power lines.

Some 143 people died in the flooding in Germany's worst natural disaster in more than half a century. That included about 98 in the Ahrweiler district south of Cologne, according to police.

Hundreds of people were still missing or unreachable as several areas were inaccessible due to high water levels while communication in some places was still down.

Residents and business owners struggled to pick up the pieces in battered towns.

"Everything is completely destroyed. You don't recognize the scenery," said Michael Lang, owner of a wine shop in the town of Bad Neuenahr-Ahrweiler in Ahrweiler, fighting back tears.

German President Frank-Walter Steinmeier visited Erftstadt in the state of North Rhine-Westphalia, where the disaster killed at least 45 people.

"We mourn with those that have lost friends, acquaintances, family members," he said. "Their fate is ripping our hearts apart."

Around 700 residents were evacuated late on Friday after a dam broke in the town of Wassenberg near Cologne, authorities said.

But Wassenberg mayor Marcel Maurer said water levels had been stabilizing since the night. "It's too early to give the all-clear but we are cautiously optimistic," he said.

The Steinbachtal dam in western Germany, however, remained at risk of breaching, authorities said after some 4,500 people were evacuated from homes downstream.

Steinmeier said it would take weeks before the full damage, expected to require several billions of euros in reconstruction funds, could be assessed.

Armin Laschet, state premier of North Rhine-Westphalia and the ruling CDU party's candidate in September's general election, said he would speak to Finance Minister Olaf Scholz in the coming days about financial support.

Chancellor Angela Merkel was expected to travel on Sunday to Rhineland Palatinate, the state that is home to the devastated village of Schuld.

In Belgium, the death toll rose to 27, according to the national crisis centre, which is coordinating the relief operation there.

It added that 103 people were "missing or unreach-



A worker (left) takes a picture of a destroyed area in Insul near Bad Neuenahr-Ahrweiler, western Germany, on Saturday. AFP

able". Some were likely unreachable because they could not recharge mobile phones or were in hospital without identity papers, the centre said.

Communities Cut Off

Over the past several days the floods, which have mostly hit the German states of Rhineland Palatinate and North Rhine-Westphalia and eastern Belgium, have cut off entire communities from power and communications.

RWE, Germany's largest power producer, said on Saturday its opencast mine in Inden and the Weisweiler coal-fired power plant were massively affected, adding that the plant was running at lower capacity after the situation stabilized.

In the southern Belgian provinces of Luxembourg and Namur, authorities rushed to supply drinking water to

households. Flood water levels slowly fell in the worst hit parts of Belgium, allowing residents to sort through damaged possessions.

Prime Minister Alexander De Croo and European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen visited some areas on Saturday afternoon.

Belgian rail network operator Infrabel published plans of repairs to lines, some of which would be back in service only at the very end of August.

High Alert In The Netherlands

Emergency services in the Netherlands also remained on high alert as overflowing rivers threatened towns and villages throughout the southern province of Limburg.

Tens of thousands of residents in the region have been evacuated in the past

two days, while soldiers, fire brigades and volunteers worked frantically throughout Friday night to enforce dykes and prevent flooding.

The Dutch have so far escaped disaster on the scale of its neighbors, and as of Saturday morning no casualties had been reported.

Scientists have long said that climate change will lead to heavier downpours. But determining its role in these relentless rainfalls will take at least several weeks to research, scientists said on Friday.

Agencies

China's foreign trade in H1 hits record high

CHINA'S total foreign trade in goods in the first half of the year grew 27.1 percent from a year ago to 18.07 trillion yuan (about \$2.79 trillion), data from the General Administration of Customs (GAC) showed. Exports increased 28.1 percent to 9.85 trillion yuan, and imports expanded by 25.9 percent to 8.22 trillion yuan.

The country's total foreign trade, exports and imports in the first six months this year were up 22.9 percent, 23.8 percent and 21.7 percent, respectively, compared with those in the same period two years ago, before the outbreak of COVID-19.

China's foreign trade stood at 3.29 trillion yuan last month, up 22 percent from a year ago, which marked positive growth for 13 months in a row.

China's foreign trade in the first half of the year posted the best performance in history, which has laid a solid foundation for the whole-year growth of the country's foreign trade, said GAC spokesperson Li Kuiwen at a press conference on July 13. China's economy showed a steady recovery with solid and sound growth in the first half, and market players demonstrated stronger vitality, which offered strong support for the continuous and stable growth of foreign trade, Li, who's also the director of the GAC's statistics and analysis department, added. In particular, the continuous release of policy dividends to stabilize foreign trade, and the leading role played by high-level opening platforms have further outlined the advantages of new businesses and models of foreign trade.

According to GAC statistics, the total trade value of China's cross-border e-commerce sector reached 886.7 billion yuan in the first six months, up 28.6 percent on year. Exports of the sector surged 44.1 percent to 603.6 billion yuan, and imports stood at 283.1 billion yuan, an uptick of 4.6 percent. Besides, exports through mart procurement trade grew 49.1 percent.

The continuous global economic recovery and increasing external demand entailed rising global trade and China's exports. In the past months, multiple international organizations have lifted their expectation for global growth in 2021. For instance, the International Monetary Fund in April lifted the Global Growth Forecast for 2021 to 6 percent, and the World Bank also increased its global economic growth forecast to 5.6 percent for this year the last month.



Trucks are being loaded at Yantai port, east China's Shandong province, July 13, 2021. File photo

In the first six months, China's exports to the US, the EU, and ASEAN countries grew 31.7 percent, 25.5 percent, and 27.8 percent, respectively. The country also exported 47 percent and 27.7 percent more of goods to Latin America and Africa during the same period.

Since the proposal of the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), China has witnessed increasingly closer trade ties with BRI countries. Especially after the outbreak of COVID-19 in 2020, China and relevant countries offered mutual support to tide over difficulties and constantly deepened Belt and Road cooperation, achieving remarkable progress.

China's total trade value with BRI countries grew 27.5 percent in the first half to 5.35 trillion yuan, 0.4 percentage point higher than the growth of the country's total trade in the same period, and accounting for 29.6 percent of its total imports and exports. Exports to these countries increased 29.1 percent to 3.03 trillion yuan, and imports increased 25.6 percent to 2.32 trillion yuan.

China-Europe freight service contributed a major part to stabilizing the trade with countries along the rail tracks. According to China Railway, China Europe freight trains made 7,377 trips in the first six months this year, shipping 707,000 TEUs (twenty-foot equivalent units), up 43 percent

and 52 percent, respectively. Ninety-eight percent of the containers shipped were loaded with goods. The GAC said 209.78 billion yuan of China's foreign trade with BRI countries were realized through rail services, up 43.1 percent.

Upholding the vision of building a global community of health for all, China has actively joined the WHO's COVID-19 Vaccines Global Access, or COVAX project and supported all countries to fight the pandemic. Li said the GAC has issued a series of measures this year to ensure smooth and quick customs clearance of COVID-19 vaccines. According to statistics, China has exported over 500 million doses of COVID-19 vaccines and concentrates to 112 countries and regions. The vaccines and concentrates China has offered equal to 1/6 of the world's total production, which marks an important contribution of the country to global anti-pandemic cooperation and economic recovery.

As COVID-19 is still spreading in many parts of the world, Li warned that China's foreign trade faces uncertainties in a complex global epidemic environment. Meanwhile, the foreign trade growth might slow in the second half due to a high base last year. However, it is still possible that the country's foreign trade maintains rapid growth for the year.

People's Daily

China's white paper on Xinjiang important for knowing real Xinjiang - Jordanian expert

AMMAN

THE Chinese white paper on protecting the rights of Xinjiang's ethnic groups provides the international community with a good opportunity to understand the real Xinjiang, a Jordanian expert on the Arab-China relations has said.

"The white paper explains in detail how China has put in place a whole vision for Xinjiang, focusing on its well-rounded development," Samer Khair Ahmed recently told Xinhua, referring to the document titled "Respecting and Protecting the Rights of All Ethnic Groups in Xinjiang," which was issued by China's State Council Information Office on Wednesday.

Noting that the white paper has illustrated the realities and developments in Xinjiang with abundant statistics and facts, the expert pointed out that the document contains rich details on how the ethnic minorities in Xinjiang have been enjoying constantly improving living standard, and practicing religion freely.

All these positive results were made possible by the Chinese government's "people-centered" approach, which is the apparent opposite of some Western media's rumors and distortions, he said.

For Ahmed, who has been studying the Chinese society for several decades and has published two books on China so far, fabricating so-called "oppression of minorities" is a usual method used by some U.S. politicians to pressure other countries and cause chaos.

China's outstanding achievements and its vision of a community with a shared future for mankind have gained increasing recognition across the globe, but are considered by Washington and some of its allies as threats to their hegemony, Ahmad said.

"Therefore, they continue to slander China, intending to use issues related to Xinjiang to discredit and restrain China," he said.

The Jordanian expert, who visited Xinjiang in 2017, spoke highly of the developments he witnessed there. Regarding the "forced labor" accusations, Ahmed deemed them as part of some West forces' campaign to destabilize Xinjiang and contain China.

"As a Muslim and an Arab, I saw how the Uyghurs preserved their culture and traditions, whether in food, music or heritage," he said.

There is no doubt that the Chinese government has shared the fruits of reform and development with people of all ethnic groups in Xinjiang, he said.

Xinhua



People promote Hami melons via livestreaming in Turpan of northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, May 19, 2021. (Xinhua)

SPORT



The NBC Bank's Head of Private Banking, Abel Kaseko (R), hands over sports equipment to Tanzania People's Defense Force (TPDF)'s Sports Chairman, Colonel David Mziray, to back the TPDF's preparations for various sports events slated for next month in Dodoma. The handing over ceremony took place in the region yesterday. Others are the bank's officials and army officers. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

NBC donates sports equipment to TPDF

By Guardian Reporter

AS various army sports competitions are expected to kick off in Dodoma on August 4, NBC Bank has donated sports equipment to the Tanzania People's Defense Force (TPDF) to support the army's efforts in the sports sector.

The equipment, which include sports shoes, balls, jerseys and a number of other sport equipment, were handed over to TPDF Sports Chairman, Colonel David Mziray, by NBC Dodoma Branch Manager, Happiness Kizigira.

Speaking after receiving the equipment, Mziray said the donation will help to boost the morale of the players, adding that they are determined to win various trophies at the tournament.

"Getting this equipment will motivate our players to do well at the tournament which our teams are aiming to grab all the trophies," Mziray noted.

After handing over the equipment, NBC Dodoma Branch Manager, Happiness, said they have provided the equipment due to the existing cooperation between the bank and TPDF.

"NBC Bank has had a good, long-term relationship with the TPDF and since our colleagues will be taking part in a tournament here in Dodoma, we also saw it fit to support them with this equipment so that the competition can be even better," Happiness said.

Happiness said the equipment have been donated to the army headquarters with the aim of reaching all the athletes in the army who will take part in the tournament this year.

Gymkhana golfer lifts Tanfoam Open tournament title

By Guardian Reporter

DAR ES SALAAM Gymkhana Club (DGC) golfing sensation, Mohamed Asgarali, put up an impressive showing to triumph in the maiden Tanfoam Golf Open tournament, which took place at the club's course on Saturday evening.

Asgarali, who has been making a steady improvement in his game lately, lifted the top honour after recording 40 points in the 18-hole tournament.

"I didn't expect to win this tournament and I thank the lord and my caddy for this success," Asgarali said after the victory.

The golfer disclosed: "I was very nervous throughout the tournament and I thought I wouldn't win this event, with all the other players playing good golf."

The Tanfoam Limited-sponsored event saw the DGC experienced golfer, Joseph Tango, end as runner-up after posting 37 stable ford points.

"It was not my day and I should have won this tournament but I have learnt from my mistakes that I made on the course and next time it will be better," Tango said.

Fatma Makame finished third with 36

points, Ellis Katwebaze took the fourth position, losing to Fatma on count back.

The DGC Competition Secretary, Kiki Ayonga, commended golfers who turned up to mark the Tanfoam Special Golf Tournament, making it a success.

Kiki said: "I want to thank all participants. Without them, we could not have staged this tournament."

Little known golfer, Vicky Elias, also had a field day. She won guest winner prize with 31 points.

Vicky said: "I'm very happy to be part of the winners at the tournament, it went really well and the competition was tough."

Vicky said that the DGC is one of perfect places to be when it comes to golf and she is enjoying being there and uses the event and time to prepare for a big showdown, namely Lugalo Ladies Open.

The nearest to pin award also went to Vicky.

Abbas Lalji, one of Tanfoam Limited officials, noted they have been impressed by huge turnout of golfers in the event.

"Tanfoam Limited is looking to organize a golf tournament at this club every month," Lalji revealed.



Tanfoam Limited's officer, Abbas Lalji (L), presents a prize to Dar es Salaam Gymkhana Club (DGC) golfer, Mohamed Asgarali that lifted the Tanfoam Open golf tournament's title. The competition was played at the club's course last Saturday. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

SPORTS

Gospel Singeli: A fashion breaking barriers of the social and the sacred

By Correspondent Michael Eneza

WHILE no rules exist on how social music interacts with prayerful or mourning sessions, a psychological challenge is being opened up on airwaves of late, with scores of musicians moving into prayerful music with ease and comfort, unaware that some rules ought to be existing in such transition.

It is the wish to adapt popular music tunes to a different need, which is tied to the original on the basis of the factor of celebration, thus it appears to serve the purpose.

While one talks of prayerful music it is actually different.

One musician can be cited as having been pivotal in breaking the barriers between the prayerful and the playful is songbird, Rose Mhando, whose itinerary can be the subject of a twisted novel that grips readers, as she has traversed the wide scene in all sorts of scenarios.

At one time, she was being rumoured to have reached a sort of terminal stage of illness, after a stretch of worrying reports of what was going on in her music career, but at some point received either routine curative action or most likely a faith cure, as in the subsequent period she is a champion of faith music. But her second coming is laced with tremors as well.

For one thing, the itinerary of activities leading to her being resurrected on a new plane at the local music level has plenty in store to excite her fans, and she seemingly isn't sparing in her ammunition.

She has issued songs blasting her adversaries with vituperations sprouting in each song or series of stanza, such that it becomes hard to distinguish between a routine vengeance and victory song with her presumed gospel music.

One such song played at a major prayerful assembly to the north of Dar es Salaam, apart from being sold in chip form has unpalatable stuff directed at adversaries who maliciously mistreated her.

But the problem is actually wider



Prominent 'Singeli' music artist, Abdallah, alias 'Dulla Makabila'.

than the songbird, as in the first place she would not herself have been able to produce virulent compositions against thinly hidden individuals unless there was some example to cite or copy from.

It wasn't just a matter of example but a whole trend of developments in that field to which she ably latched herself into the wagon, and did it better than quite a few others, who have issued less remarkable stuff in the way of celebratory or even combative compositions.

And there is plenty in the prayerful sessions themselves that encourages them on that route, like 'six-pack anointment' (if this is the correct translation of 'upako wa kibabe' that is now trending in multiple FM radio stations the house is heard).

What is characteristic about this trend is that it puts aside prayer as such, which has a mournful tone to it that has always characterized gospel songs, whatever breadth and depth this mode of spiritual entertainment has seen in the six decades of independence.

Still for most of the earlier period there were only choir songs, and then a different genre came up where there was a book of passionate compositions tied to new denominations but it also spread to traditional prayer houses.

Only in the digital age where elaborate bands, stage show, equipment, are stilled that compositions shift to individuals to break barriers.

The reason for this shift from marginally mournful or prayerful monologues in gospel songs to animated celebration that is free to take even 'Singeli' modes of happiness, despite that its gyrations are inseparable from the music itself, and scarcely blends with a gospel scenario, is deep seated.

It is the shift from older prayers where it is one's own slides in conduct which are at issue, and the pursuit of grace or affinity with divinity that is only hoped for but not directly handed to an individual.

At present what is pursued is quite different, as first it is to defeat and eradicate strings blocking one's health or welfare - thus, triumphantly.

There is also a cluster of praise songs (which is starkly different from prayer songs) that basically form the main body of what transpires in choirs or music groups associated with vast assemblies of what was traditionally known as 'exorcism' but is now more adeptly recognized as deliverance, freeing from bonds.

There are other situations where the prevalence of this unorthodox form of proto-gospel singing has been generated, namely in the Free Church of Emmanuel Mgaya, popularly recognizable as old 'Masanja Mkandamizaji,' who has the distinction of having teamed up with followers of the late evangelist, Dr Reinhard Bonnke, of numerous gospel 'crusades' in past decades.

These assemblies have a minimum requirement of being in their fellowship, namely to be able to sing a song of praise, and beyond that everything is permitted, from mini-skirts to cigarette smoking, all within the same open air prayer service compound.

This could have been treated as an exception or idiosyncratic, but certified preachers are absorbing it too.

Caravans' cricketers enjoy winning streak in Kazim Nasser League's Division A 50 overs

By Guardian Reporter

CARAVANS Cricket Club has continued enjoying winning spree in the 2021 Dar es Salaam Cricket (DC) Kazim Nasser Memorial League (KNML) Division A 50-overs, trouncing Shree Kutchi Leva Patel Sports Center (SKLPSC) team by 45 runs in Group A clash at Leaders Club ground last week.

The victory has seen Caravans Cricket Club have topped the Group A's table with four points.

Skipper Sreejith Kumar was back at the helm of Caravans Cricket Club's affairs in the duel.

His outfit showed excellent performance especially in the fielding and bowling departments under his captaincy.

The SKLPSC, which was led by Naran Vekariya, unexpectedly crumbled in the face of superb bowling by Caravans Cricket Club's in-form Jitin Pratap Singh, who was eventually presented with the man of the match prize for his exploits.

Caravans Cricket Club won the toss and elected to bat first, amassing 143 runs all out in 35 overs.

Their openers, Gokul Das and Safvan Annarathodika, could not capitalize their captain Kumar's decision of batting first.

Annarathodika got out when the score was 16 runs, being bowled by a brilliant delivery from SKLPSC's pacer, Hassan Sangwale.

Singh then joined Das and scored a brisk 15 runs which included three boundaries, but, in the 10th over of the innings, he fell when the score was just 44 runs on board.

Das continued patiently and the cricketer, at times, showed his class as a crafty batsman by hitting some glorious drives to the fence.

All-rounder, Kassim Nassoro, joined Das and the duo's partnership yielded 55 runs.

At his individual score of 19 runs and team score of 99 runs, Nassoro was trapped for leg before wicket (lbw) by SKLPSC's Khalil Rehemtullah's delivery which swung in.

Immediately after veteran all-rounder,



Caravans Cricket Club's Jitin Singh (C), receives man of the match prize from the outfit's Chairman, Thulaseedas (R), shortly after the side had confronted Shree Kutchi Leva Patel SC (SKLPSC) outfit in 2021 Dar es Salaam Cricket (DC) Kazim Nasser Memorial League (KNML) Division A 50 overs' duel, which took place in the city last week. Looking on is match official, Aahil Jasani. PHOTO: COURTESY OF DC

Hamisi Abdallah, came to the middle, Das reached his another milestone of half-century

His displays hardly went unnoticed, given the player was applauded by spectators and all players on and off the field.

He could not however carry on with the bat and fell at his individual score of 54 runs when the team's score was 108 runs.

Except for skipper, Nandakishan Pottachira, who scored 16 runs, none of the other batsmen could get a double-digit score and Caravans Cricket Club was skittled for 143 runs in 35 overs.

Vinesh Gorasiya was the most successful bowler in SKLPSC bowling spell, taking three wickets in just five overs and conceding only 12 runs.

Khalil Rehemtullah and youthful player Yalinde Maurice took two wickets apiece.

Needing 144 runs to win in 50 overs, SKLPSC lost their opening batsman, Dinesh Rabadiya, was caught behind in the very first ball of the innings to a brilliant out swinger delivery by Suraj Kumar.

Suraj continued to torment the SKLPSC batsmen and took the second wicket when the outfit's score was just 13 runs on the board.

Skipper Kumar masterminded the SKLPSC debacle by cleverly using his bowlers and, with spin attack on both sides of the wicket, scoring was becoming very difficult for the rest of the SKLPSC players.

Singh, on one end, was picking wickets with clever spin bowling and spinner Nassoro was very economical at the other end.

Only four of the 11 SKLPSC players managed to notch double-digit figures and out of the quartet only Yahya Giwa managed to score the highest.

Giwa, slotted in as low order batsman, had scored 14 runs before he was bowled by Singh.

Annarathodika was brilliant in his fielding, taking two catches of which one was a flying one-handed catch while fielding in first slip.

Caravans Cricket Club's wicket keeper, Pottachira, also accounted for two dismissals through exceptional catches.

The SKLPSC were all out for 98 runs in just 27.2 overs, suffering a 45-run loss to Caravans Cricket Club.

Singh was presented with the man of the match prize for his excellent bowling performance, as he took six wickets, giving away 23 runs in 9.2 overs.

Germany cuts short Olympic warmup with allegations of racism

WAKAYAMA, Japan

GERMANY's Olympic soccer team walked off the field during a preparation match for the Tokyo Games on Saturday in response to alleged racist abuse from an opposing Honduran player toward German defender Jordan Torunarigha.

The players left the field together with five minutes remaining in the game after Torunarigha was "racially insulted," the German soccer federation said on Twitter.

"If one of our players is racially abused, it's not an option for us to keep playing," Germany coach Stefan Kuntz said.

"It was hard to get him in, he was terribly upset because he said he was repeatedly racially abused," Kuntz continued. "For us it's clear, this violates our values, we cannot tolerate it. We'll take our player completely under our protection."

Torunarigha's club, Hertha Berlin, responded by saying "that's the only correct decision!"

The score was 1-1 when the German players walked off.

"After the situation calmed down a bit, the whole Honduras team came over to us on the bench and apologized," Kuntz said. "That was the end of the matter for us."

The Honduran soccer federation

said on Twitter that the game was abandoned in the 87th minute "due to the fact that a German player alleged a supposed racist insult on the part of a Honduran national team player."

The Honduran federation said the "situation occurred due to a misunderstanding on the field of play."

Germany captain Maximilian Arnold said the team discussed taking the matter further but decided against it.

"We made a correct statement, we made the right decisions and acted correctly. It was also Jordan's wish. He said that we should leave it at that," Arnold said.

The friendly game in Wakayama, Japan was Germany's last preparation match before it plays Brazil in Yokohama on Thursday. Kuntz' team also plays Saudi Arabia on July 25 and Ivory Coast on July 28 in Group D.

The 23-year-old Torunarigha, who is the son of former player Ojokojo Torunarigha of Nigeria, has faced racist abuse before. He was targeted with monkey chants by some Schalke fans in a German Cup game on Feb. 4, 2020. Schalke was fined 50,000 euros (\$54,600) for its supporters' abuse.

AP

'Who is it for?' captain Yoshida asks in call to lift fan ban

TOKYO

JAPAN's men's captain Maya Yoshida has questioned the decision to hold the Olympic Games behind closed doors, calling on authorities to reconsider the spectator ban before the football tournaments begin on Wednesday.

Fans will be absent from the Games as coronavirus infections continue to climb in Japan, even though fans are allowed to attend other sporting contests within the country.

Yoshida led Japan to a 1-1 draw with Spain on Saturday in their final warm-up ahead of their opening game in the men's football on Thursday, with a socially-distanced crowd in attendance at Kobe City Stadium.

Matches in the women's tournament will begin on Wednesday.

The presence of the fans moved the former Southampton defender to ask why supporters would not be permitted at the Games, which run until Aug. 8.

"I think a lot of people's tax money is

going to hold these Olympics," the Asahi newspaper quoted Yoshida as saying during an online news conference.

"Despite that, people can't go and watch. So you wonder about who the Olympics is for, and what it is for. Of course athletes want to play in front of fans."

With cases rising rapidly, Tokyo has entered into a state of emergency but spectators have continued to attend games in Japan's professional baseball league and in the country's domestic football competition, the J-League.

"Our families have sacrificed and put up with things, they supported us when we were competing in Europe," said Yoshida, who currently plays in Italy for Sampdoria.

"It's not just the players who were competing, but the family members, every one of them."

"So if they can't watch the match, well who and what is that match for, there is that question. I really hope we can reconsider that seriously."

REUTERS

Arsenal fail to win for second preseason game

GLASGOW

ARSENAL fought back to secure a 2-2 draw against Rangers in a preseason friendly at Ibrox Stadium on Saturday, with new defender Nuno Tavares scoring his first goal for the north London club.

Leon Balogun opened the scoring early for Steven Gerrard's Rangers before Tavares equalised less than 10 minutes later.

Rangers took the lead once again through Cedric Itten on 75 minutes before Eddie Nketiah levelled for Arsenal eight minutes later.

"Overall I'm really pleased with the performance. I think we dominated the game, we created so many chances - I counted about eight or 10 clear chances to score - but this game is decided in both boxes," Mikel Arteta said after the game.

"We weren't clinical in the opponent's box and we conceded two goals from two corners, which were the only chances they had apart from the counterattack from our own corner."

"It's much better from the other day and you tell that physically we were already better in the second game, the organisation was better, individually they played better, but I really liked the collective understanding of the game and how we executed a lot of things we've been working on in the training pitch."

Rangers won a corner on 14 minutes. Balogun was left unmarked in the box and hit a powerful header into the Arsenal net.

Left-back Tavares, who joined Arsenal from Benfica for around €8 million this summer, benefitted from poor play from James Tavernier to steal the ball and strike it into Allan McGregor's net on 23 minutes.

Arsenal could have taken the lead through Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang on the half hour mark but he failed to place his header on target.

Instead it was Rangers who pulled ahead in the second half when Itten scored from a header during a set piece.

However, Rangers were unable to keep Nketiah out a few minutes later when he secured the ball and struck a hard shot past McGregor to level things.

Meanwhile, A young Tottenham Hotspur side were held to a 1-1 draw at Leyton Orient in Nuno Espirito Santo's first game in charge.

Dane Scarlett put a strong Spurs starting XI ahead in the first-half before a more inexperienced side were introduced for the final 30 minutes of the game.

Former Wolverhampton Wanderers boss Nuno included Joe Hart, Eric Dier, Harry Winks, Lucas Moura, Dele Alli and Steven Bergwijn in the team that began the game.

"It was a game that we prepared ourselves to compete and play inside a week that was very tough for the players," he said after the match.

"The players have worked very hard. It is a process that is going to take time to get things together. Happy because the commitment was there."

Ahly punish 10-man Chiefs to win CAF Champions League 10th time

CASABLANCA

EGYPTIAN club Al Ahly won a record-extending 10th CAF Champions League title on Saturday with a 3-0 final victory over 10-man South African rivals Kaizer Chiefs in Casablanca.

A brilliant goal from Mohamed 'Afsha' Magdy on 64 minutes left little doubt about the outcome in a disappointing finale to the marquee African club competition.

Amr el Sulaya rubbed salt into the wounds of Chiefs with a third goal on 74 minutes, slamming a back-heel past Nigerian goalkeeper Daniel Akpeyi.

Chiefs were struggling to contain Ahly late in the first half when they suffered a massive blow with the red-carding of Happy Mashiane.

The forward stamped on the right leg of full-back Ahmed Tawfik and, after initially flashing a yellow card, the Burundi referee checked the foul on a monitor and changed his decision.

It was a historic victory for Ahly, who became the first club to win back-to-back CAF Champions League titles three times.

South Africa-born Ahly coach Pitso Mosimane, who supported Chiefs as a child, became the first African coach to win the competition three times.

He succeeded in 2016 with South African club Mamelodi Sundowns, and again with Ahly last season in an all-Egyptian final against fierce rivals Zamalek.

Ahly pocketed \$2.5 million for winning the Champions League and are guaranteed at least another \$3.5 million when they compete in the FIFA Club World Cup in Japan.



Al Ahly on Saturday became the first club to win back-to-back CAF Champions League titles three times. (Agencies)

Before travelling to the Far East, the Egyptian club that have won 22 African titles will play CAF Confederation Cup winners Raja Casablanca of Morocco in a one-off match for the CAF Super Cup.

It was a bitterly disappointing first appearance in the final by Chiefs, whose lone CAF title came 21 years ago when they won the now defunct African Cup Winners Cup.

The Soweto outfit matched Ahly early on and had the lone shot on target in the opening half with an effort by Serbian forward Samir Nurkovic that Ahly goalkeeper and captain Mohamed el Shenawy comfortably saved.

Factfile for 2021 CAF Champions League winners Al Ahly of Egypt:

Popular name: Cairo Red Devils
Captain: Mohamed el Shenawy
Coach: Pitso Mosimane (RSA)
Path to victory: Round of 32 - Sonidep (NIG) 4-0 home, 1-0 away; Group A - Al Merrikh (SUD) 3-0 2-2, Simba (TAN)

1-0 0-1, V Club (CON) 2-2 3-0; quarter-finals - Mamelodi Sundowns (RSA) 2-0 1-1; semi-finals - Esperance (TUN) 3-0 1-0; final - Kaizer Chiefs (RSA) 3-0

Scorers: 6 - Sherif, 3 - Magdy, Mohamed; 2 - Banoun, Yasser Ibrahim, Mahmoud Kahraha; 1 - Walter Bwalya (COD), Dieng, Hussein el Shahat, Amr el Sulaya, Maaloul, Mohsen Mohsen, Salah Mohsen, Walid Soliman

Champions League record: 1998 - first round, 1999 - Group A, 2000 - Group B, 2001 - winners, 2002 - Group A, 2004 - first round, 2005, 2006 - winners, 2007 - runners-up, 2008 - winners, 2009 - second round, 2010 - semi-finals, 2011 - Group B, 2012, 2013 - winners, 2014, 2015 - second round, 2016 - Group A, 2017, 2018 - runners-up, 2019 - quarter-finals, 2020 - winners, 2021 - winners

CAF titles: 10 - Champions League, 7 - Super Cup, 4 - African Cup Winners Cup, 1 - Confederation Cup

Note: Ahly won the forerunner of the Champions League, the African Cup of Champions Clubs, in 1982 and 1987.

Why Buffon went back to where it all began at the age of 43

By Gabriele Marcotti, Senior Writer, ESPN FC

WHEN Gianluigi Buffon made his professional debut for Parma in November 1995, most of his new teammates weren't even born. If I'd wanted to check that fact on the internet back then, I couldn't Google it. I'd need to use a search engine like WebCrawler (it's still around, in case you want to go old school) on a browser like Mosaic and hope that someone had uploaded the birth dates of players somewhere on the nascent worldwide web since, obviously, football clubs didn't have websites. (Their first form of technology was end-of-season DVDs.)

Five-and-a-half years later, after making his debut for Italy and establishing himself as one of the best keepers in the world, he moved to Juventus in 2001 for around €54.5 million. It wasn't just a world record for a goalkeeper, either; it's a record that would stand for 17 years, until Alisson (€62.5m) and Kepa Arrizabalaga (€80m) moved to Liverpool and Chelsea, respectively.

Two decades - and 11 league titles, five domestic cups and a World Cup - later, Buffon is back where it all started. It's not surprising, then, that Parma chose to go the superhero route, opting for the #SupermanReturns hashtag in his "welcome back" video.

"It's an incredible feeling," he tells ESPN. "The idea that an athlete can return to the same after 20 years, in the same role as before... wow... I don't know how many athletes in any sport have had that privilege. It's something I wanted badly."

Buffon is now 43 years old. He backed up Wojciech Szczesny at Juventus the past two seasons, but still managed to start 29 matches over that span - enough of a sample size to know that he can still contribute on the pitch. "Age is just a number" is also just a cliché, of course, though you look at the likes of Zlatan Ibrahimovic (39) and Cristiano Ronaldo (36) and wonder if there isn't some truth in it. Sure, goalkeepers have more longevity, but Buffon has gone way past that.

The hunger is there, as well as the fitness. You wonder how long it will continue.

"I hope for [Cristiano's] sake that I quit first," he says, laughing. "And I do have an idea in my mind of when that time may be... but I also reserve the right to bring that day forward or postpone it!"

Buffon has been asked about his longevity for many years, offering the stock answers you might expect. Professionalism, taking care of his body, luck in avoiding major injuries, enthu-



siasm, good genes, desire - all of these things are likely true for elite athletes who perform beyond their years. But Buffon goes beyond that, citing examples of how you can use age to actually improve.

"Honestly, there are many aspects in which you can get better as time passes," he says. "I learned this lesson when I was maybe 36 or 37. I began to realize that if you're serious about it, you do things the right way and you're in the right mental frame, you'll never stop learning and bettering yourself."

"I'm being perfectly honest that when I compare myself now to what I was before, I've improved in a number of areas, where maybe before I was weaker. Obviously, I will have declined in others - that's normal - but overall, when I look at myself objectively, I don't feel that I'm worse than I was six or seven years ago."

Everybody knows what age does to us. At a certain point, you lose muscle mass, strength, agility, your recovery time gets longer: all these things come along together. But that is only part of being a goalkeeper. Buffon cites experience, mental strength and the ability to read a game, all of which makes sense. But there are others, too.

"I'll give you a very obvious example," he says. "I've always had a pretty good right foot when it came to passing. [Buffon was a midfielder until he was 14 years old.] The game has obviously evolved in the past 25 years and keepers are asked to do much more with their feet than before. I was fine with that, because I was very confident on my right. My left was OK, but I'd really only use it to clear the ball or to hit a short pass - never to actually pass it long or accurately."

"But then I started really started working on it in my mid-30s, and I really improved," he adds. "I never thought I'd get to the point where my kicking is almost equal with either foot, but that's where I am. I genuinely believe that through repetition, serious training and muscle memory, all with the right mindset, almost nothing is impossible for a human being."

Back to Parma. When he left in 2001, they were coming off a golden era: nine straight top-five finishes, two wins in the Coppa Italia, a UEFA Cup and a Cup Winners' Cup. They were blessed with superstars, from Lilian Thuram to Gianfranco Zola, from Hernan Crespo to Fabio Cannavaro, from Claudio Taffarel to Tino Asprilla. The 15 or so years

after that would see the club go bankrupt, two owners face prison time in separate cases and Parma be reformed in the amateur ranks.

A year ago, they were bought by Iowa businessman Kyle Krause and after being relegated, Buffon will start over in Serie B.

"I was cheering for them to stay up all of last season - I'm a Parma fan, after all. I joined at 13 and stayed for 10 years," Buffon says. "Parma launched my career. They helped me become what I am, and now maybe it's my turn to help them go back to being great. Like they have been before, and like how they deserve to be. But I want to be clear: I didn't choose Serie B. I chose Parma."

To him, the only thing that is different is that the climb back up the ladder begins in Serie B, rather than near the bottom of Serie A. But he knows where he wants to take them.

"Sometimes you get lucky, and this club is very lucky to have been taken over by a guy like Krause," Buffon says. And then, unexpectedly, he pulls out a stat. "He's ambitious and he has every reason to be. When you talk about the fourth-most successful Italian club in Europe, in terms of trophies. Overall, we're 16th. We need to respect and honour that history."

As for when he may call it quits, there's no "use by" date on his sleeve. Few athletes, in any sport, are as introspective and as open as Buffon. A few years ago, he detailed his bouts with depression in his early 20s, how they rocked his belief that "if you have money and success you can't be unhappy" and how he developed the tools to deal with his mental health issues.

In a sporting world that is often macho and testosterone-laden, it's a refreshing voice and a reminder, that even this Superman had his kryptonite, a challenge he acknowledged, faced and conquered.

Gwiji by David Chikoko



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Nine-time champions Ahly dare not underestimate outsiders Chiefs

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National Arts Council now disapproves Rose's exclusion from Miss World 2021 pageant

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

THE National Arts Council, known by Kiswahili acronym, 'BASATA', has said it does not approve of the dismissal of Miss Tanzania 2020/21 Rose Manfere, from the Miss World pageant which is expected to take place in December this year in Puerto Rico.

Matiko Mniko, Acting Executive Secretary of the council, issued the statement and wanted to know the outcome of the session between the council and Rose.

The meeting was originally scheduled to bring together Rose, BASATA, and Miss Tanzania Organizing Committee but it could not take place after committee members failed to attend the meeting because they said they had been constrained by other responsibilities.

However, Mniko said that did not stop BASATA from coming to the decision considering that it was the second session held after the first on May 31 failed to end because members failed to reach an agreement.

"One of the resolutions we reached after the session was that the council did not approve and did not agree with the decision to exclude Miss Tanzania 2020/21 from participating in the Miss World 2021 pageant until the Miss Tanzania Organizing Committee provided basic reasons and confirmed them.

Mniko disclosed: "With this explanation and because of the sensitivity of this matter, and since the preparation of the participant should proceed, the council has issued several directives."

"The Miss Tanzania's organizers, The Look Company, is required to present the name of Miss Tanzania 2020/21, Rose, to the Miss World 2021 beauty pageant," Mniko revealed.

In other directives issued by the council, The Look Company should send the name of another Director instead of the former CEO, Basila Mwanukuzi, who currently has government responsibilities, a situation which leads to failure to communicate with her regularly when she is needed.

Basila is currently the Korogwe District Commissioner, a position she has held since June 2021.

The organizers have moreover been asked to submit the names of the members of the Miss Tanzania Organizing Committee and classify their positions individually.

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Dar es Salaam's Special Band leader, Mwinjuma Muumin, is one of the domestic musicians that participated in a concert, known as 'Mihogo Festival', which took place in the city last weekend.

Musicians impress revelers in 'Mihogo Festival'

By Correspondent Sabato Kasika

VARIOUS local musicians performing in such genres as dance, 'Taarab', 'Singeli' and 'Bongo Flava' impressed revelers at a concert, known as 'Mihogo Festival', which took place at Coco Beach in Dar es Salaam last weekend.

The artists include Mwinjuma Muumin (dance), Emmanuel Elibariki 'Nay wa Mitego' (Bongo Flava), MC Kinata (Singeli), and Safina (Taarab), had music enthusiasts cheering noisily at the festival.

The festival's coordinator, Reuben Ndege, stated it aimed to create an opportunity for youths to delve into exporting cassava, given it now attracts lots of buyers.

"We have been using various musicians in the festivals, considering the musicians have their supporters, including the entrepreneurs that are selling fried cassava at Coco Beach," Ndege stated.

Ndege pointed out the organizers were moving to several places in and outside Dar es Salaam motivating youths, particularly women, to engage in various income-earning activities.

According to Ndege, the organizers are using the motto, 'Mchongo Mzima', in the initiative.

Muumin noted he is one of the dance musicians actively taking part in the festivals, including a recent festival that served as a climax of World Cartoon Day.

"The festival took place at Buza last month, I used the opportunity to introduce my band's new song, titled 'Kwa Mpalange Sihami,'" the artiste disclosed.

Muumin noted: "I'm keeping on introducing songs as much as I can."

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Ruaha Titans make it to 2021 TCA Dar es Salaam U-18 tournament final



Ruaha Titans' Aadiya Bhattbhatt (L) pictured with a cricket enthusiast once the former was presented with the best player of the match prize because of his impressive showing in his squad's TCA Dar es Salaam U-18 Tournament's semi-final clash against Manyara Heroes, which took place last week. PHOTO: COURTESY OF TCA

By Guardian Reporter

RUAHA Titans have cruised to this season's Tanzania Cricket Association (TCA) Dar es Salaam U-18 Tournament's final with an 11-run victory over Manyara Heroes in the last four, which took place in the city last week.

The match's eventual winners were set to lock horns with winners of the first of the last four duels, which pitted Mikumi Hitters against Serengeti Blasters, in the showpiece's final last weekend.

Ruaha Titans had the chance to start batting against Manyara Heroes, notching 158 runs and dropping three wickets in 20 overs of the duel which took place at Leaders Club ground.

Aadiya Bhattbhatt, slotted in as an opening batsman, was in a good form with the bat, scoring 64 runs.

The opener had time to exhibit his aggressiveness, nailing nine fours and a six.

Bhattbhatt helped Ruaha Titans reach 112 runs after 15 overs, he was ultimately sent back to the pavilion in the following five balls, having been caught by Manyara Heroes' Amaan Sameer from delivery by

Aasim Abdulsamad.

Another notable contribution with the bat was showcased by the fellow opener, Burhanuddin Jamalee, given the youngster ended with 20 runs clearing the boundary on three occasions.

Team captain, Brijesh Hitesh Kakkad, deployed at number three, ended with 22 runs which included two fours.

Ankit Budhiya and John David ended the innings with the bat in hand, with Budhiya posting 34 runs not out and nailing four fours.

David notched 12 runs not out, cracking a four in his stint.

Abdulsamad was so far Manyara Heroes' player that made his presence felt when the team was fielding, given he took two wickets for 32 runs in three overs.

In response, Manyara Heroes put spirited performance, only to falter with 147 runs, dropping eight wickets in 20 overs.

Their chase hardly got off to a good start, as the opener, Abdulrazak Sameer, was dismissed having scored two runs.

The opener was caught by Ruaha Titans' Laksh Snehal from

delivery by Rehaan Atif.

Ashfaq Imtiaz, who had opened the innings with Sameer, put good knocks to show, he was three runs short of a half-century.

Imtiaz' stint ended with the youthful cricketer notching four fours.

His brother, Abdullah, was also in great form, given he sought to improve his outfit's chase with his 49 runs, which included four fours.

Atif brought Abdullah's stint to an end, dismissing the cricketer and leaving Manyara Heroes with 112 runs after 14 overs.

Team captain, Yusuf Abdulhaleem, chipped in with 18 runs that consisted of a four.

Manyara Heroes' quest for a successful chase was dealt a blow, given middle order and low order batsmen failed to live up to expectations, with none of them managing to notch two-digit scorers.

Rehaan Rafiq vainly sought to push the total with his seven runs, his efforts to extend his stay were frustrated by Ruaha Titans' David that sent the cricketer to the pavilion.

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