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Govt readying vaccination week to boost job turnout

By Guardian Reporter, Dodoma

THE government is planning a week long vaccination drive where national and local leaders will sensitize people to take the jab and protect themselves against severe effects of Covid-19 infection where it occurs.

Gerson Msigwa, the chief government spokesman, told reporters here yesterday that the nationwide effort drive is geared to bring a wider part of the population to accept being vaccinated.

"We are in the final stages of planning for the exercise, and it will start in two or three weeks' time," he said.

As of yesterday, around 345,000 people had already been vaccinated with the Johnson & Johnson's Janssen Covid-19 vaccines donated by the United States two months ago.

This means the government still has around 850,000 doses out of the 1.2m million doses handed by the US authorities, observers noted.

Speaking at a sensitization seminar for MPs here on Sunday the previous week, Dr Leonard Subi, the director of preventive services at the Ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender, El-

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derly and Children said that as of the previous day, jab uptake was at a quarter of the doses, with 331,000 people having turned out.

Now that the number has reached 345,000 one week later, this means only 14,000 turned up and took the jab in the more than 500 vaccination centres around the country.

"I appeal to all those who are not yet taken the vaccine to turn up and take the jab during that week," the spokesman urged, expressing strong encouragement of people living with underlying health conditions to do so as well.

All unvaccinated people will be able to take the jab as the government plans to acquire more doses of Covid-19 vaccines so that no one remains unvaccinated owing to lack of doses, he stated.

In late July, President Samia Suluhu Hassan got vaccinated against the coronavirus, kicking off the nationwide vaccination campaign at a televised event at



A view of the diamond-shaped Standard Gauge Railway station in Dar es Salaam, as captured during yesterday's inspection tour by Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa. Photo: PMO

'Dar-Moro SGR part 93 pc done'

By Guardian Reporter

CONSTRUCTION work on the Dar es Salaam-Morogoro section of the Standard Gauge Railway (SGR) has reached 93 per cent completion by end of August.

Masanja Kadogosa, the director general of the Tanzania Railways Corporation (TRC) told Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa on an inspection tour of the portion yesterday that the second section of the project - from Morogoro to Makutupora was 70.11 per cent complete at the time.

When the SGR project is completed it will spur government plans to take the country to upper middle economy status during this decade, he stated.

The premier inspected construction work in the Dar es Salaam to Kilosa section in Morogoro Region, expressing satisfaction with the work completed so far.

He reiterated the position that as President

“ We want to modernize all railway lines as this will strengthen economic activities, individually and nationally.

Samia Suluhu Hassan has declared, the government will complete all projects that were started earlier, "hence Tanzanians should continue to trust their government and we assure you this project will be completed on time."

The premier was at Kwala station in Coast Region, a place set out for the building of

a major workshop for repairing wagons and locomotives, telling the audience that the work so far provides hope that the remaining Pugu to Dar es Salaam section will be finalized on time. "I have been satisfied by the passenger stations that have been completed," he specified.

He appealed to project staff to work hard as the government's aim is to extend the project to Mwanza and Kigoma and Katavi at Karema port.

"We want to modernize all railway lines as this will strengthen economic activities, individually and nationally. Our country is strategically situated as neighbouring countries depend on this railway line," the premier intoned.

Completing the project will enhance the quality of transportation of goods and passengers by reducing travel time from Dar es Salaam to Morogoro, Dodoma and Mwanza, he added.

EAC lauds Tanzania, ratifying AfCFTA

By Guardian Reporter

THE East African Community (EAC) has hailed Tanzania for ratifying the African Continental Free Trade Area Agreement (AfCFTA).

EAC Secretary General Dr Peter Mathuki said in a statement yesterday that the AfCFTA would allow East Africans to access a large continental market and increase EAC's exports to African countries outside the bloc.

The bloc has also praised Burundi which ratified the AfCFTA on June 17, while Tanzania did the same last Thursday.

"It will also improve movement of people across Africa, advance trade and development aspirations and ultimately put the region in a better position to trade more with the rest of the world," he stated.

Dr Mathuki further disclosed that the EAC had initiated a number of steps towards the implementation of the AfCFTA Agreement, thus the ratification by Burundi and Tanzania expedites the implementation of the agreement.

Other EAC Partner States that have ratified the agreement are Kenya, Rwanda and Uganda, while South Sudan has signed the pact but is yet to ratify it. The bloc was finalizing the submission of its tariff offers, which conform to AfCFTA modalities in addition to schedules of liberalizing trade in services, he said.

"We have also prepared a draft strategy for the implementation of the agreement, which takes into account the need for capacity building. It is presented under consideration by the Partner States," he further noted.

The EAC Secretariat is fully involved in negotiations on outstanding areas such as rules of origin, trade in services as well as phase two issues on investments, competition, intellectual property rights and e-commerce, he elaborated.

EAC expects that AfCFTA would result in the lowering of business costs,

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Samia to launch census sensitisation, education

By Guardian Reporter, Dodoma

PRESIDENT Samia Suluhu Hassan is tomorrow scheduled to launch an education and sensitization strategy for the national population and housing census slated for August next year.

Regional Commissioner Anthony Mtaka told reporters here yesterday that the president will launch a booklet outlining strategies to prepare census stakeholders and the citizenry ahead of this important event.

The launch event will take place at Jam-

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huri Stadium, with the Head of State being accompanied by top officials from central government and regional authorities, he said.

Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa, who chairs the national census committee will be present, along with Zanzibar Second Vice President Hemed Suleiman Abdalla who is co-chair of the committee.

The strategy document outlines the roles the various parties are expected to play during the census so as to make it a huge success, the RC noted

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For planners, census information is needed in virtually all planning decisions as it provides information on the age and sex distribution, in addition to household composition and size, all of which are vital in determining the needs of different segments of

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the State House in Dar es Salaam.

Seeking to instill confidence in the jab, she remarked that as a mother, a grandmother, a wife and even more so, as president and commander-in chief of the armed forces, she could not have willfully endangered her life by taking a jab that is not safe.

The exercise initially targeted healthcare employees,

people living with underlying conditions and those aged 50 and above, but was later rolled out for members of the public aged 18 and above.

Amid the campaign, the government has been battling vaccine hesitancy fueled by unsubstantiated reports of vaccine risks spread mainly on social media by vaccine and science skeptics based abroad and even locally.

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the population.

The sixth population and housing census will help the government obtain basic information that will help the nation implement development plans and establish new regions and districts, premier Majaliwa declared in the legislature on Friday.

He said the government

intends to establish new administrative areas including districts and regions to ease provision of social services, but is shall wait for results of the coming census to make appropriate decisions.

The government is aware of administrative challenges in the provision of social services in vast regions like Tabora, Morogoro and Tanga, the premier had acknowledged.

A broken healthcare system has hampered Somalia's efforts to cope with Covid-19

MOGADISHU

A recent report by the global advocacy organisation Amnesty International painted a dire picture of the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic in Somalia. Based on interviews with health workers, government officials, and finance and debt relief experts, the report concludes that the government's response to the pandemic has been "wholly inadequate". But how bad is the situation really? Dr Mohammed A. M. Ahmed answers some questions.

How has Somalia been affected by the pandemic?

It has been badly affected. My colleagues and I have been tracking the situation since the first cases were reported in March last year. We have been doing consecutive online surveys to assess the adherence to COVID-19 preventive measures and its impact on Somalis between April 2020 and January 2021. These are still continuing.

Strict lockdown measures were introduced. These included closing schools, non-essential businesses, bars and restaurants, closing borders, forbidding large gatherings, restricting travel and imposing a curfew. The measures have had a devastating effect on daily labourers and low-income communities. Many Somalis rely on daily paid jobs for subsistence.

In addition to the health-related impact of morbidity and mortality, I believe the COVID-19 pandemic consequences were more disastrous than the disease itself. This is because, as with other low and middle-income countries, there has been no government support for people. I wouldn't be surprised if hunger was killing more people than the virus.

According to officially confirmed cases there were 16,831 in early September, and 913 confirmed deaths. But the real burden of the disease is way underestimated. There are a number of reasons for this. But the main one is that not all the laboratories in the country are included in the tally. In addition, only a few laboratories can test for COVID-19.

What have been the biggest obstacles?

The biggest obstacle is that the country has not been able to establish a strong

health system because of three decades of civil war. Basic healthcare access is limited.

Nevertheless, the Somali government's response was very good. The ministry of health, in collaboration with international organisations, worked hard to put a comprehensive plan in place.

The government formed a COVID-19 task force. It also issued travel restrictions for passengers coming from high-risk countries, prepared and set up 14 institutional quarantine sites, and dedicated one hospital to handle emergency cases in need of ventilation.

Preventive measures included closing academic institutions and banning large-scale social gatherings.

Despite these efforts, cases continued to rise.

The pandemic found Somalia in a rebuilding stage with most of the population living in heavily crowded and poorly constructed houses and large camps for internally displaced persons with limited access to testing and healthcare.

Our initial observations were that a lot of the preventive measures were ignored due to strong cultural or religious beliefs. For example, people continued to gather in mosques several times a day for prayers, and meet a funeral services without proper personal protective equipment.

What steps must the government take? The government must strengthen healthcare infrastructure so that people can get basic emergency healthcare.

It must also establish a public health surveillance system that initiates continuous, systematic collection, analysis and interpretation of health-related data.

Most healthcare in the country is privatised. The World Health Organisation estimates that about 80% of the need for medicine and health products is covered by the private sector. The sector is poorly regulated and concentrated in urban areas. But I believe the private health sector can contribute to better access to healthcare if it's operationalised, organised and regulated. There is, therefore, a need to integrate health information between the two sectors. Without this numbers will continue to be under-reported.

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Tanzania Railways Corporation director general Masanja Kadogosa (L) briefs Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa on progress in the construction of the Standard Gauge Railway workshop at the project's Kwala site in Coast region yesterday. Photo: PMO

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promote local content and provide a platform for settlement of disputes, he declared, underlining that the EAC zone would leverage on its existing trade envi-

ronment to reap maximum benefit from the AfCFTA.

This includes: the regional customs and trade instruments, interconnectivity of systems including customs and other

border clearance agencies, one-stop border posts and national trade information portals. Other vital synchronized areas are simplified trade regimes, trade exhibitions and symposia as

well as expansion of the EAC with the anticipated admission of the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) into the community. The Secretariat was currently putting into operation a framework

for trade development through the digitalization of markets, information dissemination and showcasing the region's products and market opportunities, he added.



Dr Aida Kisanga (L), author of a book on her own life entitled 'My Story', autographs a copy of the book for media guru and lawyer Generali Ulimwengu (next to her) at its launch in Dar es Salaam on Saturday night. Photo: Correspondent Miraji Msala.

South Africa, so unlike Nigeria

PRETORIA

It is definitely not possible in Nigeria for any court to send a former president to prison, even when they or their appointees steal Nigeria dry.

Disgraced Zuma was forced to resign in 2018 over allegations of corruption, after he lost the support and loyalty of

his party, the ANC, and after his approval rating was said to have dropped to 34 per cent. Could that have happened under the Obasanjo, Yar'adua, Jonathan-PDP days or the Buhari-APC government? Who in the ruling APC dares pass a vote of no confidence on Buhari, as ANC did on Zuma in 2018?

A few weeks ago, South Africa was in turmoil, having witnessed a reenactment of violent uprisings reminiscent of its ugly past, the apartheid era and the early days of post-apartheid politics, in what was termed black-on-black violence then; Mongosuthu Buthelezi's ethnically divisive Inkatha Freedom Party was in a power tussle with the African National Congress (ANC).

This time, the Jacob Zuma prison-induced violence has cost 337 lives; 79 in Gauteng province and 258 in the KwaZulu-Natal prov-

ince, Zuma's locale, on whose behalf the protesters marched to the streets before the looting followed. The former president, who is being tried over allegations of corruption, was given a 15-month jail term for contempt of court, after his refusal to show up for his trial. The ding-dong affair degenerated further into protests by his supporters and before we knew it, the country was engulfed in a crisis of arson, looting and killings.

Like Nigeria, where peaceful protests often turn violent, South Africa's similarly became violent and bloody. Such anger found expression in the #EndSARS 'movement' last year, which soon spilled over to the streets. It started as an organised revolt of the youth against entrenched police brutality; the peaceful calling out of government, before it was hijacked by hoodlums, leading to violence, the killing of security and para-

military personnel, arson on businesses and government property. The economic cost of the #EndSARS protest was put at N1.5 trillion, according to the Financial Derivatives Company, while that of South Africa has been so far put at \$1.36 billion dollars.

For South Africa, the vices that followed made the protest seem like a scene from Nigeria, where such problems are common, but in actual fact, the South African protest was planned, going by the rivalry between former President Zuma and current President Cyril Ramaphosa, on the one hand, and the KwaZulu/business interest groups vehemently supporting Zuma and against his trial from day one, on the other hand. Other than that, the actions and reactions are different and, I dare say, South Africa is still light years ahead of Nigeria in many respects.

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Correction

It's NFRA, not NRFA

In the headline to the front page lead story in Saturday's (Sept 11) issue, we mistakenly gave the short form of National Food Reserve Authority as NRFA - instead of NFRA. We sincerely regret the slip-up. - Editor.

'Living between two cultures'

By Francis Kajubi

SENIOR journalists have commended the content of new biographic textbook by architect Dr Aida Kisanga which pays tribute to her Chagga culture as well as western lifestyle.

Speaking during the launch of the book entitled 'My Story: Kilimanjaro to London - Reflections and Lessons of living in two different worlds', seasoned scribes and authors said it is a literary asset worth reading especially by the youth.

It is a story of the author's experiences refreshingly affirming the adage, 'where there's a will there's a way'. In her book, she discusses the challenges she faced as an African adjusting to a different culture and way of life.

"The fundamental differences, prejudices, and even church practices in the UK compared to Tanzania made me to open my eyes to different points of view," said Dr Kisanga.

Jenerali Ulimwengu, Senior journalist and author, commended her for writing the book as he pointed out that most autobiographic are written by politicians or celebrities but she did it to spread the word about her native home.

"This however is an uplifting story of an ordinary woman, whose life took an unexpected course, grappling with the challenges she faces. Most individuals that are living outside their country of origin will resonate with the author. The hope is that the book will be of in-

terest to firstly those in the west who have not been to Sub-Saharan Africa and secondly, those in Africa who aspire to live in the Western world," said Ulimwengu.

Abdi Sultani, a senior journalist was in the view that the book emphasizes again and again the importance of education, discipline and an awareness of one's roots. According to him, just finished to read the book viewed his own story on top of it as a masterpiece!

"My wife, who happens to know some of the people Dr Aida mentioned in her book, has said as much. We will need, I think, to look at it a little bit more, and take it out there for every Tanzanian especially young women," said Sultan.

On his part, Attilito Tagalile, Book Reviewer who doubles as an Editor the Daily News said that Dr Kisanga could have removed the title of her book-My Story, if she wished and it could have still made a hit novel.

"The book has a lot of positive lessons, especially for Tanzania. It is a suitable book for Tanzanian schools from high school to university on account of the massive lessons it has. The government has been talking about the need to inculcate patriotism in our youth. You find plenty of such lessons in this book;

They include the importance of learning Kiswahili and local vernaculars, which by extension carry culture and traditions and this regardless of whether or not one is living in Tanzania abroad," said Tagalile.



Dr Greyson Aliila (L), director of the India-Tanzania Centre of Excellence in Information and Communication Technology at the Dar es Salaam Institute of Technology, pictured at the weekend briefing visitors, among them India's High Commissioner to Tanzania, Binaya Srikanta Pradhan. Right is I-TCoEICT head Prof Preksedis Ndomba. Photo: Correspondent Miraji Msala

Italy plans to assist Z'bar in maternal health sector - govt

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

ZANZIBAR Minister for Health, Community Development, Gender and Children Nasser Ahmed Mazrui says the Italian government plans to assist Zanzibar in the health sector.

He made the remarks here at the weekend when he met and held talks with the del-

egation from the Italian government that arrived in Zanzibar last week to assess on how best to assist in strengthening its health services.

He said the delegation from the Italian Agency for Development Cooperation aimed to assist the maternal health sector especially during birth.

He said the institution works in other countries of

east Africa, hence it decided to come to Zanzibar to assess how it can assist it in the health sector.

Mazrui told the delegate members that the Zanzibar government was ready to provide cooperation to all development partners, especially in the health sector.

He added that strengthening and the availability of bet-

ter health services in Zanzibar can spur global investors to come to invest in the Isles.

He said due to population increase, especially in the urban areas, there was the need to construct another health facility to reduce congestion at existing hospitals, especially at Mnazi Mmoja Hospital to cater for pregnant women.

The Minister also used the

occasion to praise the government of Italy for supporting Zanzibar's efforts in strengthening its health services sector for the interest of all Zanzibaris.

Davide Benechi, the representative from the Italian Agency for Development Cooperation, said the Agency plans to train doctors to provide better maternal services

run for not less than three years and will assist in strengthening Zanzibar maternal health services sector.

However, he said they were still assessing the situation by visiting various health centres in Zanzibar, especially in the maternity wings to see how best they can assist the centre.

He said their project will

run for not less than three years and will assist in strengthening Zanzibar maternal health services sector.

For his part, the Ministry's permanent secretary, Fatuma Mrisho said the Zanzibar Government had plans to reduce congestion of patients at the main Mnazi Mmoja Hospital in Unguja.

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Bukoba Rural legislator Dr Jasson Rweikiza (foreground, in specs) leads councillors and CCM political committee members from the constituency during a tour of Terminal III of Dar es Salaam's Julius Nyerere International Airport at the weekend Photo: Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

Govt sets aside 2.3trn/- to execute TASAF Phase III Round II exercise

By Guardian Reporter

THE Government has set aside 2.3trn/- for rescuing all poor households from abject poverty as part of the implementation of Phase II Round II Tanzania Social Action Fund (TASAF) that began in 2020 and ends in 2023.

The remarks were recently made in Dodoma by the Minister of State in the President's Office, Public Service Management and Good Government, Mohamed Mchengerwa at a training seminar to empower members of the Parliamentary Central and Local Governments Committee on TASAF plans.

Mchengerwa said the government has allocated enough funds to reach all poor households and called on committee Members to make close follow up on all poor households to make sure that they qualify to receive the subsidy.

"If there are any poor households that has been skipped, let us know so that our officials reach them to receive the subsidy," he said.

The Minister said apart from TASAF assisting the poor house-

holds, it has also facilitated children from the poor households to get education.

For his part, the Committee Chairman, Humphrey Polepole praised the government for its commitment to assist all poor households in the country.

Polepole said the government step to allocated the funds shows how it is committed to free poor household from poverty.

Tabling his views to the Committee, TASAF Managing Director Ladiskaus Mwamanga said the total number of targeted poor households in TASAF Phase II Round II is expected to reach 1.45 million, hence the total number of individuals to benefit will be more than 10 million.

He said his office has implemented the exercise to identify of the poor households by involving the community and leaders in the respective areas to solve challenges that came up during the past exercise.

To ensure that there will be no fraud during registration of the poor households, he said concerned officials have been sworn in to implement the exercise ethically.

'Global aid goes to fossil fuel projects, not tackling dirty air'

By Special Correspondent

GOVERNMENTS around the world gave 20% more in overseas aid funding to fossil fuel projects in 2019 and 2020 than to programmes to cut the air pollution they cause.

Dirty air is the world's biggest environmental killer, responsible for at least 4m early deaths a year. But just 1% of global development aid is used to tackle this crisis, according to an analysis from the Clean Air Fund (CAF).

Air pollution kills more people than HIV/Aids, malaria, and tuberculosis combined, but such health issues receive vastly more funding, the report found. When compared in terms of years of life lost, HIV/Aids projects received 34 times more funding, while malnutrition programmes received seven times more. Increasing funding to similar levels to tackle air pollution would save many lives, experts said.

Funding for air quality projects is also heavily skewed towards middle-income Asian countries, with African and Latin American nations receiving just 15% of the total, despite having many heavily polluted cities. For example, Mongolia, which had an estimated 2,260 deaths related to air pollution in 2019, received \$437m (£316m) from 2015-2020, while Nigeria, which had 70,150 early deaths

because of air pollution received just \$250,000.

Jane Burston, at CAF described the situation as "crazy and shocking", adding: "When you see the incredibly and chronically low levels of funding, on the one hand and the chronically high levels of public health impacts on the other, it becomes quite obvious that more funding is needed.

"Air pollution is a massive health crisis, but a lot of the projects that would reduce pollution also help limit climate change, because they're about reducing fossil fuel burning. There can be massive wins for equity too, because the poorest communities are often the most affected by air pollution, wherever you are in the world."

Inger Andersen, the head of the UN Environment Programme (UNEP), said air quality funding did not match the scale of the problem: "Our relentless burning of fossil fuels pollutes our air, costing the global economy billions of dollars each year. Ending the financing of fossil-fuel development and instead investing in growing clean, carbon-free economies will bring immediate benefits. It will save many lives."

The CAF report included funding for both projects in which improving air quality was a stated objective, and projects in which air pollution was cut as a benefit of other action such as

installing renewable energy or clean transport initiatives, including better urban buses in Peru. Most of the aid funding for fossil fuels was for power plants, including the Medupi coal-powered plant in South Africa.

Almost \$6bn in aid was given to air quality programmes from 2015-2020, with 45% going to China, which has cut air pollution by 29% in the last seven years. Mongolia, the Philippines and Pakistan were the next biggest recipients. India, with more than 1m early deaths from air pollution a year, was eighth.

African and Latin American nations have more than 500,000 deaths a year because of air pollution and that number is going up. But they receive just 5% and 10% of aid funding respectively, the report found. "Africa is where pollution is most likely to grow, because of rapid urbanization, so there's a huge opportunity there to

tackle air pollution before it gets horrifically bad," said Burston.

"We're not saying malnutrition, water and sanitation, and HIV/Aids projects should get less money. Deaths from these are absolutely dropping off as a consequence of large amounts of funding being spent well, but air pollution just isn't on the same scale at all."

The report recommends increasing funding levels, stopping all new fossil fuel investments immediately and making air pollution an explicit priority for development aid.

Rosamund Adoo-Kissi-Debrah, a World Health Organization advocate for health and air quality, said: "Filthy air is killing millions of people around the world every year." Her daughter Ella Kissi-Debrah died in 2013 aged 9, with air pollution officially blamed.

"My daughter's case has helped raise awareness of these devastating impacts," she said. "But campaigners can't do it alone. Aid donors play a critical role by providing the support-base which sustains the fight for clean air."

A separate report from the UNEP found that one third of the world's countries have no legal limits in air pollution and that, in those nations that do, the limits are often weaker than WHO guidelines.

Another analysis estimates that nearly 12,000 people have died early in Europe because of breaches of legal pollution limits in Serbia, Kosovo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, North Macedonia, and Montenegro. It found that the western Balkans' 18 coal-fired power stations emitted two-and-a-half times more sulphur dioxide than all 221 coal plants in the EU combined.



Georgian tourist agents are welcomed to Arusha Airport at the weekend shortly after landing – ready to visit parts of eastern Tanzania, with a view to establishing areas likely to lure their compatriots back home into touring the "Land of the Kilimanjaro, Serengeti and Ngorongoro". Photo: Correspondent Asraji Mvungi

Cooperative sets factory for crops packaging bags

By Guardian Correspondent, Songea

SONGEA-Namtumbo Cooperative Union (SONAMCU) in Ruvuma Region says, it is in the process of establishing a factory for making bags for packing maize, soya, sesame and other crops to make sure farmers in the region are relieved of the challenges emanating from their scarcity.

Addressing reporters in his office here yesterday, SONAMCU general manager Juma Mwanga said apart from making low cost bags, they will also make them easily available to farmers in the region.

Mwanga said the factory is 100 per cent owned by SON-

AMCU members and will cost 3.93bn/- and that the project begun 2020 and will be completed in 2022.

"As for now SONAMCU gets its crops packaging materials from Dar es Salaam, but we expect when the factory is completed we can produce over 10 million bags per year," he said.

He explained that so far construction funds have been 100 per cent provided from the Union's internal revenues, and is expected to access other funds from financial institutions.

SONAMCU owns 100 per cent the SONTOP Tobacco factory, Angon Arms Hotel, various warehouses, a cooperative college and various other build-

ings.

"In FY 2022/23, the Union plans to buy farms totaling 3,000 acres that will be used for farming, especially for crops sold via the warehouse receipt system, such as sesame, soya and pigeon peas," he added.

He further said the Union also plans to look for markets for the tobacco crop, the crop whose production is 500 tons only, while farmers have the ability to produce up to 10,000 tons.

He said in collaboration with Tanzania Tobacco Board (TTB), SONAMCU is in talks to look for other tobacco buyers instead of depending on only one buyer -- Premium Active Tanzania Ltd.

Mwanga said the Union faces other challenges, including lack of education to farmers on the warehouse receipt system particularly those in Nyasa, Mbinga and Madaba districts.

He named another challenge as poor road infrastructures in some areas that make many farmers fail to transport their crops to the markets.

He also appealed to the government through the Ministry of Agriculture to enter into long time Bilateral Trade Agreement with India to enable pigeon peas farmers get a reliable market for the crop.

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Poverty, culture, patriarchy main drivers of gender-based violence

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POVERTY, culture and patriarchy are some of the main drivers of gender-based violence in South Africa.

This emerged from a seminar yesterday on gender-based violence (GBV) and femicide in South Africa, hosted by Mamas Alliance, a Dutch-based organisation that deals with social issues.

Speakers included GBV Monitor SA founder Omogolo Taunyane-Mnguni, Mamas Alliance SA representative Sylvia Luneta, and Ali Channon, of Tshikululu Social Investments.

Luneta said in most cases women in South Africa had no say when it came to issues about their bodies, and would tolerate various forms of abuse and do anything to survive because they were poor

and dependent on the abuser.

That the Covid-19 pandemic and lockdowns exacerbated domestic violence cases was another sore point, she said.

In February this year, non-governmental organisation Amnesty International found that GBV increased in at least five southern African countries during Covid-19 lockdowns.

The organisation's study found

that South Africa was among countries that stood out for support services for women and girls subjected to violence and abuse not being taken into consideration in the design of the measures to control the spread of Covid-19.

Taunyane-Mnguni, who founded her non-profit organisation out of frustration with how GBV was reported in the media, said the problem was rampant in South Africa because men knew they could get away with whatever crime they committed against women.

"Men feel that they are entitled to women and children's bodies. They know that the criminal justice system will fail the victims or does not work in their favour.

"Patriarchal dynamics also play a huge role in enabling

gender-based violence in our country, especially in rural areas where women and children do not have a say in issues concerning them, all in the name of culture," she said.

Taunyane-Mnguni added that the issue was that mostly women (who are victims and not perpetrators) were the ones being addressed about the problem instead of men.

"Men need to hold each other accountable, they need to have conversations about the impact their actions have on young girls and women's lives."

Barbara Kenyon, of Grip SA, said that the country's courts were overwhelmed, and cases did not receive enough attention. "The government can't do it alone, this therefore calls for everyone to play a role in ad-

ressing and fighting gender-based violence.

"The criminal justice system is also failing victims, many do not even bother with opening cases, and some withdraw them because they know they won't get justice."

Channon said that there was a need for a rapid response, especially now with the Covid-19 pandemic and lockdowns.

"The private sector should come on board and fund non-profit organisations who are fighting GBV.

"The funding should be sustainable and not go according to which story is making headlines at that particular time.

"This would mean the funding is there this year and not there next year, and that is not what we need."



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Zakeo Kowero, a Dar es Salaam-based Tanzania Revenue Authority tax supervisor, pictured at Bariadi in Simiyu Region at the weekend making a presentation at a workshop for cooperatives' officials and cotton dealers on recent amendments to the country's tax laws. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Sinovac in talks about setting up South Africa vaccine production

JOHANNESBURG

CHINA'S Sinovac Biotech (SVAO) is in talks about setting up a vaccine production facility in South Africa to supply the African continent with shots against a range of diseases, the chief executive of its local partner said on Friday.

Numolux Group CEO Hilton Klein made the comments at the launch of the South African leg of a global Phase III trial of Sinovac's COVID-19 vaccine

in children and adolescents. read more

"This clinical trial is a precursor to the establishment of a South African vaccine manufacturing facility partnered by Sinovac and Numolux Group that will cover the entire spectrum of vaccinations beyond just the COVID-19 response," Klein told a news conference.

"We are in talks with Sinovac to set up a vaccine manufacturing facility. A phase one where we will do bottling and labelling so that we can get vaccines out to the people of Africa as soon as possible," he added. "Vaccines in Africa for Africa."

Sinovac did not immediately respond to a request for comment. Sinovac and Numolux are enrolling 2,000 participants in the South African leg of their study evaluating the efficacy, immunogenicity and safety of the CoronaVac vaccine against COVID-19 on children and adolescents aged 6 months to 17 years.

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Professor Glenda Gray, president of the South African Medical Research Council, said vaccinating children against COVID-19 was critical, especially in low- and middle-income countries like South Africa where they can account for up to 30% of the population.

"We are very supportive of children being enrolled in this study," she said.

"Delay in the inclusion of children in vaccine trials involves the potential denial of clinical benefit to the child, their family and their extended family," said Gray, who was co-principal investigator of the local leg of Johnson & Johnson's (JNJ.N) global Phase III study.

South Africa's government is considering using the CoronaVac vaccine in its immunisation programme alongside shots developed by Pfizer-BioNTech (PFE.N), (22UAY.DE) and Johnson & Johnson which have been administered so far.

The country's drugs regulator SAHPRA in July gave conditional authorisation for use of Sinovac's vaccine against COVID-19 for people aged between 18 and 59 years. But last month a senior health official told Reuters the government was looking for more information from the Chinese company on how its vaccine performs against the Delta coronavirus variant as well as in populations with HIV.

South Africa's vaccination campaign started slowly due to onerous negotiations with pharmaceutical companies and the emergence of the Beta coronavirus variant, which scuppered plans to use AstraZeneca's (AZN.L) shot from February.

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GF Assembling directors Imran Karmal (L) and Ali Jawad (to his left) share a light moment at the company's base at Kibaha in Coast Region at the weekend with Jabbar Rajan (R), a supervisor with religious non-profit organisation WIPAHS. This was shortly after the firm had handed over tables, beds and chairs for use by special needs children as part of the commemoration of its first anniversary. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Investors advised to allocate enough budget for climate change adaptation

By Correspondent Michael Sikapundwa

INVESTORS in development projects have been advised to allocate enough funds for climate change adaptation so as to help the country to fight against climate change impacts which of late have been impacting the society greatly.

A study conducted by ActionAid Tanzania, Anti-Female Genital Mutilation Network (AFNET) and Singida Women Platform (SAWAPA) in Singida Region has revealed this showing that huge impacts are in agriculture, health, settlement and food security.

Presenting the report at the stakeholders meeting over the weekend here, ActionAid Tanzania project coordinator, Joram Wimmo said coordinated efforts are needed to overcome climate change impacts in the country.

He also urged councils to mainstream climate change into plans, budget and prioritize climate change adaptation and mitigation projects.

"Each council has its own sources of revenues, it's time now they allocate budget to support projects like farming, maintenance of water dams and others to protect environments," he disclosed.

Agricultural advisor, Pili Shaban called for the government to support them with transport and other facilities so as to ease their daily duties of educating farmers on best farming practices

for sustainable development.

"I'm among 40 farm advisors, ActionAid Tanzania trained us on modern agriculture and ways to adapt to climate change, but we still have challenges and we need support from the government. Operating daily activities depends on our own pockets, it's a challenge to reach remote areas due to lack of transport," she said.

She urged the district government through the agriculture office to apply modern technology as a special soil tester device which determines seed varieties to be grown. Amina Senge, President of smallholder farmers in Tanzania called for the district council to strengthen the relationship with the Tanzania Forest Services (TFS) so as to rescue forest resources from human activities.

"Ten years ago rain started in October and ended in May, but nowadays it starts in November to March, a situation which creates fear among farmers who majority of us end up losing our seeds in farms due to shortage of rainfall," she insisted.

Nathalia Moshia, District Agricultural Officer, promised to work on all the recommendations from the report saying that the government has already entered partnership with other investors for production of modern seed varieties which are able to tolerate drought.

President Mwinyi dissolves Z'bar liquor Control Board

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

ZANZIBAR President Hussein Ali Mwinyi has dissolved the Zanzibar Alcoholic Drinks Control and Advisory Board.

The move comes at the time the Attorney General and the Board faces a civil case in the High Court filed by the Board of Trustees of the Zanzibar Council of Imams (JUMAZA) for violating the Zanzibar Alcohol Control Act.

A press statement issued Tuesday by the Zanzibar Chief Secretary Zena Ahmed said the liquor control board has been dissolved with effect from September 7 this year.

However, the statement did not give the reasons for the decision that has come while the Zanzibar Attorney General and the Board to face a civil case in the High Court filed by the Board of Trustees of the Zanzibar Council of Imams (JUMAZA)

for violating the Zanzibar Alcohol Control Act.

In the case the plaintiffs claim the Board had violated Section 33(I) of the Zanzibar Alcohol Control Act in its decision to issue permits for the importation of alcoholic drinks to eight firms instead of three as provided for under the Act as by February this year.

Section 33(10) says "the permit for importing alcoholic drinks would be issued to not more than three firms



who should be Zanzibaris, taxpayers, should own a warehouse and a vehicle for distribution of the drinks."

The plaintiffs further claim in their petition that the Zanzibar Alcoholic Drinks Control and Advisory Board failed to respect Section 28(k) of the same Act that had set a condition for liquor bars to be more than 1,000 metres away from areas with basic social services including schools, health centres, mosques, churches,

madrassas, markets or bus stations.

Commenting on President Mwinyi's decision to dissolve the Board, a human rights activist and good governance Ali Makame Issa said the president ought to be praised following many complaints from the community on the board's decisions.

"The President has shown that he listens to people's complaints and deals with them for the national inter-

est, and we hail him for the step" said Makame.

However, he added new Board members that will be appointed should be patriotic and have the ability to interpret and safeguard the laws for the national interest.

He said the plan by activists and other clerics to convene a joint forum to discuss the apparent breach of the Zanzibar Alcohol Control Act will now depend on how the new Board will safeguard the country's laws.

MP calls for law on food security

By Guardian Correspondent, Dodoma



TANZANIA needs a law on food security that will be administered by the Ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children in order to satisfy the East African Community Protocol of health levels of plants, animals and food security.

The remarks were made by the Special Seats Member of Parliament representing NGOs Neema Lugangira (pictured) at the weekend when contributing to the debate to ratify the EAC Protocol.

She said it would be better for the issue of food security to be under the Ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children and that for the nation to satisfy the prerequisites of the Protocol, and then there should be a law on food security.

"The issue is for the Ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children, but here we have placed the food security responsibility into Tanzania Bureau of Standards (TBS), I would like to think about this again," she said.

She added: "I like to praise the Agriculture Ministry because it has strengthened the monitoring of plants' health under TPRI, as one of the Protocol conditions is for a country to have a law on food security."

Neema said in the EAC, only Kenya already has such a law hence it does not bring sense for Tanzania not to have such a law.

The MP said it was important for farmers and Tanzanians in general to be educated on the EAC Protocol to enable them benefit from it.

"It would be unconceivable to ratify the Protocol and find that we have not facilitated our farmers to farm, process and transport food crops the way the Protocol calls for.



Arusha Urban legislator Mrisho Gambo (L, in cap) responds to grievances by small traders at Samunge NMC at the weekend. Photo: Correspondent Tumaini Mafie

AfDB invests in transport corridor development in EAC

By Guardian Reporter

THE African Development Bank (AfDB) has invested in transport corridor development in the EAC region such as the Namanga, Holi/Taveta One-Stop Border Posts and Arusha Bypass Road, pledging to continue working closely with the trading bloc.

AfDB executive director for Kenya, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Rwanda, Seychelles, South Sudan, Tanzania and Uganda Cheptoo Amos Kipronoh made the remarks over the weekend when he paid a

courtesy visit to the East African Business Council (EABC) in Arusha.

Cheptoo also stated the AfDB has granted USD 9 million to the EAC Secretariat for COVID-19.

He elaborated that the Eastern Africa bloc has abundant resources to generate clean energy such as the Julius Nyerere Hydropower Station, with potential for export to the Southern power pool. He said that \$50m have been earmarked to support women in business.

EABC executive Director/CEO John Bosco Kalisa com-

mended the AfDB for investing in infrastructure development in the EAC - a catalyst for economic growth. He said that infrastructure reduces the cost of doing business and has spillover effects on trade and investments by facilitating the movement of goods and people.

He highlighted that infrastructure supports job creation and new business opportunities such as cross-border markets.

Kalisa urged for a closer partnership between the private sector and the AfDB to drive intra-EAC trade from the

current 15% to 50% in the next five years. He elaborated that the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) 1.2 billion markets offers a pathway for economic recovery and resilience amid COVID-19.

Kalisa appreciated the United Republic of Tanzania for ratifying the African Continental Free Trade Area Agreement and the EAC Protocol on Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) Measures. This shall boost intra-African trade, food safety and agribusiness in the EAC bloc.

AfDB and EABC have agreed to amplify the socio-

economic role of the private sector under the EAC Regional Integration Strategy Paper on matters such as the African Investment Forum, Elimination of Non-Tariff Barriers, Financial Integration, AfCFTA, Climate Change, 50 Million Women Speak project and Trade Finance.

The 2019 edition of the Africa Regional Integration Index (ARI) ranked the East African Community (EAC) as the most integrated bloc among the eight regional economic communities (RECs) recognized by the African Union.



Mbeya regional commissioner Juma Homera (L) and the director of the Tanzania Livestock Research Institute's Uyole centre, Dr Edwin Chang'a, pictured at the weekend checking hay prepared as stock for use by herders when natural pasture gets scarce. Photo: Correspondent Nebart Msokwa

Speed up execution of strategic projects, Bukoba rural councillors appeal to govt

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

BUKOKA Rural District Councillors have advised the government to speed the implementation of strategic projects like Standard Gauge Railways (SGR) and Mwalimu Nyerere Hydro Power Project (JNHPP).

Councillors made the advice over the weekend after their one-day tour in Dar es Salaam where they visited Mwalimu Julius K. Nyerere International Airport Terminal III, Mfugale Bridge, Nyerere Bridge in Kigamboni, Ubungo Interchange, and Tanzanite bridge.

The 31 councillors were in the country's commercial capital for a study tour under the support of Bukoba Rural MP, Dr Jasson Rweikiza.

Speaking on behalf of others, Kanyan-gereko ward Councilor, Joasi Rweikiza said they have witnessed the implementation of the different strategic projects as it was a government promise during the 2020 General Election campaign.

"We have been listening from various media that government is doing this and that but after this tour, we have something to say because we have witnessed how serious our government is when it comes to the implementation of big projects," he said

He added that all councillors have been satisfied with the speed of government in doing things especially the completion of Mwalimu Julius K. Nyerere Airport, terminal III which looks amazing.

He said the four lanes construction from Mbezi to Kibaha is another big achievement because in the past there was big traffic jam whereby people used up to two hours to reach Kibaha in Coast Region.

Buterankunzi ward councilor, Gospel Mashongole, said they have learned many things that they were not familiar with like SGR, Tanzanite Bridge, and Mwalimu Julius K. Nyerere Airport, Terminal III Airport.

"The construction of SGR from Dar es Salaam to Mwanza was like a dream to most of us but today we have a different story to tell others because we have witnessed ourselves and the progress is very promising we appreciate the government efforts," he said

He commended Bukoba Rura (MP), Dr. Jasson Rweikiza who made the trip possible and it has opened their eyes to the good things that the government doing.

Dr Rweikiza said the aim of the trip is to learn practically how the government is implementing some of its strategic projects and expose the councillors to various activities that they were not familiar with.

SOS Children's Villages Tanzania launches programme to provide sexual and reproductive health education

By Correspondent Friday

Simbaya, Iringa

SOS Children's Villages Tanzania has launched a special programme meant to provide sexual and reproductive health (SRH) education and life skills to schools and out of school young people so as to fight teenage pregnancies.

The programme which is implemented under its Children with Children (CwC) project is set to benefit more than 16,000 young people in Iringa Region.

Speaking recently during

the capacity building meeting for government officials and local leaders, SOS project manager Victor Mwaipungu said the program will reach young people scouted from 19 wards in Iringa Region.

He said the meeting meant to build leaders capacity on the SHR, so that they can oversee implementation of the programme.

"Comprehensive sexuality education and accessibility of gender-sensitive services should be central to youth-friendly services. It is important that young people are equipped to recognize their

value to be respected," he said.

He said that they have decided to launch the program to provide sexual and reproductive health education and life skills to young people in schools and those in the community in order to reduce the problem of teenage pregnancy as well as sexual violence in schools and in the community.

SOS Children in Iringa is implementing the project called Children with Children (CwC) meant to improve well-being of adolescent girls. This is a three-year project 2021-

2023 funded by the Finland Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

He said concerted efforts are needed to address teenage pregnancies in the region.

He said that the program is going to use the existing curriculum in schools within the government framework to provide life skills and reproductive health education using professionals located in the local government authorities.

Mwaipungu said that SOS has so far trained 150 government officials and local leaders on SRH, who are health professionals, primary health

professionals, hospital health professionals, teachers, welfare officers, police gender desk and councillors, to make them understand the program and to facilitate budgeting for such matters.

"But we have also trained 100 young people in schools and out of schools, who will be peer educators, where 80 will come from schools and 20 from the community to be our ambassadors to go and teach their fellow youth at school and community level," said Mwaipungu.

He also said that there

will be an ongoing parent education and male involvement workshops along with various campaigns for the community so that the community understands what is meant by sexual and reproductive health, the importance of protecting young people against sexual violence and teenage pregnancy.

Mwaipungu further said that they will ensure that throughout the period of providing sexual and reproductive health and life skills training, they will ensure that they adhere to all Cov-

id-19 precaution measures.

He added that the program cannot be successful and if the community suffers from a lockdown, and they will therefore consider any issues related to the third wave corona virus by ensuring that the community is safe.

Moses Tawete, SRH national facilitator said provision of sexual and reproductive health education is aimed at equipping young people with self-awareness as they grow older making them to conduct better decisions throughout their lives.

Horticulture sees Msalala women's optimism growing

By Guardian Correspondent,

Kahama

FRUITS and vegetables farming in Msalala District Shinyanga Region has renewed economic hopes to Lumoluma Women Entrepreneurial Group by no longer being dependent on their spouses.

Initial growing of tomatoes by the group from a half half-acre farm earned members over 4m/-, the achievement acknowledged by their husbands.

This was revealed here at the weekend at the apex of Farmers day held in Segese Ward, Msalala District, with the women achievement recognized by the project's sponsors, Tanzania Horticultural Association (TAHA).

The group's Vice Chairwoman, Angela Paul said before receiving training on fruits and vegetable growing, they were to a great extent depending on their husbands for family breadwinners, sometimes even to the point of being beaten by their spouse.

She said as for now they were being respected after turning to horticulture that was earning them money for household upkeep.

"The district has more than 92 villages and only four of them benefit from the project, we want the training we have received to also reach other women to enable them engage in economic activities for income generation," said Paul.



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New administrative areas can be a burden, but they enliven spirits

CHANGES in the country's administrative structure are under consideration, one year ahead of the next census, on the basis of what the government has lately announced in the National Assembly. Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa said when closing the latest meeting of the legislature that new administrative areas are to be created after the national population and housing census set for next August. It is a rather daunting prospect at various areas, not least at the Treasury - as adding new areas can be real headache.

Targeted areas are chiefly new regions, districts and parliamentary constituencies, below which there are scores of other elevations, for instance wards becoming districts and 'hamlets' becoming wards, as this is one of the usual outcomes of a population and housing census. The next such exercise is expected to provide the government with an expanded and updated database for implementation of development plans - and thus the rationale of setting up new administrative and representative areas. It isn't an objective that can attract controversy, as actually there is more such pressure on the ground than government can meet.

An example is the continuing low level debate on whether Chato district ought to be elevated to a region, which raises eyebrows from most concerned quarters, but for that idea to have reached the level it now sounds, it ought to have generated a lot of passion, and expectation, already. As the fifth phase president the late Dr John Magufuli had sort of approached the idea positively, those in that campaign trust that the current authorities will follow it up as part of elevation and honouring of his endeavors. Nothing wrong with that, but as no decision had been made as yet, sorting it out

presumes that standards will be followed.

Special Seats MP Alexia Kamguna had aired the view, during the premier's impromptu questions and answers session on Thursday, on the need for the government to establish new administrative areas in Tabora and Morogoro regions to facilitate better provision of social services. This is the standard approach, of lessening administrative burdens for people of specific areas, where the costs involved aren't raised. And behind such appeals lie plenty of local contentions, not to say animosities, smothered by elevation of a locality to a higher status, no longer sitting with the rival locality in a ward, district, region.

An even more formidable matter is the creation of electoral constituencies, which plays a big part in the havoc arising from contentions of tribal and clan dimensions, though fortunately Tanzania hasn't had as much of those conflicts as is the case elsewhere. Still they have been more than intense where they occur, and in Tarime district the fourth phase government had to create a special police zone to contain cattle raiding and related causes of fighting. Something was stirred up in the Rufiji-Kibiti zone during the fifth phase, and draconian measures had to be put in place to eradicate the pressures, not let spread a wild fire.

The premier said, inter alia, that the government is aware of administrative challenges in the provision of social services in certain regions, citing Tabora, Morogoro and Tanga. Chances are that virtually all regions face such challenges and no accord is easy as to which are prioritised. The census can help out so that everyone, especially MPs, know what criteria were used and why, to create new administrative areas.

MNH improving with equipment for blood-related complications

WHILE the entire public knows the length to which the Muhimbili National Hospital (MNH) has travelled to become a modernised facility or complex of facilities in the past five years at the very least, more is being registered on the same road. The pivotal public facility will now start providing high level services related to blood complications, following installation of two state-of-the-art equipment vital in bone marrow transplants. This was the big news, while a range of medical professionals would start chewing what that implies as the new equipment machines include a 'spectra optia' to be used in harvesting hematopoietic stem cells, platelets, granulocytes and plasma, according to its senior officials.

Dr Stella Rwezaura, head of the Haematology Department at the hospital told a press conference to unveil the equipment towards the end of last week that the equipment makes possible new services hitherto not available at the hospital. Evidently, thousands of patients seeking high level blood diagnostic and transplant services will now be assisted, with blood related diseases posing a major threat to lives of many Tanzanians, the senior medic pointed out. Similarly, she took the opportunity offered by the briefing to underline that the lack of general knowledge on blood complications compels many to turn to traditional medication. Such efforts are tied to fears of witchcraft but often end up losing their lives by over bleeding.

One such disease is haemophilia, described as a mostly inherited genetic disorder that impairs the body's ability to make blood clots, a process needed to stop bleeding. Again, there is a wide variety of blood disorders - including inherited blood diseases such as sickle cell disease, hemophilia,

leukemia and thalassemia, which obviously aren't technically understood by members of the public, and treatment is difficult. Alternative medicine for instance oil seeds helping to stabilise hormonal flows in the body and partially mitigate inherited defects are offered but again such remedies aren't sufficiently known or popular. In that case hospitals remain the principal sphere of medication hope, all else notwithstanding.

In that case even more credit must go to the public authorities for the intensity of investment being directed to public health needs, as the range of diseases, medical diagnosis and interventions that are now available at Muhimbili and its autonomous establishments are refreshing. All this was a day dream in the not so distant past where philanthropists were doing all they could to get people to India in particular for heart surgery in particular. Now the public expects the more complicated diagnoses and interventions on vital body organs right here. We haven't climbed the whole ladder yet and thus there is still a plausible case for seeking treatment outside, but it is more optional than it was in the past or perhaps just cosmetic.

Dr Rwezaura notably asserted that there is a heightened need for experts who can effectively tackle the whole range of blood complications in hospital diagnosis and treatment right from district and regional hospitals to referral and national hospitals. It is clear that there is a lot of climbing needed here, both for the range of equipment needed and their distributed in those areas, apart from conducting specialised training to have sufficiently well scattered specialists. Neither MNH nor the ministry can credibly say what we can achieve up to 2025 when a sort of evaluation will be made, but we are doing well. Bravo!

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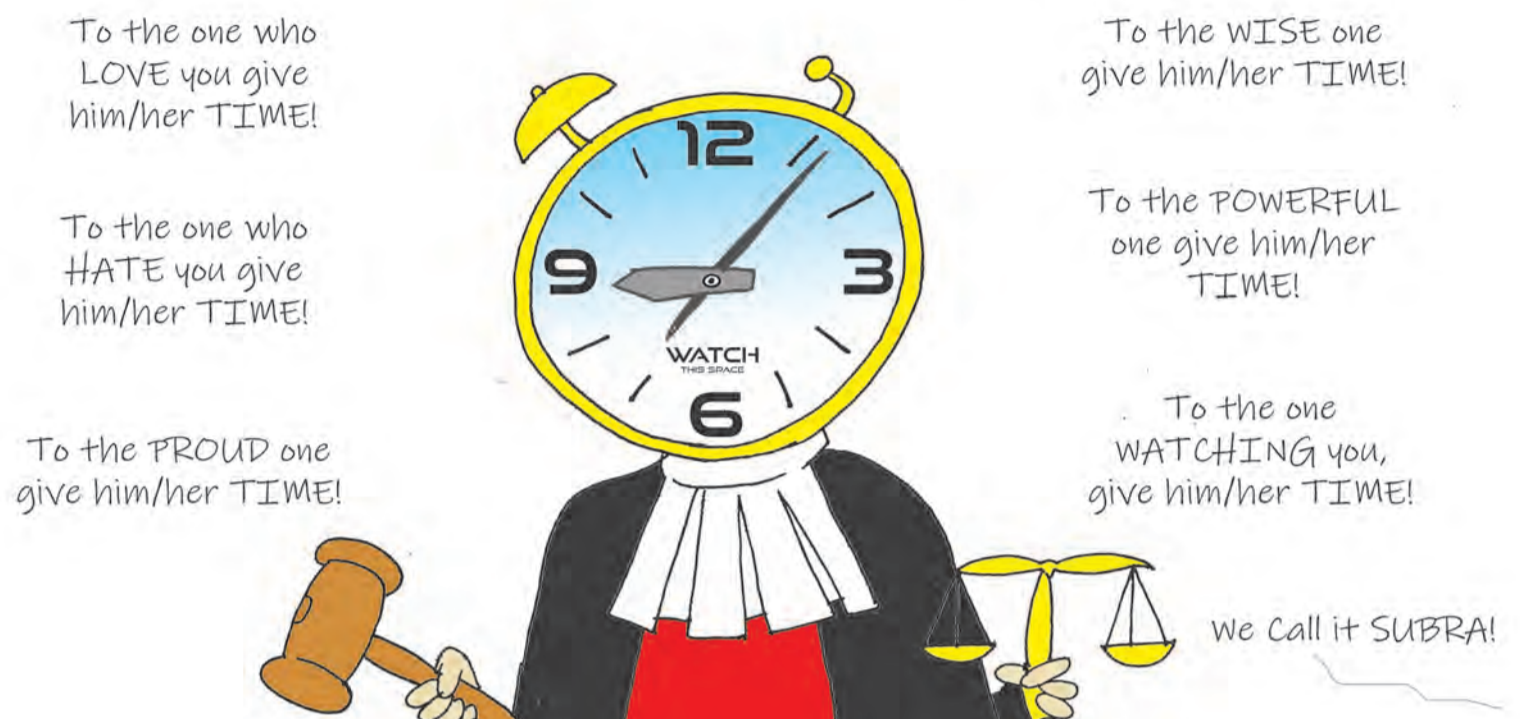
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TIME IS A BETTER JUDGE



How health workers can close gap between science and anti-vaxxers

By Remy Daroowala

IT is important to restore trust among the public and to do so we cannot afford to turn our backs on anti-vaxxers. It will be difficult. The trauma of these past two years on those in healthcare is unparalleled. Huge personal sacrifices have been made, lives lost, and so it is unsurprising that hospitalised anti-vaxxers face compassion fatigue from embattled and embittered staff. We are human after all.

We live in a strange and interesting time. Last week, the SABC did nothing to justify its incessant calls for TV licence payment when it gave a drama teacher from Plumstead 10 minutes of near-uninterrupted airtime to spew every debunked conspiracy theory under the sun into the microphone of a hapless reporter.

She was standing outside Groote Schuur Hospital, where I worked during the first Covid-19 wave. I felt my whole body tense up with fury. My compassion and understanding abandoned me and my mind was filled with unpleasant mental images. I started writing this piece as an exercise to try and find that compassion again.

In the recent past, alternative facts and conspiracies were largely limited to political matters, but as coronavirus spiralled out of control and government responses faltered worldwide, healthcare was pulled into the swamp. This wasn't the tired old political football match of health service funding and provision; this was the very nature of our intentions being brought into question. The nightly applause and pot banging seem but a distant memory.

As the pandemic has worn on, the public appetite for measures to control it has waned. In response to a mistrust of government, a number of people are seeking their own answers and their own reality and find no shortage of public figures, sports stars and even prominent doctors publicly stating their anti-vaccination stance.

The recent FDA and Sahpra approvals will do little to change minds that are already made up. As one accidentally self-aware critic of vaccines noted, "If you think the vaccine-hesitant are going to feel reassured by the FDA's approval you have no idea how much research they have done."

While the relationship between science and society was complex prior to the pandemic, the past 18 months has seen this complexity ramp up. Medical research and science have been inextricably linked

with government processes. The utilitarian mission of healthcare has been turned on its head as we have been lumped with a corrupt political elite supposedly using the pandemic to control the masses.

Simultaneously, the scientific process has been laid bare. While it was never hidden, it stayed mostly out of sight, but the public interest element of the pandemic has led to the process being broadcast worldwide. As a community, we have scrambled to understand the pandemic and evidence has changed rapidly and constantly.

Science by its very nature is open, debatable, and falsifiable but to a sceptical public, this nature appears as uncertainty echoing that of a government making up its response as it goes along.

This uncertainty has posed an unprecedented test for clinical research as noted by Adalberto Fernandes: "The risks of the pandemic increase the uncertainty of science and its communication. In turn, the uncertainty of science and its communication aggravate the risks of the pandemic."

As a result, the perceived credibility of science has been challenged.

The rights of the individual have now become a public health concern. In an unpredictable world escaping the clutches of control, people defend the only thing they can grasp on to, their bodies. We have even seen religious zealots co-opt pro-choice language and slogans, so identified with an intellectual position that impressive mental gymnastics are required. Rather than accept new evidence, people tend to seek what reinforces their existing worldview. We must recognise that our facts and figures may be of little use against such cognitive dissonance.

Those opposed to vaccines in South Africa are thankfully a minority, but a sizeable and vocal one. It is tempting to regard them as paranoid tin-foil-hat wearers and look the other way, but other important factors are at play. The demographics of those opposed to the vaccine in South Africa reveal some interesting figures.

In a recent report, 27% of white South Africans reported that they would definitely not get the vaccine, double that of any other individual race group. Along political lines, 61% of ANC supporters reported they would get the

vaccine, while only 8% would not. In contrast, 20% of DA and 24% of EFF supporters reported they would not get the vaccine. Certainly, among the white population, this could indicate a perceived disenfranchisement as well as a loss of trust in the government and its instruments, the healthcare service included. Post-truth largely succeeds in its acceptance of previously "ignored" people and their ideas.

While those people are in the most part responsible for the information they consume and ultimately their health, we provide a service that makes them our responsibility too.

So, what does this mean for us as healthcare workers and how do we move forward in this new world?

As we communicate scientific information, we do so in an effort to decrease risk and uncertainty. In doing so, we generate other risks such as misunderstanding, producing competing and confusing information and worst of all, we may be seen to further objectionable political ends.

It is up to us as a profession, as those in a position of authority, to better relate to our public. The Einsteinian definition of insanity is doing the same thing repeatedly and expecting a different result. So, while we continue to quote the reputable studies and statistics to them, backed by real experts, it is not enough. It is important to realise that you cannot change someone's mind by force. "He that complies against his will, is of his own opinion still."

We must think of new ways to get our message across.

First, we must restore trust and to do so, we cannot afford to turn our backs on anti-vaxxers. It will be difficult. On a personal level, the trauma of these past two years on those in the healthcare service is unparalleled. Huge personal sacrifices have been made, lives have been lost and so it is only natural that emotions and bias accompany this.

It is unsurprising that hospitalised anti-vaxxers face compassion fatigue from embattled and embittered staff. We are human after all. We must allow and acknowledge these feelings and find space in our institutions, both physical and emotional for their safe and unbridled expression.

Then, we must reach out. Our principles and professionalism will invite us to see these people

as victims of another disease that stands in its own class, the infodemic. We must focus on this new illness in front of us, and not the behaviour that led to it, else we risk subverting our sacred purpose. Compassion and empathy will prevail. A superior, mocking attitude will only increase the gap between us all.

We must also adapt our messaging. The way that we communicate with all our patients will have been forever changed by Covid-19. It's imperative that in our eagerness to end the pandemic we are mindful to communicate the vaccine in a way that "preserves the possibility that it can be disproven in the future". Any perceived rigidity of thinking will prevent us from reaching those who feel that we are not offering alternative options, even if those alternative options are merely to refuse vaccination.

Next, it will be important for us to place some distance between ourselves and the government and our next greatest opportunity to do this is to vocally stand firm against mandatory vaccinations for the general population. While it is desirable to maximise coverage, any actions to this end will further erode trust and we will be responsible for setting a dangerous precedent. Let's leave private entities like businesses and airlines to decide whether access is contingent on having received a vaccine. We cannot risk losing what remains of our apolitical nature.

Finally, we must not shoulder anti-vaxxers with disproportionate blame for the poor uptake and let the government off the hook in the process. From procurement processes onwards, huge mistakes were made. A faltering registration system based on SMSes that never arrived, and confusion over vaccination sites and walk-ins. The initiative was lost early, and the execution has been lacking in urgency, is inconsistent, confusing, and oftentimes non-existent.

The era of post-truth is here to stay. Hyper-individualism has rendered shared truths and an objective reality a thing of the past. While both sides of this debate perceive the other to have been brainwashed, it is important that we find common ground on which to stand and work together.

START THE WEEK WITH CYNTHIA STACEY

Plastics...For how long will it be a polluted legacy?

JAMBO, greetings, and what's likely to interest or irritate you readers in the current week...well for me, it's the issue of plastic pollution, I've gone on about it in print for many years...often using the heading "...plastic ...unfantastic." I used to think this was rather witty, but in retrospect, it was too flip-pant, so today's heading is more meaningful.

Well....a local past media story stated.... "Fight against plastic bags fading away".....but was genuine 'combat' ever intended in the first place?

For decades, there's been never ending debates and discussions on ecological issues, with plastic and its most damaging product the plastic bag being centre-stage, as the enemy of the environment. But since insufficient action has been taken over the decades, it's only recently that there's been increased awareness....but how to sustain it?

Some years ago, the government appeared in fighting mode, proclaiming...."Government to get tough on plastic bags ", voiced one media headline, and "Consultants to study plastic bags ban..." ran another.

....then finally, after some indecision whilst they debated how to run with the hare, and still hunt with the hounds, placating environmentalists and plastic manufacturer's alike, these feebly became "government to consider their stand on plastic excise duty."

....and this was similar to other countries in the early stages of the pollution scourge, where 'delaying tactics' often triumphed over action.

Ah, pragmatism and the never ending balancing act. Ban cigarettes for example, and you deprive millions globally of their livelihoods. Fail to stop the use of that terrible tobacco shrub, and you allow half the population to cough up their lungs, and over burden fragile health systems.

But back to the scenario here, a good example of the developing nations' failure to learn from the mistakes of the so called advanced ones, where the harmful impact of the initially perceived 'plastic fantastic ' wasn't realized till the damage was beingdone.....and still is....catastrophically, world wide.

When I first visited Tanzania many years ago, no plastic was being produced, and without pre-packaged goods also, there was no litter anywhere, as many people can still recall. Then one day, whilst walking on a gleaming white sandy beach miles long, the tide washed up at my feet a squashed plastic container, and



Pausing to re-organise, bottle collectors on the street of Dar es Salaam, after trawling the city areas to collect their 'harvest'. There must surely be a less labour intensive way to do this work than searching often unhygienic places, often to find only a single bottle. The city council could set up 'bottle bank' containers in designated areas, where the public could dispose of their bottles, making it easier for those who collect them to sell to recyclers. (File photo)

I felt a pang of despair, knowing what mighty ecological blight could surely follow on from this insignificant little beginning, on the magical and beautiful coast line.

The container was locally manufactured from the only factory doing so here but later on, two other companies showed their products at the Saba Saba trade show, in Dar es Salaam.

Understandably, these were hailed as welcome additions to a modern lifestyle, with few people aware of the consequences, when Tanzania started to contribute its own 'new waste' to the polluted Indian ocean, adding to that coming from other parts of the world.

Depressed at this, I asked at one of the new factories if their containers could have 'returnable' written on them, like some glass bottles, then people finding them could receive a token payment for doing so, an idea that had worked in some countries.

The factory owners agreed in principle, but how naïve I was to think that a business in its infancy, with no re-cycling facilities, would have any uses for its discarded merchandise.

However, the point was, when these factories started up, I don't know if there had been any prior government planning to minimize their impact on the local environment.... probably not.

Even now, not everyone in third world countries equates discarded plastic refuse with the planet, but why should they, if their western counterparts didn't realise also in the early stages of the developing plastic boom.

In fact, many still don't, and though other nations, like Britain only relatively recently, took action on polythene bags for example, though not completely, preferring half hearted attempts to discourage their usage.

Some years ago, The Vice Presidents Office here issued

a White Paper stipulating the types of plastic allowed into the country. This was a major step in the right direction, even though few civil servants or legislators cared much about the issue, until western donors started funding NGOs with an environmental agenda, and looked favourably on ecologically aware governments.

....but what of the 'other' waste problem? I always feel ashamed on seeing malnourished men (and even a few women) scavenging through filthy refuse heaps in the heat, to extract a few plastic bottles, that with a little planning and care, could be accessible before entering the garbage chain.

A few years ago, bottle seekers near up-country bus routes would have had an easier time. It's many years since I travelled on one of these buses, and was impressed when the conductor collected all the empty drink containers....but this turned to shock when he threw them all out of the window....I was stunned!

The bus operators denied knowing what was happening, but said they'd take action, whilst initially taking none at all, just as the relevant ministry did...or should that be didn't?

Fortunately this was stopped. But think about it, the roads regardless of their condition, are the arteries of the country, going to almost every corner of it. So given the reach and volume of the passenger transport business, if even a fraction of bus attendants had been committing this imbecile act, few parts of Tanzania would have been left unpolluted.

Anyway, things have fortunately changed, but time to close on the thought that bus companies could be mandated to fine any uncouth passengers who throw plastic bags or bottles out of bus windows...though better still....make the culprits get out to pick them up....or better again....just leave them there.....the passengers I mean.... not the garbage Hallejua!

The significance of career choice

EVERYBODY is a genius, but if you judge a fish by its ability to climb a tree, it will live its whole life believing that it is stupid. There are some university courses that are termed as useless. Those degree courses include education, political science, communication, psychology, marketing, sociology, hospitality, wildlife conservation, chemical engineering name it.

It is true that some degree courses increase earning power and broadens opportunities, but it is also dead wrong to believe that certain courses predispose one to failure in life.

Career choice is an important question each one of us encountered from an early age, some in primary school or even in O-level and A-level. I still recall when I was in primary school, my fellow students and I always boasted around about the careers we will pursue later on in life.

Some of us talked about careers we had passion for while some of us just went with the flow wishing for careers that parents or even society had thought were best for us.

Courses such as law, medicine, engineering, international relations, architecture, and business related courses such as accounting, procurement and of cause the popular one pilot related courses are one amongst the most common career choices many cite when questioned on what they would embark in when they grow up.

Those responses were generally based on the limited society's view that glorifies certain careers as a guarantee for success. Eventually as for some these were just dreams and wishes that eventually went away as people grew up and had to face the realities of life but as for others they conformed to these society views and ended up struggling with those careers for their entire lives, the struggle they face clearly indicates that it is always not about the money or achievements that comes along with pursuing certain careers but rather loving what you do.

Frankly speaking, people always complain about Mondays being blue terming it as a blue Monday every time when a week begins but hey there, they aren't blue Mondays, the truth is that your job sucks and you never really had passion for that career in the first place.

In most schools I must say, the absence of adequate information, combined with popular myths on career and degree choices misleads many students into picking the so called 'popular careers'.

The teachers and lectures themselves hold and perpetuate this inaccurate society views on best career choices.

The demand for these popular career choices eventually pushes the entry requirements to colleges and universities very high for those courses related to such careers.

The one time where a student has to confront the question of career is when in the last year of high school in preparation to join university.

Eventually when one scores division one in their A-level exams, it is always expected that they will pick one of the popular courses and should any student opt for an 'inferior course' like they say music, education, agriculture, tourism, arts etc., one is accused for wasting their high scores which is a mere fallacy.

I know students who picked careers of their choice that they had passion for despite their high scores in their NECTA exams but due to unending pressure from parents, relatives, family and friends they opted for those popular careers that they still struggle with to date. The main argument being that they are wasting their high scores on 'inferior career choices'.

It is very unfortunate that the entire education system not even in Tanzania but in most countries glorifies grades and certain careers, ignoring peoples' unique abilities, passion and suitability for other career options.

I have met a young lady who left me puzzled and interested at



the same time. She became my center of admiration by her courage and unbelievable confidence of dropping out of college where she was pursuing a bachelor degree course in medicine.

She joined a VETA institution where she opted to learn about cutlery services, cake baking and professional preparation of food for various events such as weddings, funerals etc.

During those days that she had opted to drop out of college opting for VETA training, family, friends, relatives and the society around her were amazed and actually thought she had been bewitched and had gone crazy.

How on earth could someone score very high in her NECTA exams join a well-known, popular and famous institution in the country pursue a bachelor degree in Medicine and just drop out of college willingly just to opt for cutlery course?! A career choice that is termed as 'inferior' and believed to be

pursued by school dropouts and failures.

To avoid some cheesy details, to every ones' surprise she now owns her own cutlery company getting tenders daily and she is happier with what she does like never before. I guarantee you that she doesn't have blue Mondays hahahahaha....!!She even wears a broad smile as she is woken up by her customers' phone calls on a Monday morning or late in the night.

I have also met a young man who pursued a bachelor degree in Civil Engineering in a very popular college in town but after completing his studies he realized her heart belonged to graphics, photography and video editing, was it wasted energy during his entire four years in college? Indeed it was because he is now pursuing what he has passion for and doing really great.

Another one of my friends never

even went back to pick his college transcripts and certificates after he graduated from a medicine course because he also realized he had a passion for something else and engaged into it and the rest remains history.

It's clear that some of the most successful people in life were college drop-outs or even people who did not have formal education..

My argument is that getting high scores is not a reason to study medicine, engineering, or any other so called 'superior courses' since career choice shouldn't be dependent on grades only but rather on ones' interests, suitability, passion or purpose. You can only succeed in something you love and you are good at literally!

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Industrial agriculture is no solution for Africa



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The theme for this year's African Green Revolution Forum (AGRF) to be held in Nairobi from September 6-10 is 'Pathways to Recovery and Resilient Food Systems'.

Yet 15 years after its convener, the Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA) was founded in 2006, questions remain about the viability of its high inputs model in addressing Africa's food insecurity.

AGRA has been funded to date by governments and major international donors such as the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to "transform African agriculture from a subsistence model to strong businesses that improve the livelihoods of the continent's farming households". However, data from the countries where AGRA has focused its efforts have seen continued poverty and a 30% rise in food insecurity.

To highlight the gravity of this issue and the level of concern in African civil society, faith leaders and supporting organisations across Africa, nearly 500 actors, signed an open letter to the Gates Foundation asking them to stop supporting AGRA's industrial farming initiatives. Our view is that we do not need farming 'solutions' but rather support locally appropriate solutions, working in partnership with small-scale farmers in ways that increase climate resilience.

As can be seen from the AGRA's approach, and other top-down approaches that have failed in Africa, such as UNFCCC REDD+ and the World Bank's CDM, climate change is a complex issue, and it will not be solved by a narrowly defined business-oriented approach that focuses on profit and investment returns.

Over the past 15 years AGRA has been working to restructure seed laws, so that corporate entities' certified varieties are protected, while criminalising trade of non-certified seed. This is particularly problematic for small scale farmers in Africa, where 80% of non-

certified seed and food come from millions of smallholder farmers who recycle, and exchange seeds each year. This "open-source knowledge bank" of seeds that cost little-to-nothing have all the nutritional value needed to sustain these communities.

Not only does the corporatisation of seed undermine existing indigenous knowledge systems regarding seed diversity and multi-cropping, but more insidiously, it centralises control of production systems, disempowering and reducing the resilience of small-scale farmers who rely on informal trade, historical and cultural knowledge in addition to their unique understanding of their ecological landscapes.

Around the globe, agribusinesses, driven by initiatives like AGRA, have been trying to convince governments and financial institutions that they hold the answer to solve the world's hunger problems through improved production. However, this concept has been debunked by food system research and a complete lack of success. The world does not have a food production problem, rather hunger is a result of lack of access and inequality.

The "Green Revolution" has already failed in India where recent widespread farmer protests made it crystal clear that this approach does not work out fairly for small farmers. In Africa, small holder farmers, oftentimes women, are indispensable to its nutritional and climate resilient future. Those funding AGRA need to take stock of its failures to date and realise that farmers already know

what they need to tackle climate change and need support to do so.

If the Gates Foundation really wants to transform poverty in Africa, they need to sit down and learn from small-scale farmers around the world, who have food systems that are socially just and ecologically sustainable. Their challenges include access to market and other factors where assistance would make a difference.

We urge donor foundations to find ways

to work with smallholder farmers to ensure that they have ample support and to assist governments to implement holistic, supportive strategies. And, instead of giving ownership to multinational corporations, they should help ensure that local communities have a real stake to have their voices heard in policy negotiations. They need to secure a commitment to land reform and ensure that communities have agency and power over their own cir-

cumstances for self-determination.

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The judiciary and abuse of court process

By Onikepo Braithwaite

RESPECT begets respect. While some of us are fighting to restore the dignity and respect of the Judiciary, insisting that it must take its rightful place as the third co-equal arm of Government (not third position), some Judicial Officers are busy running down the Judiciary and its reputation, of course, with the collaboration and participation of Lawyers. Both are actively playing starring roles in bringing the Judiciary into serious disrepute. I guess this is simply a microcosm of what our society has become - shameless and lawless. This is the tale of two disgraceful examples of abuse of court process, which took place in the last couple of weeks. I am glad that the Chief Justice of Nigeria, Hon. Justice Ibrahim Tanko Muhammad, has publicly taken exception to this unacceptable practice, and summoned the Chief Judges of the States whose Judges have been involved in this abuse of court process. Enough is enough!

In a nutshell, an abuse of court process is "the improper use of the judicial process by a party in litigation, aimed on targeting on interference with due administration of justice". See the case of Allanah v Kpolokwu 2016 6 N.W.L.R. Part 1507 Page 1 at 27 per Sanusi JSC; Ogboru v Uduaghan 2013 13 N.W.L.R. Part 1370 Page 33 at 53 per Ogunbiyi JSC on the definition of abuse. One of the main forms of abuse of court process, is the institution of a multiplicity of actions with the same parties on the same subject-matter, a malaise which has un-

fortunately, become commonplace in Nigeria, especially in political cases. See also Ogojeofo v Ogojeofo 2006 3 N.W.L.R. Part 966 Page 205.

The Secundus Case

I felt more than embarrassed, when I saw what happened recently in the PDP leadership tussle. It was more than sad to see that, after an order had been made by a Rivers State High Court preventing the Chairman of PDP, Prince Uche Secondus, from parading himself as the Chairman of the Party having been suspended from the PDP at Ward level, an order which the whole of Nigeria was aware of because it concerned the leadership of the main opposition party, those who were not happy with that decision, still went ahead on a forum shopping spree to Kebbi State to obtain a counter-order restoring Prince Secundus to his position as Chairman of PDP also irrespective of Kebbi's lack of jurisdiction. Of course, as one of my friends, a Learned Senior Advocate pointed out to me, you see political machinations here - Kebbi State is an APC political stronghold, and therefore, was more than willing to cause more confusion in the ranks of the PDP, by granting a conflicting court order! Anyway, conspiracy theory or not, there is absolutely no excuse for this type of bad behaviour on the part of the Lawyers and judicial officers, whether in Kebbi State or anywhere else.

Last year, in the Comrade Adams Oshimhole case, in which upon his suspension from his Ward and the institution of legal proceedings against him, the Federal High Court

Abuja ordered that he stop parading himself as Chairman. It is a logical consequence. How can you be the Chairman of a Party that you are not a member of? Comrade's supporters immediately went forum shopping, and rushed to Kano to obtain a conflicting order which was favourable to him. The matter went up to the Court of Appeal, which upheld the judgement of Abuja Court. It is therefore, safe to say that the position of the law, unless it is overturned by the Supreme Court, is that, if an individual is properly suspended at Ward level, such a person is not a member of the Party for the duration of the suspension, and consequently, cannot hold any Party position.

In law, we have the Doctrine of Precedent; 'Stare Decisis' which simply means, "to stand by things decided". A matter has already been decided, in this case, by a superior court; it is an authority for the courts to follow, particularly the lower courts.

The subsequent case filed at the Kebbi State High Court which restored Prince Secundus as the PDP Chairman, is an abuse of court process, because firstly, it is a duplication of an action already decided upon by a court of concurrent jurisdiction, and should have gone on appeal if there was any dissatisfaction with the decision; and secondly, the decision did not align with the judicial precedent already set by Comrade's case at the Court of Appeal. The Kebbi decision was 'Per Incuriam' - perverse, that is "a judgement which has been decided without reference to a statutory provision or earlier judgement which would have been relevant". I



submit that, Comrade's case was definitely relevant to Prince Secundus' case in this regard - in fact, it seemed to be on all fours with it, and the Kebbi State High Court was wrong to have departed from the Court of Appeal's decision, aside from abusing court process by even entertaining the matter.

The Lagos High Court Case There is a case pending at the Lagos High Court, which I am aware of. Having filed a matter, the Claimant obtained an order by way of motion ex-parte in one court. The matter was subsequently reassigned to another court because it was urgent, and the trial Judge in whose court the matter was pending, had travelled. The new Learned trial Judge, set aside and reversed the ex-parte order.

Additionally, the Judge visited the locus in quo (the place where the cause of action arose; in this case, the subject-matter of the suit), and instructed that the status quo, in accordance with the reversal of the order, be maintained. The Claimant's counsel then filed a notice of discontinuance of the matter.

The Claimant, within a few days of what he perceived to be an unfavourable ruling of the court, then went ahead to retain the services of a new Counsel, a Senior Advocate at that, who filed a new court process titled 'Ex-Parte Originating Application', a process that seems unknown to the Rules (with no proper originating process - writ of summons or pleadings), added the wife of the Claimant as a new party to the application to make it look like a fresh matter because a 'new' party was included, and moved more or less the same ex-parte motion that had been vacated by the previous court.

Since this was not a publicly known matter like that of the PDP matter, I imagined that the Judge who heard the new application, was unaware of the previous proceedings that had taken place in the matter, and the subsisting order of his brother Judge. How wrong I was! To my utter shock and disgust, I discovered that the two orders from the previous courts, that is, the one granting the first ex-parte order and the second one vacating it, were at-

tached to the Ex-Parte Originating Application (I had the benefit of perusing the court processes), meaning that both the new counsel and the new Judge who granted yet another ex-parte order in favour of the Claimant, were very much aware of the order that was subsisting in the matter. Furthermore, there was nothing urgent in the matter that required the use of a motion ex-parte, nor was there any res that would be destroyed if it was not granted; and this was crystal clear from the previous order granted, vacating the interim injunction. The Claimant was simply looking for a quick opportunity to evict the Respondent from the disputed property!

It is more than trite, that when a litigant is dissatisfied with a ruling or judgement of a court, the proper step to take is to go on appeal to a superior court, because a court cannot sit as an appellate court on the decision of a court of concurrent jurisdiction.

Instead of filing an appeal against the court's ruling vacating the ex-parte order at the Court of Appeal, or moving a motion on notice for the same injunctive orders, which should have been filed alongside the motion ex-parte in the previous court, the Claimant abused court process by bringing a fresh application titled 'Ex-Parte Originating Application' brought pursuant to Order 43 Rules 1 & 3 of the High Court of Lagos State (Civil Procedure) Rules 2019, asking for the same prayers that had been vacated by the previous court.

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Rescuers pull villagers from flood waters in Xinyang city in China's Henan Province.

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VP Mpango urges UN food systems summit to address agriculture financing more

By Guardian Reporter

TANZANIA is committed to agriculture transformation agenda to improve the food system so as to ensure national food security and improve social-economic security.

Vice-President Dr Philip Mpango, virtually addressing the just ended African Green Revolution Forum (AGRF) 2021 summit in Nairobi, said Tanzania had put in place policies and strategies for continued agriculture growth. The Vice President spoke on behalf of President Samia Suluhu Hassan.

According to Dr Mpango, financing is prominent among Tanzania and Africa's most significant food systems challenges. He proposed that the issue needs considerable attention at the upcoming UN food systems summit in New York, September 23, 2021. Other issues Tanzania would like to be addressed at the UN summit include ensuring more access to improved seeds, pest control, and increasing appropriate technology in agriculture and livestock development.

Dr Mpango joined 5 other African presidents at AGRF Summit to

review and fast-track Africa's food system transformation strategies. The five were: host Uhuru Kenyatta (Kenya), Paul Kagame (Rwanda), Dr Lazarus Chakwera (Malawi), Yoweri Museveni (Uganda), and Hage Geingob of Namibia.

Others who attended include: IFAD President Gilbert Houngbo, Josefa Sacko, and the Commissioner for Rural Economy and Agriculture at the Africa Union Commission, Salamatu Garba, Senior Gender Specialist at UNDP-GEF Project, and Akinwumi Adesina, the President of the African Development Bank Group.

Kenyatta described the AGRF Summit as a platform for consolidating Africa's voice in readiness for the UN Food Systems Summit (UN FSS) in New York starting September 23. The UN FSS will bring together leaders from around the world to review the progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), with notable attention on the eradication of hunger and poverty.

"The biggest outcomes that some of us are looking for at the AGRF Summit is that we will work together



Vice President Dr Philip Mpango.

as Africans and come up with a common position to table UN Food Systems Summit," Kenyatta said.

AGRA Tanzania Country Manager Vianey Rweyendela, commended Vice President Dr Mpango's participation at the AGRF summit, saying he represented Tanzania well. "Tanzania is on the right direction in the road to food systems strengthening, which includes its consistent and commitment to securing international markets for food commodities and is sending out clear

messaging," he noted.

In the meantime, Professor Siza Tumbo, Deputy Permanent Secretary-Ministry of Agriculture, has said the government is keen to attract multiple investments and partnerships in market development, productivity enhancement and financing, to lift the agricultural sector into a largely industrialized niche.

He spoke on Tanzania government investment opportunities at the DealRoom in 2021 AGRF Summit.

Prof. Tumbo assured the world that Tanzania had marked stability running from independence up to now and a favourable business climate for scaling up the agriculture sector take-off.

The AGRF summit organised by Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA), took place in Nairobi, but participants from across the world, including Tanzania, attended virtually due to Covid 19 restrictions.

According to Prof. Tumbo, the smallholder farmers have become more informed and able to increase productivity, thus providing raw materials to agro-industries ready to open up or scale up operations in the country. The government is actively in through public-private partnership promoting agro-industrialization to enhance GDP and create employment opportunities for a rapidly growing population.

East Africa second-largest economy is already the region's market leader in the grains trade, with maize and rice leading the pack, with a massive potential for a considerable increase due to favourable geographical base, including the availability of ground and underground water for irrigation across the vast country.

Tanzania agricultural investment blueprints include Agriculture Sector Development Program Phase 2 (ASDP ID), Tanzania Livestock Master Plan and Agro industries development flagship (TAIDF), and calls for broad-based investments in the all-important sector.

Empowering young African girls through technology

By Special Correspondent

AFRICAN girl coders are taking the lead in ensuring gender equity and balance in technology on the continent, a field majorly dominated by their male counterparts.

Through Connected African Girls Coding Camp initiative, a joint programme of the UN Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) in collaboration with UN Women and the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), young girls are applying their coding skills that include Animation, Gaming, Turtles stitch, artificial intelligence, robotics and internet of things they acquire through the program training.

The initiative has held training camps for African girls

from across the continent in Ethiopia and Cameroon. The aim is to bridge the 23% digital divide between men and women on the continent.

Theresa John, 21, a university student from Tanzania is a beneficiary of the coding camps. With the skills she acquired on animation, she said she is creating awareness and encouraging girls in her community to pursue technology.

"Whenever I am working on an animation a project, I have to involve the girls from my village so that they can see what I am doing and the results of it. This way they get interested in technology and see that it can be done," said Theresa.

"With my skills on coding I am able to show them that technology is very useful and

important, and it applies to real situations in the world. It is a tool to empower young people and create employment." She says with the little money she makes from her projects she is able to take care of expenses at the university and pay for her internet.

However, the biggest challenge for Theresa is the fact that she has to use on laptop for a bigger group and access to the internet is limited.

Fatou Ndiaye from Senegal who is also a beneficiary of the coding camp attended the recent camp in Cameroon online. She showcased her online e-shop that she uses to sell clothing and bags online.

"Through my programming skills I was able to create the e-commerce shop by myself

where I sell my products and I am able to reach most people including those far away from my town," she said adding that the idea of an online shop came up after she attended the coding camp.

"Most young people have embraced online shopping because it saves time and gives you access to a variety of products faster. This is where the world is headed and as African girls, we should not be left behind."

The Connected African Girls Coding Camp Initiative is expected to reach more girls through more coding camps by 2022. This is in line with the United Nations Sustainable development goal (SDG) 5 on gender equity and SDG4 on education and skills development

In December 2020, the programme brought together over 3000 girls aged 17 - 25 from 32 African countries at the first coding camp. By 2022, 14 coding camps are expected to be organized to increase significantly the number of girls across Africa.

Jean-Paul Adam, ECA's Director for Technology, Climate Change and Natural Resources Management, says to promote gender equity and ensure more girls take up technology, it is important to create platforms for women to collaborate and share their knowledge on coding. This will tremendously have an impact on the economic growth.

"Women can challenge the existing stereotypes on science, technology and innovation if given an opportu-

nity and the right platform to showcase their skills."

He said although the percentage of women in the labor force has over the years gradually increased, it remains significantly lower in the technology sector.

"The significant lack of connectivity for women is undermining their capacity to reach their economic potential. A situation that urgently needs to be addressed," said Mr Adam. Letty Chiwara, UN Women Representative to Ethiopia, the Africa Union Commission and the ECA, said Girls face discrimination in the sector because computer science has always been seen as a course for boys, not girls. Therefore, boosting women's digital literacy today would have far-reaching in-

ter-generational implications.

"Women are uniquely suited to prepare younger generations to participate in the digital economy, a reason why government should empower more women in the fields of science and technology," she said.

The third coding boot camp was held Buea, Douala and Yaounde in Cameroon on July 5 - July 17 where about 8500 young females aged between 12 and 25 from all over Africa attended.

ECA is organizing the next Connected African Girls Coding Camp initiative in Guinea in November. There is also an innovation fair scheduled for September in Cameroon where the girls can showcase their projects and win prizes.

Africa CDC slams leaders on hollow vaccine promises

By Special Correspondent

THE African Union's health watchdog accused world leaders of falling short in their pledge to share coronavirus vaccines with poorer nations, and their failure risked making the disease endemic.

Africa is facing Covid-19 resurgence as it lags in the global vaccination drive, with just 3.18 percent of its 1.3-billion population fully inoculated.

"We cannot continue to politicize this situation by making statements that we do not follow through with firm commitments," John Nkengasong, head of Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC), said.

"Pledges do not put vaccines into peoples' arms."

Across the continent, cases are rising at an alarming rate.

More than 40 countries are experiencing a third wave of infection and six are grappling with their fourth, even as life in many wealthy nations is returning to normal thanks to high inoculation figures.

Facing anger over unequal access to jabs, the Group of Seven industrialized powers pledged in June to provide a billion Covid vaccines to developing nations, up from 130 million promised in February.

The G7 plan also included com-

mitments to avert future pandemics -- slashing time taken to develop and licence vaccines less than 100 days, reinforcing global surveillance and strengthening the WHO.

But Nkengasong said the doses had yet to materialize.

"We have not seen a billion vaccines," he told an online press briefing.

"We are not as a continent very keen in any definition of vaccine diplomacy that would mean people make statements in the media that are not backed with reality," he added.

The World Health Organization (WHO) urged rich nations to give priority to getting first jabs for health workers and vulnerable populations in poorer nations over supplying boosters to their own citizens.

It is estimated that Africa will need 1.5 billion vaccine doses to immunize 60 percent of its inhabitants and achieve some level of herd immunity.

"We are not going to win this war against the pandemic if we do not vaccinate everybody at speed," said Nkengasong.

"Otherwise we should brace ourselves to live with this virus as an endemic disease going forward."



John Nkengasong, Director of Africa-CDC, speaks during a press conference on COVID-19 at African Union (AU) headquarters in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Africa's soft power in an age of global Afrophobia

By Oluwaseun Tella

THIS is a showcase of Africa as a model of soft power and the debunking of negative stereotypes that have hindered Africa's development.

... the book focuses on four key states in Africa: Nigeria, South Africa, Kenya and Egypt and seeks to Africanise the concept of soft power by highlighting the prominent African philosophies of these states including Omolúwábi, Ubuntu, Harambee and Pharaonism, respectively. A common denominator of these philosophies is that they stress collectivism as opposed to the Western notion of the primacy of individualism and a realist international order.

Last week, a book I authored titled Africa's Soft Power: Philosophies, Political Values, Foreign Policies and Cultural Exports was launched in the form of a webinar by the University of Johannesburg (UJ)'s Institute for the Future of Knowledge, South Africa. As opposed to hard power (the power of coercion), soft power (the power of attraction) is derived from the non-coercive attributes of states such as an admirable philosophy, an attractive culture, appealing political values and a multilateral foreign policy.

Professor Kammilla Naidoo, Executive Dean, Faculty of Humanities, UJ, opened the lively discussion. Professor Thuli Madonsela, former Public Protector and the Law Trust Chair in Social Justice, Stellenbosch University, South Africa chaired the event, while I was the main speaker. The discussants were Professor Peter Kagwanja, President and Chief Executive, Africa Policy Institute, Nairobi, Kenya; and Professor Christopher Isike, Department of Political Sciences, University of Pretoria, South Africa.

In her opening remarks, Professor Naidoo noted that the publication is the first book on Africa's soft power and that the author's quest to Africanise the concept is commendable in light of the negative stereotypes, such as diseases, corruption, war and famine, that are associated with Africa.

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Nigeria's soft power includes the continental and global footprints of Nollywood (movie industry), Afrobeats (music industry), multinational corporations and mega churches; the promotion of democracy, technical aid, peacemaking and peacekeeping and its role in international organisations such

as the Economic Community of West Africa States (ECOWAS), the African Union (AU) and the United Nations (UN).

Beyond the philosophies, I noted other impressive soft power sources of the selected African states. Nigeria's soft power includes the continental and global footprints of Nollywood (movie industry), Afrobeats (music industry), multinational corporations and mega churches; the promotion of democracy, technical aid, peacemaking and peacekeeping and its role in international organisations such as the Economic Community of West Africa States (ECOWAS), the African Union (AU) and the United Nations (UN). In concrete terms, Nollywood and Afrobeats have promoted Nigerian culture and challenged global anti-Nigerian sentiments. Abuja has achieved its foreign policy of the promotion of democracy in states such as Sierra Leone, São Tomé and Príncipe, and Togo, and peacemaking and peacekeeping in Liberia and Sierra Leone, providing 80 per cent of the troops and 90 per cent of the funding in the process. These soft power gains are, however, constrained by political corruption, a democracy deficit, the country's image crisis and Boko Haram terrorism.

South Africa's soft power is derived from diverse sources, including its norm entrepreneurship, evident in its voluntary nuclear disarmament and acting as the pathfinder of organisations such as New Partnership for African Development (NEPAD) and African Peer Review Mechanism (APRM); its hosting of sporting events and educational exchanges; peace diplomacy and democracy promotion in places like Burundi and the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC); the state's liberal constitution and the ideas of its charismatic leaders; and the reach and influ-



ence of the country's companies and civil society.

The concrete benefits of these soft power sources include the successful bidding and hosting of the first (and only) FIFA World Cup in Africa, South African universities' attraction to African students, former President Thabo Mbeki's ideas that are ingrained in key African institutions such as NEPAD, and the country's reputation as Africa's sole member of BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa) and the G20. Pretoria's peacemaking in Burundi and the DRC are equally germane. This soft power display has enhanced South Africa's image, prompting scholars to describe the country, using monikers such as "a major peacemaker" and "symbolic rep-

resentativity". South Africa's soft power is, however, undermined by the triple challenges of poverty, inequality and unemployment; as well as political corruption; double standards on human rights and xenophobia.

Kenya can lay claim to soft power in the cultural realm, evident in its booming fashion industry, success in athletics and its tourist attractions.

This is supplemented by its peace diplomacy, economic diplomacy, and the success of its multilateral foreign policy. The dominance of Kenyans in athletics competitions has enhanced their profile and they have, in turn, provided a rich reservoir for sports diplomacy, seen in the intersection of sport, politics and diplomacy.

For example, Tegla Leroupe was a peace envoy in the conflicts in Northern Uganda and Darfur, and was subsequently appointed as the UN Ambassador of Sport by former UN Secretary General Kofi Annan in 2006. In terms of economic diplomacy, the Mombasa seaport is an important soft power resource in that it reinforces Kenya's profile as the gateway to East Africa, as landlocked states such as Burundi, Rwanda, Uganda, as well as South Sudan depend on Kenya for their goods. Nevertheless, Nairobi's power of attraction is undermined by incessant electoral violence, ethnic politics and endemic corruption.

... Professor Madonsela highlighted that the book reinforces that Africa can be seen beyond

the lens of Western epistemology, pointing to the role of South African Ubuntu which epitomises the sharing we have witnessed during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and Nigerian Nollywood that promotes core values such as integrity and honesty.

Egypt derives its soft power from its skilled workers, the Mo Salah effect and Pan-Arabism. Mo Salah is an important soft power individual due to his remarkable success in Liverpool, such as his emergence as the top goal scorer in the English Premiership in 2018 and 2019. His contribution to the team resulted in Liverpool winning the UEFA Champions League and English Premiership titles in 2018 and 2019, respectively.

Salah's soft power is seen in his engagement of Islamic practice on the field of play, which has reduced Islamophobia in England and possibly beyond. Skilled Egyptian workers, especially in the MENA (Middle East and North Africa) region, have become an important source of symbolic nation-building and public diplomacy, as the Egyptian government often adopts rhetoric such as "Sons of Egypt Abroad" to celebrate their success.

Cairo's power of attraction declined significantly post the Arab Spring as a result of political instability, human rights abuses, and economic challenges, especially the high levels of poverty and unemployment that have combined to frustrate the execution of Cairo's foreign policy.

The first discussant, Professor Kagwanja noted that the book's focus on Africa's soft power signifies that the continent can be seen in the same light as other key states such as the United States, China, Germany and Brazil that exercise power in international affairs. He added that it shows that Africa has influenced other regions through the instruments, mechanisms and philosophies of its soft power.



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Zambian president promises to cut deficit, review mining policies

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Zambian President Hakainde Hichilema said on Friday his new government would implement policies to reduce the fiscal deficit, restore economic growth and review mining policies.

In his first address to a new session of parliament since his election in August, Hichilema said officials would also review agricultural policies, revise electricity prices and reform state power firm Zesco. Last November Africa's second-biggest copper producer became the first country on the continent to default on its sovereign debt during the pandemic, after failing to keep up with payments on its nearly \$13 billion of international debt.

"Rebuilding our economy is top on our agenda. We will implement policies to address the fiscal deficit while ensuring that confidence is restored in the markets," Hichilema said. "We have indeed inherited an economy that is in dire straits and requires bold and decisive action to be taken," he said, adding that his government was committed to halting the accumulation of expensive public debt.

Zambia's external debt includes about \$3 billion in Eurobonds, \$3.5 billion in bilateral debt, \$2.1 billion owed to multilateral agencies and \$2.9 billion in commercial bank debt. Zambia also owes mining companies more than \$1.5 billion in value-added tax (VAT) refunds,

an issue that soured relations between the government and the mining sector.

The VAT refunds are the top priority for the industry, said Zambia's Chamber of Mines CEO Godwin Beene, who represents mining companies including First Quantum Minerals' Kansanshi Mining and Barrick Gold's Lumwana Mining.

Hichilema's market-friendly stance will attract new investment into Zambia's mining sector and help boost the country's copper production at a propitious time of near record-high copper prices, Beene said. "This election was a game-changer for the industry," he told Reuters.

Hichilema's predecessor, Edgar Lungu, had pushed for greater state ownership of mines. State mining investment company ZCCM-IH took on \$1.5 billion in debt in January to take over Glencore's majority stake in the Mopani copper mine. The previous government was looking for an investor to fund the mine's expansion, which would boost output from 34,000 tonnes of copper a year to 150,000 tonnes.

Zambia as a whole hopes to increase its annual copper output to 2 million tonnes by 2026, new finance minister Situmbeko Musokotwane said last month. The country produced 882,000 tonnes last year. Hitting that target will require significant investment in Mopani and other mines across Zambia, as well as in exploration.

INVESTMENT

Montfort Group now acquires oil storage terminal in Mozambique

MAPUTO

Following its recent acquisition of Kencor Petroleum Limited (Kencor) in Kenya, Montfort Group has now successfully completed the acquisition of equity in Matola Terminal de Armazenamento de Petróleos SA, a company that owns and operates an oil tanking storage terminal in the Port of Matola, The Republic of Mozambique.

This acquisition falls in line with the company's strategic expansion plans in the African continent. The Terminal, which Montfort will own, develop, and operate in close partnership with Energi Asia, has over 58,000m³ of clean product storage capacity. The Terminals' state of the art latest technologies will enable Montfort to trade its petroleum products across six inland neighbouring countries (including Mozambique).

The decision to acquire the stake in the Terminal was part of Montfort's overall objective to expand its business in the region and support Montfort's aspirations to reach out to customers in South and East Africa.

In addition to boasting superior infrastructural capabilities, safety procedures, equipment and systems and a strategic location, the terminal also offers room for future expansion of storage facilities in tandem with the

growth in product volume.

It enables the accurate online calculation of quantities transferred in and out of the terminal and features the latest distributed control system (DCS) and fully segregated systems to handle three different product grades to ensure minimum product contamination.

Unlike most of the other terminals in the region, the terminal is one of the most recently built and therefore requires minimum maintenance downtime. It is being managed by experienced, well-trained professionals.

Montfort team is looking forward to bringing decades of commodity trading, storage, and logistics expertise to its partnership with Energi Asia. The partnership hopes that a combined effort of two highly experienced and driven companies will contribute to Mozambique's commercial activity, which in turn will benefit both the local and regional energy sectors.

Montfort Group is a trading house with a diverse portfolio of commodity-related businesses. Through investments in selective assets and infrastructure such as LPG, naphtha, gasoline, distillates, fuel oil, crude oil, and petrochemicals among others, it strives to drive market growth for the sector by leveraging its unique capabilities.

EMPOWERMENT

TPSF and the government partner in forming skills development council

By Correspondent Theresia Victor

THE country's entrepreneurs have been urged to be more creative in using their skills and knowledge to speed up economic growth and contribute towards rapid social development.

Speaking on Friday last week during a stakeholders' workshop to sensitize on the establishment of a Creative Industry Sector Skill Council, Tanzania Private Sector Foundation's Executive Director, Francis Nanai said that entrepreneurs need to be innovative for their businesses to be competitive in the market.

"We want to impart the highest level of skills for our workforce because of future market demand for high quality products," Nanai said adding that higher occupational skills level will come from improved quality of vocational training and technical education.

He noted that it's an indisputable fact that several initiatives to address skills challenges facing the country have been going on for a long time now and yet some of the challenges have unfortunately remained unresolved.

"Creation of the skills industry will hopefully enlarge and broaden capacity of entrepreneurs to add value in their business activities," Nanai added while stressing that the government's full support in making sure that such challenges are addressed is very much needed.

The TPSF chief further noted



Tanzania Private Sector Foundation's executive director, Francis Nanai.

that in order to address the skills gap, the government is currently implementing a National Skills Development Strategy (NSDS) 2016/26 with the support of World Bank through Education and Skills for Productive Jobs (ESPJ).

He explained that the NSDS is the first comprehensive skills development strategy in the country that addresses both informal and formal sectors at all levels of education and training covering the entire chain of skills for employ-

ability.

"So far we have established six sector skills councils which are Agriculture, Agribusiness and Agro-processing; Tourism and Hospitality; Transport and Logistics; Information and Communication Technology; and Construction and Energy through which we hope to curb the skills gap that we have," he stated.

Addressing the workshop participants, Assistant Director in the Department of Arts at Ministry

of Information, Culture, Arts and Sports, Leah Kihimbi said that in supporting the private sector efforts, the government has set aside 1.5bn/- to help the process of imparting skills to youth from all walks of life.

"This initiative involves everyone from entrepreneurs, business people, artists who need to be creative and add value to their products and support the country's economic development," Kihimbi said.

OPTIMISM

Kenya sees tourism returning to normalcy in two years

NAIROBI

Kenya is launching a robust marketing abroad to lure more regional and international tourists whose numbers have slumped due to Covid-19 travel restrictions. Tourism Cabinet Secretary Najib Balala assured international tourists that Kenya has invested heavily in the vaccination drive to keep both its citizens and visitors safe.

"We cannot ignore the international market...it has its dynamics and advantages. We have heavily invested in domestic market tourism. Kenya has a thriving domestic market. Kenyans have been supporting the sector but we need to revive international market," said the CS who spoke during an interview from Cape Verde.

The CS said the sector will return to normalcy in two years. "2024 is the time tourism will go back to normal. Health is going to be the first agenda in everyone's mind when travelling so we need to vaccinate our people so that travellers can feel Kenya is safe," he said.

The UK is a top tourism source market for Kenya. International tourism has slumped with most hotels at the Kenyan coast relying on local tourists. However the county wants to attract more international tourists to revive the sector.

Meanwhile, Mombasa county government is marketing the city to attract international visitors from Europe as the sector continues to reel from the effects of the pandemic. The department of tourism has pitched camp in Ukraine to lure tourists to the Kenyan Coast. Governor Hassan Joho said the county is engaging tour operators and travel agents in Odessa to market the city.

"We had an opportunity to pitch on the different tourism products, trade, and investment opportunities in Mombasa. We also impressed upon them on the need to increase the number of charter flights flying directly into the coastal city of Mombasa," said the governor.

The county boss urged Ukraine



Kenyan Tourism Cabinet Secretary (minister), Najib Balala.

to increase the number of charter flights flying directly into the coastal city of Mombasa. The campaign has seen the county government sign a tourism partnership with the Ukrainian government to revive the sector. Ho-

tellers, led by Mr Mohamed Hersi, and the Kenya Coast Tourists Association (KCTA) Chairperson Victor Shitakha, have urged the state to prioritise the sector.

"We need vigorous marketing to attract more international

tourists," said Mr Hersi. The sector normally depends on summer travellers from Europe and America, a season in which they make a lot of money due to high number of visitors between June and September.

AGRIBUSINESS

AATF chief touts adoption of better agricultural innovations to bolster productivity, profitability

By Guardian Reporter

THE adoption of improved agricultural technologies and innovations is important to enhancing productivity and livelihood of farmers in Africa.

Speaking during a virtual 11th Africa Green Revolution Forum held last week, AATF (African Agricultural Technology Foundation), executive director, Dr Canisius Kanangire said establishing an enabling environment with appropriate policies, regulations, institutions, and markets to drive the adoption of innovations is key to building agricultural resilience in Africa.

In statement released by AATF, Dr Kanangire said during a panel session on Resilience and Adaptation, that it is also critical to encourage creation of enduring public-private partnerships to facilitate platforms through which technology and accompanying knowledge can be transferred to farmers. The panel session highlighted global experiences in building resilience to help address vulnerability and risks that have exacerbated food insecurity and poverty in Africa.

"Knowledge about such technologies is



AATF executive director, Dr Canisius Kanangire.

critical for technology transfer and adoption to realise agricultural transformation in Africa, but an unfavourable environment that does not support development and release of innovative

technologies is a hinderance to getting technologies to farmers," he said.

The AATF chief further noted that many technologies and products that enhance produc-

tivity have been developed and deployed but some still largely remain on research shelves, even though evidence shows that countries that have utilised advanced agricultural innovations have met their food and nutritional security needs.

He added that to ensure optimum benefit for both human and the environment, the technologies and products need to be stewarded properly for quality assurance to support value chain actors such as seed companies, agro-dealers and the farmers.

Dr Kanangire shared the AATF experience with the Drought Tolerant Maize for Africa (DTMA) project where use of technology demonstration and knowledge dissemination led to adoption rates of 39-55 percent and an increase in farmers' income by 66-73 per cent in Kenya. Drought Tolerant Maize for Africa Project, that aimed at enhancing resilience and adaptation to climate change.

"Agri-Drive App that facilitates access to agricultural mechanisation has been used to assist farmers to book and pay for mechanisation services especially during this period of COVID-19 pandemic," he pointed out.

To ensure these technologies are delivered to farmers and using digital solutions to ease access to services, Dr Kanangire noted that AATF and its partners have developed and promoted digital applications to facilitate knowledge transfer and traceability.

According to the session, food insecurity and poverty in Africa are primarily driven by multiple shocks and risks that include conflicts, climate extremes, and disease outbreaks, such as the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. The panelists called on governments and agricultural sector players to strategically collaborate to address the challenges to improve farming productivity within the continent.

EXPANSION

Sinovac in talks about setting up SA vaccine production, partner says

JOHANNESBURG

"A phase one where we will do bottling and labelling, so that we can get vaccines out to the people of Africa as soon as possible," he added.

China's Sinovac Biotech is in talks about setting up a vaccine production facility in South Africa with its local partner, the chief executive of Numolux said on Friday. Hilton Klein made the comments at the launch of the South African leg of a global Phase III trial of Sinovac's Covid-19 vaccine in children and adolescents.

"This clinical trial is a precursor to the establishment of a South African vaccine manufacturing facility partnered by Sinovac and Numolux Group that will cover the entire spectrum of vaccinations beyond just the Covid-19 response," Klein told a news conference.

"We are in talks with Sinovac to set up a vaccine manufacturing facility. A phase one where we will do bottling and labelling so that we can get vaccines out to the people of Africa as soon as possible," he added. Sinovac did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

Sinovac and Numolux are enrolling 2,000 participants in the South African leg of their study evaluating the efficacy, immunogenicity and safety of the CoronaVac vaccine on children and adolescents aged 6 months to 17 years. The global trial will also enrol participants in Chile, the Philippines, Malaysia and Kenya.

South Africa's government is considering using the CoronaVac vaccine in its immunisation programme alongside shots developed by Pfizer-BioNTech and Johnson & Johnson which have been administered so far. Drugs regulator SAHPRA in July gave conditional authorisation for use of Sinovac's vaccine against Covid-19 for people aged between 18 and 59 years.



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BOOST

Kenya economy Sh515bn larger after rebasing

NAIROBI

Kenya's economy has expanded by Sh515 billion than earlier thought after it was rebased to capture new sectors whose output had grown in recent years.

The review of national economic data – commonly known as rebasing – increased 2019 GDP in nominal terms to Sh10.2 trillion up from Sh9.7 trillion. This was much lower than the 25.4 percent jump when Kenya rebased the economy a decade ago that increased 2013 GDP from Sh3.6 trillion to Sh4.3 trillion.

The rebasing in 2014 allowed the government to account for changes in the production structure, relative to product prices and products, which led to changes in the size of GDP, growth rates, contributions by sector, and related indicators.

Analysts say most of the economic sectors that had been unaccounted for were brought on board at the time, which meant subsequent rebasing would not yield similar gains. "With Kenya rebasing its GDP, we expected an upward revision but not as big as the 25 percent, that we saw in 2014 because a sizeable share of the informal economy was incorporated then.

Plus, as the economy gets bigger, the percentage upside is likely to get smaller," said Yvonne Mhango, acting head of Research Africa, Africa Economist at Renaissance Capital. This is the seventh time Kenya's economy will be undergoing rebasing, with previous ones in 1957, 1967, 1976, 1985, 2005, and 2014.

The rebasing in 2014 helped Kenya overtake countries such as Ethiopia, Tunisia, and Ghana and claim position



Kenya's Treasury Cabinet Secretary (minister), Ukur Yatani speaking at the launch of Economic Survey Report 2021 last Thursday.

nine in the list of largest economies in Africa from the previous 12. The country also jumped about 10 spots globally from position 87, overtaking nations such as Guatemala, Bulgaria, Costa Rica, and Lebanon.

The UN Statistical Commission

recommends that countries rebase every five years. Rebasing enables economic estimates to better account for the current structure of the economy and sectoral growth drivers and to better reflect the performance of the most important

parts of the economy.

It also has significant implications on the type of financing countries can access on the global markets. The 2014 rebasing lifted the country to lower middle-income economic status and effectively locked it out from accessing most concessional financing available to low-income economic countries. It, however, gave Kenya access to more commercial funding that saw it accumulate Eurobonds and syndicated loans, which accounted for about 26 percent of external public debt at the end of 2020.

The latest update saw a 34.7 percent drop in agriculture, forestry, and fishing, with the market value of growing crops declining more than Sh1.2 trillion. Agriculture no longer represents a third of the economy but is still the biggest component after falling in the new structure to 20 percent from an average of 32 percent.

"The most notable change was in the contribution of agricultural activities to total GDP that shed 12.5 percentage points from a five-year average of 32.9 percent in the old series to 20.4 percent in the new series," the Kenya National Bureau of Statistics (KNBS) said.

The most significant upward revisions in magnitudes of nominal gross value added were in

transportation and storage, real estate, and public administration. Information and communication technology and professional scientific and technical activities were estimated at approximately double the previous levels.

The modest growth may help Kenya accommodate more debt. The Treasury has set out to borrow an additional Sh929 billion in the current fiscal year. The higher GDP figures improve Kenya's debt-to-GDP ratios and can, therefore, be applied by the country to justify the capacity to carry a larger debt load.

Kenya kicked off its fourth Eurobond offer this year with a promise to review the size of the economy. The revised figures, however, mean that debt is currently 72 percent of the GDP for 2020, which is still above the set thresholds to measure sustainability.

Treasury Cabinet Secretary Ukur Yatani said the government was confident of growing the economy six percent on improved education and hospital-ity sectors, which suffered major losses last year. He is, however, wary of a possible slump in agriculture due to lower than average rainfall in the first half of the year as well as the impact of high transport and energy prices on inflation and the economy.

DEFAULT

RRA struggles to recover over Rwf350 billion tax arrears

KIGALI

The Rwanda Revenue Authority (RRA) is grappling with the recovery of accrued tax arrears that the report of the Auditor General for the fiscal year 2019-2020 which ended on June 2020, said more than doubled over the last five years.

This is one of the issues that was on the agenda of the Public Accounts Committee (PAC) hearings on Friday, September 10, 2021 when officials from RRA were responding to public asset management problems identified in the report.

It noted a low rate of tax arrears recovery. The report indicated that the accumulated tax arrears increased from over Rwf147.2 billion in 2015 to Rwf353.1 billion by June 2020. This problem, it said, is mainly attributed to lack of effective

recovery controls.

MP Jeanne d'Arc Uwimanimpaye said that the arrears are huge, calling for strategies for the effective recovery. Another MP, Beline Uwizeza, alluded to the Parliament's resolution that requested RRA to recover, in one year, arrears that amounted to over Rwf270 billion in the fiscal year 2018/2019, or indicate which arrears were not coverable and why.

She wanted to know the progress in this regard so far. Hajara Batamuliza, Commissioner for Domestic Taxes at RRA said that Rwf134 billion of such tax debts were owed by Government entities, she said, adding that they were facing issues such as budget constraints.

Rwf141 billion tax arrears were owed by the mining sector "that we

are still trying to recover." "There is Rwf24 billion owed by small taxpayers, including people who open business and after realising that they have arrears yet they do not have assets, close them," she said, adding that, there are also cases of deaths which complicate the task.

Meanwhile, she said that the revenue body has recovered Rwf60 billion of the outstanding taxes as of June 30, 2020. She said that they are within the range of 10 percent and 20 percent of the recoverable [tax] debts per year, which she noted is meeting the international tax administration standards. In line with efforts to tackle the issue, she said that [tax] enforcement unity will be further resourced, and the revision of internal processes and procedures in order to achieve efficiency.



Hajara Batamuliza, Commissioner for Domestic Taxes at RRA.

SLOWDOWN

UK economy up minimally in July as shortages hamper post-Covid recovery



LONDON

Britain's economy grew by just 0.1 per cent in July when the final set of Covid-19 restrictions were lifted allowing businesses to fully reopen.

While it was the economy's sixth consecutive month of growth, the increase was a slowdown on the 1 per cent recorded in June, according to the Office for National Statistics (ONS). Businesses struggled with staff shortages amid the "pingdemic" caused by the NHS's over-sensitive Covid-19 app forcing people to isolate at home, while shortages of raw materials hit the construction sector.

Despite the slowdown, Chancellor of the Exchequer Rishi Sunak said the UK's recovery "is well underway thanks to the suc-

cess of the vaccination rollout and the roadmap, with more employees on payrolls that at any point since last March."

"I am confident that - supported by our Plan for Jobs - we'll continue to recover from the pandemic, we'll see more new jobs, and we will Build Back Better," he said. The construction sector saw output drop 1.6 per cent in July, the fourth monthly contraction in a row, amid rising costs and shortages of materials, the ONS said, while retailers suffered a 2.5 per cent fall.

Jonathan Athow, ONS deputy statistician, said oil and gas provided the strongest boost to GDP contributing to the production output growth of 1.2 per cent, while car production also continued to recover from recent component short-

ages. "The service sector saw no growth overall with growth in IT, financial services and outdoor events - which could operate more fully in July - offsetting large falls in retail and law firms," Mr Athow said.

AJ Bell financial analyst Danni Hewson said while July brought "freedom" from restrictions - a hugely anticipated milestone that signalled the UK was back in business - the reality was bogged down by supply snarl-ups and labour shortages as workers became hostages of the "pingdemic."

"Significantly the economic engine slowed so much in July it almost stalled and delivered the kind of growth not experienced since the country was plunged back into lockdown in January," said Ms Hewson.

"Even more worrying

is the fact that much of the 0.1 per cent of growth achieved seemed to come from the return to service of an oil field production site which had been closed for maintenance, without that push these figures would have been even more uncomfortable to peruse." One positive sign came from the arts, entertainment and recreation sector, which was boosted by 9 per cent after restrictions on social distancing were lifted from July 19.

The figures put a dent in the recovery from the pandemic, with GDP still 2.1 per cent behind its February 2020 level, just before the pandemic hit. Stuart Cole, chief macroeconomist at stockbroker Equiti Capital, said the disappointing July GDP reading underscores fears the pace of the UK recovery is slowing.

"The slowdown has been flagged by a mix of recent data, including the PMI and retail sales figures, which have been pointing to a combination of supply-chain issues, rising prices, worries over the delta variant and the somewhat overzealous approach to the Government's test and trace programme over the summer as weighing on activity," Mr Cole said.

The boost from the final lifting of lockdown restrictions in July was always going to fade at some point, but concerns among policymakers may start to be growing that this boost is fading faster than expected, Mr Cole said, with the next big hurdle facing the economy the ending of most government support measures this month, including the jobs furlough scheme.

UK Chancellor of the Exchequer, Rishi Sunak.

AUSTERITY

Google all out to replenish 120pc of its water use as droughts grip western US

LOS ANGELES

Google has pledged to give back more water than it consumes by 2030 and support water security in communities where it operates as water scarcity becomes a major problem in the drought-stricken western US.

The Alphabet-owned company aims to replenish up to 120 per cent of the water it uses, on average, across its offices and data centres, the California-headquartered technology giant said. Under this initiative, Google is focusing on three key areas - safeguarding water resources across offices and data centres; improving watershed health and ecosystems in water-stressed communities; and sharing technology and tools that help societies predict, prevent and recover from water stress. "We will identify opportunities to use freshwater alternatives - whether that's seawater or reclaimed wastewater," Google's chief sustainability officer Kate Brandt said.

"We are looking to use more on-site water sources, such as collected storm water and treated wastewater, to meet our non-potable water needs like landscape irrigation, cooling and toilet flushing," she added. Google uses water to cool its data centres that make products like Gmail, YouTube, Google Maps and Search possible. The company has faced protests from communities in the close proximity to its data centre in South Carolina and a new one to be built in Arizona.

A severe drought, tied to climate change, has gripped over 93 per cent of California - home to Google's headquarters, US Drought Monitor has reported. And about 95 per cent of Nevada, where Google has two data centres, is similarly parched. Heatwaves and droughts have

also made wildfires harder to fight in the American West. Industry experts say climate change has made the region much warmer and drier in the past 30 years.

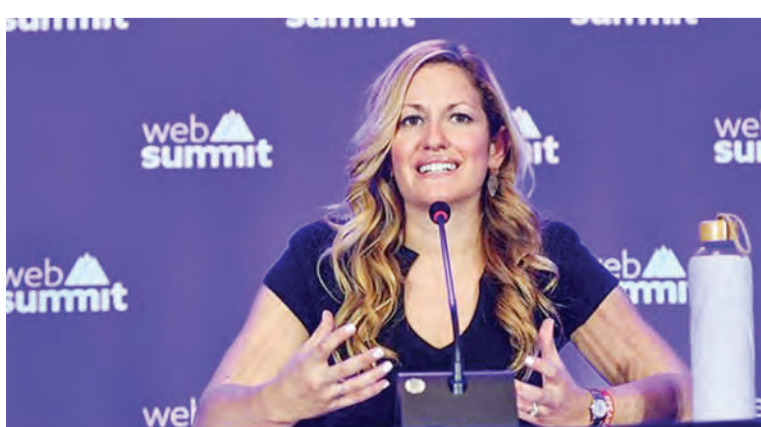
"Water security is an issue that goes beyond our operations and it is not something we can solve alone. In partnership with others, we will invest in community projects that replenish 120 per cent of the water we consume," Ms Brandt said.

The company, which has committed to run all of its campuses and data centres on carbon-free energy by 2030, is using reclaimed wastewater to cool its data centre in Georgia to improve its operational water sustainability.

Google has also partnered with the UN Environment Programme and the European Commission's Joint Research Centre to create the Freshwater Ecosystems Explorer tool that tracks surface water changes over time on a national and local scale. It also rolled out a new free training programme to help small businesses in the UK reduce their carbon emissions.

It has developed the training in partnership with leading sustainability and net-zero certification group Planet Mark as part of the UK government's Together for our Planet Business Climate Leaders campaign, which encourages small businesses to commit to cutting their emissions in half by 2030 and to net zero by 2050.

"Small businesses make up 99 per cent of the UK's business community so they will play a crucial role in reaching net zero," Google's vice president and managing director at UK and Ireland Ronan Harris said. "Yet, understandably, small businesses don't always have the time, resources or expertise to dedicate to this - especially as they focus on recovery from the pandemic," he added.



Google's chief sustainability officer Kate Brandt.



MONDAY - FRIDAY
STARTING 7:30 PM



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SUNDAY 18 April

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

MONDAY 19 April

5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi
6:00 HABARI
6:40 Kumekucha
7:30 HABARI
8:00 Kumekucha Michezo
8:55 Habari za saa
9:00 Kumekucha Kishindo
9:30 Isidingo
9:55 Habari za saa
10:00 Watoto Wetu
10:55 Habari za saa
11:00 ITV Top 10 rpt
11:55 Habari za saa
12:00 Al Jazeera News
12:30 Mtego rpt
12:55 Habari za saa
13:00 Mjue Zaidi
13:45 Art and Lifestyle rpt
13:55 Habari za saa
14:10 Telenovela rpt: (Piel Salvaje)
Wild Skin
14:55 Habari za saa
15:00 Meza huru
16:30 Watoto Wetu
17:00 The Base
18:00 Jiji Letu
18:10 Aibu yako rpt
18:15 Maphishi
18:45 Kesho leo
19:00 Afya ya Jamii
19:30 Isidingo
20:00 Habari
21:05 Dakika 45
22:00 Telenovela: (Piel Salvaje)
Wild Skin
23:00 Habari
23:30 The Base
00:30 Al Jazeera
02:00 DWTV

TUESDAY 20 April

5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi
6:00 HABARI
6:40 Kumekucha
7:30 HABARI
8:00 Kumekucha Michezo

8:55 Habari za saa
9:00 Kumekucha Kishindo
9:30 Isidingo
9:55 Habari za saa
10:00 Watoto wetu rpt
10:30 Jungu kuu rpt
10:55 Habari za saa
11:00 The Base rpt
11:55 Habari za saa
12:00 Al Jazeera
12:30 Afya ya jamii
12:55 Habari za saa
13:00 DWT: Kesho leo rpt
13:30 Shika Bamba rpt
13:55 Habari za saa
14:00 Telenovela rpt: (Piel Salvaje)
Wild Skin
14:55 Habari za saa
15:00 Meza huru
16:30 Watoto wetu
17:00 The Base
18:00 Jiji Letu
18:10 Yu wapi
18:15 Igizo: Mizengwe rpt
18:30 Uchumi na biashara
19:00 Jarida la wanawake
19:30 Isidingo
20:00 Habari
21:00 Kipindi Maalum: Reflexology
21:10 Kipindi Maalum: Tanzania Yetu
21:40 Chetu ni chetu
22:30 Telenovela: (Piel Salvaje)
Wild Skin
23:00 Habari
23:30 Chetu ni chetu
23:45 The Base
00:45 Al Jazeera
02:00 DWTV

WEDNESDAY 21 April

5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi
6:00 HABARI
6:40 Kumekucha
7:30 HABARI
8:00 Kumekucha Michezo
8:55 Habari za saa
9:00 Kumekucha Kishindo
9:30 Isidingo
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10:00 Watoto Wetu rpt
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11:00 The Base rpt
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12:00 Al Jazeera
12:30 Jarida la wanawake rpt
12:55 Habari za saa
13:00 Dakika 45 rpt
13:55 Habari za saa
14:00 Telenovela rpt: (Piel Salvaje)
Wild Skin
14:55 Habari za saa
15:00 Meza huru
16:30 Watoto Wetu
17:00 The Base
18:00 Jiji Letu
18:15 Maphishi
18:30 Ijue Sheria
19:00 Kipindi Maalum: TMDA
19:30 Isidingo
21:00 Kipindi Maalum: Tanesco
21:30 Kipindi Maalum:
22:15 Telenovela rpt: (Piel Salvaje)
Wild Skin
23:00 Habari

23:30 The Base
00:30 Al Jazeera
02:00 DWTV

THURSDAY 22 April
5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi
6:00 HABARI
6:40 Kumekucha
7:30 HABARI
8:00 Kumekucha Michezo
9:55 Habari za saa
9:00 Kumekucha Kishindo
9:30 Isidingo
9:55 Habari za saa
10:00 Watoto
10:30 Shamba lulu rpt
10:55 Habari za saa
11:00 The Base rpt
11:55 Habari za saa
12:00 Al Jazeera
12:30 Ijue sheria rpt
12:55 Habari za saa
13:00 Kipindi Maalum rpt: TMDA
13:30 Kipindi Maalum rpt: Tanzania Yetu
13:55 Habari za saa
14:15 Telenovela rpt: (Piel Salvaje)
Wild Skin
14:55 Habari za saa
15:00 Meza huru
16:30 Watoto Wetu
17:00 The Base
18:00 Jiji Letu
18:15 Maphishi rpt
18:30 Jagina
19:00 Usafiri wako
19:30 Habari
20:00 Habari
21:00 Malumbano ya hoja
23:00 The Base
00:30 Al Jazeera
02:00 DWTV

FRIDAY 23 April

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

23:00 Habari
23:30 The Base
00:30 Al Jazeera
02:00 DWTV

SATURDAY 24 April
5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi
6:00 HABARI
6:40 Kumekucha
7:00 Habari
8:00 Al Jazeera
9:00 Watoto wetu
10:00 Shika Bamba 5
10:30 Mjue Zaidi rpt
11:15 Chetu ni chetu rpt
12:15 Korean drama rpt: Jumong
13:45 Telenovela rpt: (Piel Salvaje)
Wild Skin
16:00 Igizo rpt: Mizengwe
16:20 Igizo: Mtego
17:00 Shamsam za Pwani
18:00 Jiji Letu
18:15 Korean drama: Jumong
19:00 Jungu Kuu
19:30 Shika Bamba
20:00 Habari
21:00 Art and lifestyle
21:30 ITV TOP 10
22:10 Isidingo rpt
00:30 DWTV

SUNDAY 25 April

5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi
6:00 HABARI
6:40 Kumekucha
7:00 Habari
8:00 Al Jazeera
09:00 Watoto Wetu
10:00 Isidingo
11:40 Movie rpt: Laana
14:00 Tamasha la Michezo
15:30 Mwangaza
16:30 ITV Top 10
17:30 Kipindi cha kikristo
18:00 Jiji Letu
18:15 Maphishi
18:30 Matukio ya wiki
19:30 Igizo: Mtego
20:00 Habari
21:00 Kipindi maalum: Biko
21:05 Kipindi Maalum: Reflexology
21:15 Mizengwe
21:35 Mjue Zaidi
22:15 Bongo Movie: Who's Back
00:05 Telenovela rpt: (Piel Salvaje)
Wild Skin

CAPITAL

Sat 17 April

08:00 Al Jazeera
09:00 Rev rpt
09:30 Turning the Spotlight rpt
10:00 Culinary delight rpt
10:30 Innovation rpt
11:00 Out n'about rpt
11:30 Sports Gazette rpt
12:00 Shamba Lulu rpt
12:30 Eco@Africa rpt
13:00B usiness edition rpt
13:30 Korean Drama rpt: The slave hunter
14:30 Telenovela rpt: Lover her to death

17:15 Tanzania Yetu rpt
17:45 Bundesliga kick off
18:15 Capchat rpt
19:15 Mizengwe
19:30 The Decor
20:00 Korean Drama: Iris
21:00 Out n'About
21:30 Movie: Grindstone Road (tape no:5593)
23:00 Series rpt: Beats of Love
01:00 Al Jazeera

Sun 18 April

08:00 Al Jazeera
09:00 In good shape
10:00 Capchat rpt
11:00 Sports Gazette rpt
11:30 Korean Drama rpt: The slave hunter
12:00 Jagina rpt
12:30 Bundesliga Kick Off rpt
13:00 In good shape rpt
13:30 Series rpt: Beats of Love
15:15 Aibu yako
15:30 Rev rpt
16:00 Dakika 45 rpt
16:45 Mizengwe rpt
17:00 The Decor rpt
17:30 Meza huru
19:00 Turning the Spotlight rpt
19:30 Cookery pgm: Culinary Delights
20:00 Korean Drama: Iris
21:00 Shift
21:15 Capchat live
22:15 Telenovela rpt: Lover her to death
00:00 Al Jazeera

Mon 19 April

06:00 Al Jazeera
07:00 Morning Jam (Via Capital Radio)
09:00 Lete Raha (Via Capital Radio)
13:00 Telenovela rpt: Lover her to death
14:00 Club 101 (via Capital Radio)
16:00 Series rpt: Beats of Love
16:30 Tanzania Yetu rpt
17:00 Eco@Africa rpt
17:30 Meza huru
19:00 The Decor rpt
19:30 Shamba lulu
20:00 Series: Beats of Love
20:45 The Monday Agenda
21:30 Capital Prime News
22:00 Kipima Joto
00:00 Al Jazeera

Tues 20 April

06:00 Al Jazeera
07:00 Morning Jam (Via Capital Radio)
09:00 Lete Raha (Via Capital Radio)
13:00 Telenovela rpt: Lover her to death
16:00 Series rpt: Beats of Love
16:30 Capchat rpt
17:30 Meza huru
19:00 Innovation
19:30 Jagina rpt
20:00 Series: Beats of Love

WORLD

Trump skips joining Biden, other ex-presidents at 9/11 ceremonies

WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT Joe Biden, former President Barack Obama and former President Bill Clinton all attended a somber ceremony Saturday morning at the National September 11 Memorial where the World Trade Center towers fell two decades ago.

Biden traveled next to the Flight 93 memorial in Shanksville to attend a wreath-laying ceremony. Earlier, former President George W. Bush and Vice President Kamala Harris both spoke at the memorial.

Trump, instead of appearing at the ceremonies, traveled several blocks from his Trump Tower building in Manhattan to the 17th police precinct and the neighboring fire station in NYC.

During an unannounced stop at a Shanksville fire department, Biden praised Bush for encouraging American unity in his speech. He also defended his administration's handling of the withdrawal from Afghanistan in brief remarks to the press pool.

Biden's last stop in the day was the National 9/11 Pentagon Memorial in Washington, D.C., where he attended a wreath-laying ceremony along with first lady Jill Biden, Vice President Kamala Harris, Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin and Gen. Mark Milley, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Biden did not deliver formal remarks on Saturday but released a video statement on Friday recognizing the lives lost in the deadliest attack in US history and calling for national unity.

Nineteen terrorists hijacked four fuel-loaded US commercial airplanes bound for west coast destinations on Sept 11, 2001. A total of 2,977 people were killed in New York City, Washington, DC and outside of Shanksville, Pennsylvania.

The echoes of the destruction wrought on 9/11 -- and what it took to rebuild after -- weren't lost on those gathered Saturday at Ground Zero, resounding the message by New York Governor Kathy Hochul: "We never forget, but we go forth into the future



Bill Clinton, Hillary Clinton, Barack Obama, Michelle Obama, Joe Biden, Jill Biden, Michael Bloomberg, Diana Taylor and Nancy Pelosi participate in a moment of silence during the 9/11 Commemoration Ceremony in New York on Saturday. (PHOTO / BLOOMBERG)

steeled in the conviction that yes, we were knocked down, but we are never out. Whether it's a terrorist attack, whether it's the pandemic." Hochul joined Biden, the Obamas, the Clintons and other US officials at the National September 11 Memorial & Museum to read the names of those killed in the attack.

Speaking in Shanksville, former President Bush, who took office eight months before Sept 11 altered the trajectory of his presidency, said the unity shown then was a far cry from the rifts now dividing Americans.

"Malign force seems at work in our common life that turns ever

disagreement into an argument and every argument into a clash of cultures," he said, warning of the growing risk of domestic extremism. "So much of our politics has become a naked appeal to anger, fear and resentment."

Trump, who Democrats and even some Republicans blame for a coarsening of US politics, issued a video criticizing Biden's handling of the Afghanistan exit. He spoke at a police precinct near his Trump Tower home, repeating his lie that the 2020 election was "rigged" and telling officers they could stamp out crime if they were allowed to police without constraints. **Agencies**

Russian diplomat warns of looming potential for terrorist haven to pop up in Central Asia

MOSCOW

A DANGER exists that terrorists might find a safe haven in Central Asia in light of the developments in Afghanistan, Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Sergey Ryabkov told TASS.

"I am afraid, first of all, that a safe haven for terrorists and extremists may appear there [in Afghanistan] without reference to the Taliban (radical militant group, outlawed in Russia - TASS)," he said.

"There may be a consolidation of that terrorist underground or semi-underground, even on the territory of the Central Asian states."

According to Ryabkov (pictured), if that is the case, it will be more difficult to keep the situation under control.

In his view, on the whole, "the Americans have certainly lost" because of these developments, "but probably everyone, except the Taliban, is at a disadvantage." No one will benefit from what happened, he insisted. "It will take a long time to achieve some kind of a new, at least a relative balance."

Since these developments have instilled 'fear and awe' among those around them, it is now difficult to expect that "countries, including [Afghanistan's] neighbors, will seriously pursue shaping a new model of dialogue, especially in some multilateral contacts," Ryabkov went on to say. "They may take a hands-off approach to all that for some time," he noted.

Ryabkov also did not rule out that it would be more difficult for him to work with US counterparts in light of what happened, since there are fewer issues "where the United States is interested in an in-depth professional political and diplomatic process, where Moscow and Washington are on an equal footing." **Agencies**



Election of Macao's seventh Legislative Assembly kicks off

MACAO

THE election of the seventh Legislative Assembly of the Macao Special Administrative Region (SAR) kicked off yesterday morning.

Voting started at 9:00 a.m. and is scheduled to conclude at 9:00 p.m. local time. The preliminary results are expected to come out early Monday morning.

The seventh legislature will be composed of 33 seats, including 14 directly-elected seats, 12 indirectly-elected seats, and seven others appointed by the Macao SAR's chief executive within 15 days after receiving the reviewed vote counting of direct and indirect election.

A total of 126 candidates

from 14 teams will run for the 14 directly-elected seats, while 12 candidates from five vocational groups will run for the 12 indirectly-elected seats.

After casting his vote, Ho Iat Seng, chief executive of the Macao SAR, called upon voters to actively go to the ballot.

Ho expressed his hope that the legislators perform their supervisory power over the SAR government in accordance with the Basic Law of the Macao SAR.

Anti-corruption officials said they have carried out around 8,000 inspections since the election work began and the situation was satisfying.

Due to the impacts of COVID-19, the SAR government has adopted strict prevention measures for the campaigning



Voters cast their ballots during the election of the seventh Legislative Assembly of the Macao SAR, China yesterday

period.

On voting day, voters were required to wear face masks, have their body temperatures checked and present health codes. There were also signs reminding voters to keep social distance and avoid gather-

ing.

A female Macao resident with the surname Lei told Xinhua that she hoped newly elected legislators can speak for the public on topics such as medical care and housing.

A man surnamed Yu said

he hoped the new legislators can bring about new changes to the Legislative Assembly against the backdrop of the COVID-19 pandemic, which has dealt a heavy blow on Macao's economy.

There are a total of 325,180 eligible voters in the direct election, 18,160 more than the previous election in 2017.

Meanwhile, 813 legal person voters, as compared with 858 for the previous election in 2017, will vote in the indirect election.

As many as 42 polling stations were set up for the voting, while three mobile polling stations were also set up so as to ensure the voting rights of residents who are under medical observation at designated hotels. **Xinhua**

UK abandons vaccine passport plans, health minister says

ATHENS

THE UK will abandon plans to call for proof of vaccination to enter venues, and may soon drop mandatory testing for returning travelers as part of a further easing of coronavirus restrictions to be announced this week, even as cases surge.

"I've never liked the idea of saying to people, 'You must show your papers' or something to do what is just an everyday activity," Health Minister Sajid Javid said in an interview on the BBC's Andrew Marr show on Sunday.

"We've looked at it properly, and whilst we should keep it in reserve as a potential option, I'm pleased to say that we will not be going ahead with plans for vaccine passports."

Earlier, on Sky News, Javid said a final decision on vaccine passports was still pending.

Javid spoke ahead of steps expected to be announced by Prime Minister Boris Johnson on Tuesday to manage COVID-19 over the autumn and winter.

The UK removed many of its coronavirus restrictions in July, but that initial step toward normality has been marred by a surge in cases of the Delta variant of the virus.

Still, Javid isn't expecting any further lockdowns. "I think it will be irresponsible for any health minister around the world to take everything off the table, but I just don't see how we get to another lockdown," he said.

Scottish First Minister Nicola Sturgeon made similar comments on Sky, saying Scotland wasn't in danger of another lockdown despite rising cases there.

The UK is on pace to start a vaccine booster program this



A boy at COVID-19 test station as he entered his new secondary school for the first time at Wales High school, Sheffield, England.

month, Javid said.

The health chief is also keen to end the costly PCR tests needed by UK travelers returning from certain countries.

"I want to take that away as soon as I can, but it must be based on the public health's advice," he said. "We should only keep measures in place if they are absolutely totally

necessary."

Javid said that Johnson will this week announce that some of the measures in the Coronavirus Act, which were by necessity emergency powers, will be dropped.

These include the power to shut down a business, to shut down education settings and to require certain restrictions around people who are infec-

tious.

"A lot of these powers can go," the health minister said. "But some of them are necessary to keep, such as requiring people to self-isolate if they test positive."

The Times earlier reported that while Johnson may drop the need for proof of vaccination for entry to nightclubs, cinemas and sports grounds, companies that now require certification of vaccines will be able to continue doing so.

Javid said there was no deadline for the government to finalize plans for vaccinations in 12- to 15-year-olds. The UK's four chief medical officers are considering the issue, he said.

On Times Radio, Javid said that schools have been preparing vaccination programs for if or when the green light is given. He said he was "confident" of a fast rollout.

Social Democrats' lead over Merkel bloc widens to record

By Bloomberg

FINANCE Minister Olaf Scholz's Social Democrats widened their lead over Germany's conservatives to a record 6 percentage points in a weekly poll, setting the stage for the country's second election debate yesterday.

Support for the Social Democrats increased 1 point to 26 percent in the Insa poll for Bild am Sonntag, while Chancellor Angela Merkel's Christian Democratic-led bloc stagnated at 20 percent and the Green party declined 1 point to 15 percent.

It's the latest sign of momentum for Scholz, who would be first in line to lead a post-Merkel government if the numbers hold up in the Sept 26 election.

The Free Democrats were unchanged at 13 percent, the nationalist Alternative for Germany party declined 1 point to 11 percent and the anti-capitalist Left party fell 1 point to 6 percent, according to the newspaper.

The electoral split opens up at least four governing coalitions as Germany looks to the era after Merkel, who isn't seeking another term after 16 years in office. Scholz, Christian Democratic Union candidate Armin Laschet and Green contender Annalena Baerbock will face off on national television in the second of three pre-election debates on Sunday evening.

In a separate Insa poll of what's motivating potential voters, climate change and retirement benefits ranked as the top election themes.

The SPD's 6-point lead is the widest yet in the Insa poll. All national pollsters put the Social Democrats ahead of the conservatives, with the gap ranging from 7 percentage points to 2 points. Insa's Sept 6-10 party preference poll of 1,152 people has a margin of error of plus or minus 3 percentage points.

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German Finance Minister, Vice-Chancellor and the Social Democratic Party's (SPD) main candidate Olaf Scholz speaks during an election campaign event in Leipzig, on September 5, 2021. (AFP)

China starts campaign for cultivating skilled workers

CHINA'S Ministry of Human Resources and Social Security (MOHRSS) has lately issued guidelines to initiate a campaign for training skilled workers.

According to the guidelines, the country plans to increase the number of skilled labor by over 40 million by the end of 2025, and will ensure its proportion in the country's total employed population rises to 30 percent by then.

Besides, the country intends to bring the proportion of highly skilled personnel in skilled workers to 35 percent in its eastern provinces, and lift that in the central and western re-

gions by two to three percentage points by 2025.

Highly skilled workers can turn research findings and designs into actual products, contribute to scientific and technological innovation and breakthroughs and undertake many other important tasks, noted Chen Lixiang, deputy head of the Chinese Society for Technical and Vocational Education.

China's technological advances in equipment manufacturing in recent years couldn't have been achieved without the wisdom of high-caliber in-

novation teams made up of personnel including skilled workers, Chen said.

As of the end of last year, the number of skilled workers in China exceeded 200 million, among whom nearly 30 percent, or about 58 million, were highly skilled. However, there remains a prominent scarcity of skilled labor in the country, with the number of vacancies for highly skilled workers being over twice that of job seekers.

Research conducted by China's Ministry of Industry and Information Technology and Ministry of Education shows

ten major fields of manufacturing will suffer from a shortage of nearly 30 million skilled workers by 2025, Chen warned.

To ensure that the goals and tasks set out in the guidelines will be achieved, the document specified 20 measures related to endeavors including perfecting relevant systems and policies, advancing vocational education, involving companies in skills training, and enhancing international cooperation in the aspect, which cover the cultivation, employment and evaluation of and incentives for skilled workers.

In order to push ahead with high-quality vocational training, 155 prefecture-level cities in 31 provincial-level regions and the Xinjiang Production and Construction Corps in China have offered electronic coupons for training courses this year, allowing impoverished laborers, the unemployed, college graduates and staff members in companies to improve their professional skills with the electronic coupons received through their social security accounts.

Data suggest that nearly 1.76 million electronic coupons

had been issued and 84,300 of them had been used by mid-April.

The guidelines stressed continuously implementing a new type of apprenticeship system with Chinese characteristics for companies.

On the basis of the traditional one, the new type of apprenticeship system highlights vocational training jointly carried out by training institutions and companies, policy support and government subsidies, Chen pointed out.

Under the new apprenticeship system, companies can

cut costs of talent cultivation, apprentices can be better prepared for jobs, and vocational schools and institutions can get involved in the practices of companies, according to Chen.

In 2020, Kunshan, east China's Jiangsu province, opened its first session of training courses under the new apprenticeship system.

"The training courses were totally free," said Zhou Qiang, an apprentice attending the courses, adding that those certificated as senior technicians after the training can receive a subsidy of 8,000 yuan (\$1,238) from the government.

People's Daily

Eradicating global terrorism demands addressing root causes

BEIJING

AHEAD of the 20th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks, the United States pulled its troops out of Afghanistan, bringing an inglorious end to its longest war fought overseas in the name of counterterrorism.

The botched Afghan exit epitomizes the fiasco of the world's sole superpower's global war on terror. It also shows that on the one hand, no country, no matter how powerful it is, can defeat all the world's terrorists; on the other hand, seeking to eradicate global terrorism without addressing its root causes is out of the question.

Poverty, social inequality, education gap and political instability have been widely regarded as among the key factors that generate extremist ideas and help terrorist groups find recruits.

Of the 26,445 global deaths from terrorism in 2017, 95 percent occurred in the Middle East, Africa and South Asia, while only less than 2 percent were in Europe, the Americas and Oceania combined, according to the Global Terrorism Database, an open-source database of terrorist incidents worldwide from 1970 onward.

Thus, one of the priorities for a country to beat terrorism is to grow the economy as well as boost social justice and equality so as to provide a decent life for its people,

particularly the young.

This can not be achieved through military might. Besides economic security, de-radicalization education -- especially among teenagers and children -- also plays a significant role in fighting terrorism.

Nowadays, the rapid development of the Internet and social media has supercharged the spread of extremist ideas to almost all corners of the globe.

Some radical groups have also tried to exploit grievances caused by the COVID-19 pandemic to peddle hatred and incite terror attacks, the United Nations warned in its Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy.

Because of rampant online radicalization, children in some less-developed countries, who should have gone to school and held pens in their hands, are holding grenades and AK-47 machine guns.

British newspaper The Independent reported that Britain's youngest known terror offender committed his first offence at the age of 13, and he later became the British head of a global online neo-Nazi group.

This shocking case highlighted the significance of helping adolescents develop healthy values in the mission against terror.

With an accurate pulse of the root causes of terrorism, China's comprehensive efforts to stamp



out the once surging terrorist attacks in Xinjiang have proved effective.

In recent years, the local government in Xinjiang has taken a series of measures, like setting up vocational education and training centers, to address such root causes of terrorism as poverty, unemployment and religious extremism.

As a result, Xinjiang has not seen a single terror attack for many years. In today's globalized world, no country is immune to terrorism and no country can effectively uproot terrorism by itself.

Thus, countries around the world

should further strengthen international cooperation in efforts to vanquish global terrorism.

To do this, countries like the United States should stop abusing its war on terror as a pretext for intervention, and abandon their double standards in fighting terrorism, as those acts gravely undermine the much-needed global cooperation.

On the world stage, China has been trying to boost common development with developing countries through such drives as the Belt and Road Initiative with hopes of tackling global terrorism in a fundamental way.

A World Bank report suggests that by 2030, the Belt and Road projects, which have attracted the participation of some 140 countries, could help lift 7.6 million people out of extreme poverty and 32 million people out of moderate poverty across the world.

Fighting terrorism is the shared responsibility of all mankind. The international community must maintain high vigilance, foster a sense of a community with a shared future for mankind, and take a holistic approach to the joint fight against terrorism in all its forms.

Xinhua

Putin-Lukashenko meeting was held as productively as possible - spokesperson

MOSCOW

THE recent talks between Russian and Belarusian Presidents Vladimir Putin and Alexander Lukashenko were held successfully as expected, Lukashenko's spokesperson Natalya Eysmont said yesterday.

"Of course, everyone had an understanding that this meeting would take place, the president called it a breakthrough and as productive as possible," she said.

On Thursday, after the talks in the Kremlin between the Russian and Belarusian presidents, Vladimir Putin and Alexander Lukashenko, 28 programs of the two states' union were approved. The Russian president pointed out that at the talks they reached agreements on a shared macroeconomic policy, on the integration of payment systems, on deeper cooperation in cybersecurity as well as in the customs, tax and energy sectors and other areas.

On Friday, the two prime ministers approved these programs at a meeting of the Council of Ministers of the Union State of Belarus and Russia in Minsk.

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To make BRICS mechanism brim with renewed vigor, vitality

CHINESE President Xi Jinping attended the 13th BRICS summit on September 9 in Beijing via video link and delivered an important speech.

On the landmark occasion of the 15th anniversary of BRICS cooperation, China, holding high the banner of building a community with a shared future for mankind, will map out strategies to enhance BRICS cooperation, chart a course for global anti-pandemic cooperation, and guide global recovery.

BRICS countries have grown into a crucial force in the international arena over the past 15 years. At present, COVID-19 is still wreaking havoc around the world. The road to global recovery remains bumpy and tortuous, and the international order is going through profound and complex changes. At this critical moment, the deepening of the BRICS strategic partnership is of global significance and will play a positive role in coping with global challenges, enhancing global governance, promoting global recovery and advancing global common progress.

"Facing these challenges, we the BRICS countries must step forward to make an active contribution to world peace and development and advance the building of a community with a shared future for mankind," said Xi in the speech, charting a course for BRICS countries to make positive contributions to the world.

He remarked that BRICS countries need to promote the practice of true multilateralism, global solidarity against COVID-19, openness and innovation-driven growth and common development.

He also raised five proposals to further enhance the



Chinese President Xi Jinping attends the 13th BRICS summit via video link in Beijing and delivers an important speech, Sept 9, 2021. Xinhua

quality of practical cooperation, including to strengthen public health cooperation in the spirit of solidarity, to strengthen international cooperation on vaccines in the spirit of equitable access for all, to strengthen economic cooperation in the spirit of mutual benefit, to strengthen political and security cooperation in the spirit of fairness and justice, and to strengthen people-to-people exchanges in the spirit of mutual learning. These proposals further enriched the connotation of BRICS cooperation under new circumstances and are welcomed by parties relevant.

Leading anti-pandemic cooperation and pulling together with the whole world, China has showcased its major country responsibility. China has provided vaccines and necessary technical support for countries in need, and has made active contribution to promoting the equitable distribution of vaccines and global cooperation against COVID-19. To date, China has provided more than one billion doses of finished and bulk vaccines to over 100 countries and international organizations, and will strive to provide a total of two billion doses by the end of this year. Xi announced that on

top of the \$100 million donation to COVAX, China will donate an additional 100 million doses of vaccines to fellow developing countries within this year.

What Xi said was powerful, and reflected the broad mind of the leader of a major country who is concerned with the safety of the world and attaches great importance on the welfare of the people around the world. China's contribution to BRICS countries and the global fight against the pandemic has been highly praised by the leaders of other BRICS countries.

Conforming to the trend of the times, China is making critical contributions to safeguarding multilateralism and improving global governance. COVID-19 is accelerating the changes in the international landscape.

Certain countries use multilateralism as pretext for acts of unilateralism, and meddles in other countries' internal affairs in the name of democracy and human rights, which has undermined the common interests of relevant countries.

Xi stressed BRICS countries should promote the practice of true multilateralism, adhere to the purposes and principles of the UN Charter,

and safeguard the UN-centered international system and the international order underpinned by international law.

The 13th BRICS Summit New Delhi Declaration also reiterated BRICS countries' support for multilateralism, saying they are committed to promoting the building of a community with a shared future for mankind.

The international society believes that the signal of pursuing a multipole world sent by China has injected positive energy into and stabilized the uncertain world.

Adhering to mutual benefits and win-win results, China is making important contributions to global recovery and common development. Xi raised Chinese schemes from a perspective of common development, stressing BRICS countries need to promote openness and innovation-driven growth to facilitate a steady global recovery.

They need to uphold the WTO-centered multilateral trading regime, make sure that the latest outcomes of scientific and technological progress bring benefit to all countries, and push for an economic globalization that is more open, inclusive, balanced and beneficial for all, he noted.

Besides, he said BRICS countries need to promote common development, follow a people-centered philosophy of development, fully implement the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, actively respond to climate change based on the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities, promote the transition to green and low-carbon development, and jointly build a clean and beautiful world.

People's Daily

Israel preparing for possible fourth vaccine dose

CANBERRA

ISRAEL is making preparations to ensure it has sufficient vaccine supply in case a fourth round of COVID-19 shots is needed, the country's top health official said yesterday.

"We don't know when it will happen; I hope very much that it won't be within six months, like this time, and that the third dose will last for longer," Health Ministry Director General Nachman Ash said in an interview with Radio 103FM.

Israel began a drive to administer booster shots at the beginning of August, and has so far inoculated about 2.8 million people with a third dose of coronavirus vaccine. Health officials have said that the effects of the initial shots weaken five months after inoculation, making boosters necessary. Some 6 million of the 9.4 million strong population have had one dose, and about 5.5 million have had two jabs.

The country, once a front-runner in the global race to move on from COVID-19, became one of the world's biggest pandemic hot spots in early September, with the highest per-capita infection rate of anywhere in the week through Sept 4, according to figures compiled by Johns Hopkins University.

Ash said last week that the surge in cases appears to have been halted, and that this can be attributed to the booster shot.

Following the spread of the Delta variant over the summer, Israel saw new cases climb, reaching an all-time high on Sept 2, as the government instituted widespread testing for children at the start of the school year.



A health worker prepares a booster dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine at Ichilov medical center in Tel Aviv, Israel, on Aug 2, 2021. File photo

The rate of severe cases per 100,000 of the population among unvaccinated people is far higher than among those who have been inoculated with two doses, showing that even with immunity waning, shots provide some protection against serious illness. Asked about a report that Israel had promised Pfizer Inc that it would use the company's vaccine exclusively, Ash said that the government had made no such undertaking. He said that people over the age of 18 who get their first shot are currently being given the Moderna Inc vaccine.

Australia

The Australian government has secured an additional 1 million doses of COVID-19 vaccine as the country continues to battle the third wave of infections.

Prime Minister Scott Morrison announced on Sunday that the 1 million Moderna doses from European Union member states will arrive within the next week and go directly to local community pharmacies across the country.

"That means everyone from 12 to 59 can go along to the community pharmacy where

Moderna is being administered," said Morrison.

It comes as Australia reported 1,669 new locally acquired COVID-19 infections yesterday morning.

Of the new cases, 1,262 were from New South Wales (NSW), Australia's most populous state with Sydney as the capital city, where the state health department also recorded seven deaths.

"There have been 177 COVID-19 related deaths in NSW since 16 June 2021," said the statement from NSW Health.

Victoria, the second-most populous state with Melbourne as the capital city, reported a further 392 new local cases.

The Australian Capital Territory (ACT) reported 15 new cases as Canberra marked one month in lockdown.

The government also on Sunday launched a new vaccine campaign aimed at those who are hesitant about the vaccine, which mobilizes all Australians to make the decision to get vaccinated.

According to Greg Hunt, minister for health, 81 percent of Australians said they are willing to get vaccinated based on the latest research.

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PARIS

A series of resolutions and commitments were adopted by the Seventh World Conservation Congress (WCC) that closed on Friday in French port city of Marseille and online, calling for efforts to address climate and biodiversity emergencies.

Governments, civil society and the private sector should restore a positive relationship with nature and people by "halting biodiversity loss by committing to a transformative, effective, and ambitious post-2020 global biodiversity framework," read the Marseille Manifesto adopted at the closing session of the nine-day conference

From Marseille to Kunming, all eyes on post-2020 global biodiversity framework

co-hosted by the French government and the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN).

The framework, the first draft of which was released in July, will be reviewed at the 15th meeting of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD COP15) from Oct. 11 to 24 in Kunming, capital of southwest China's Yunnan Province.

"The next months will largely determine how

countries address the biodiversity emergency," the Marseille Manifesto wrote. "Decisive and collaborative action is imperative at the CBD COP15 and beyond."

STARK REALITY

"Humanity has reached a tipping point" and "our window of opportunity to respond to these interlinked emergencies and share planetary resources equitably is narrowing quickly," the document

pointed out. The IUCN Red List, updated during the congress with a total number of 138,374 species assessed, counts 902 "extinct," 80 "extinct in the wild," and 8,404 "critically endangered." The IUCN stressed on the role of human activities on biodiversity when releasing its updated Red List with a contrast in headlines.

Four commercially-fished tuna species are on the path to recovery thanks to the enforcement

of regional fishing quotas over the last decade, while 37 percent of the world's sharks and rays now threatened with extinction primarily due to overfishing, compounded by loss and degradation of habitat and climate change.

This is "a powerful sign that, despite increasing pressures on our oceans, species can recover if states truly commit to sustainable practices," said IUCN Director General Bruno Oberle, adding that

relevant parties "must seize the opportunity to boost ambition on biodiversity conservation, and work towards binding targets based on sound scientific data."

LESSONS LEARNED

"Agreeing a post-2020 global biodiversity framework can play a significant role in building the necessary resilience," said CBD Executive Secretary Elizabeth Maruma Mrema in an open letter to IUCN mem-

bers.

The draft framework recognizes that urgent policy action is required to transform economic, social, and financial models at various levels so that the trends that have exacerbated biodiversity loss will stabilize by 2030, allowing for the recovery of natural ecosystems in the following 20 years, with net improvements by 2050.

"The Aichi Targets proved that ambition alone is not enough. To be successful, an all-hands-on-deck approach is needed; which the framework embodies through its whole-of-society and whole-of-government approach," said Mrema.



Tanzania's Azam FC winger, Iddi Selemani (R), negotiates his way past Somalia's Horseed SC defender as the clubs locked horns in 2021/22 CAF Confederation Cup preliminary round's first leg at Azam Complex in Dar es Salaam last Saturday. PHOTO: COURTESY OF AZAM FC

Azam FC victory masks massive task at hand

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

TANZANIA'S Azam FC got its 2021/22 CAF Confederation Cup campaign off to a flying start after a comprehensive 3-1 victory against visitors, Somalia's Horseed SC, in the preliminary round's first leg at Azam Complex in Dar es Salaam on Saturday night.

This means Azam FC has a two-goal advantage heading into the second leg. They just need a draw to progress to the next round of the competition.

Added to the fact that the second leg will be played in Dar at the request of the Somali clubs, it is safe to say Azam FC is through to the second preliminary round.

It was a good victory but the scoreline doesn't tell the full story. Horseed SC is not Somali Premier League's champion but managed to take on Azam FC like age mates.

The visitors were not overwhelmed and even had the confidence to play out from the back.

Horseed SC scored against the run of play midway through the first half before Ayoub Lyanga equalized for Azam FC.

The Somali outfit did not offer much going forward but managed to shock Azam FC with their first attempt.

In central defense, Azam FC head coach George Lwandamina opted to paired Ghanaian import, Daniel Amoh, with 20-year-old Lusajo Mwaikenda who was on loan at Kinondoni Municipal Council FC last season.

It was poor communication on the part of the youngster that costed Azam FC to concede an away goal.

Captain Bruce Kangwa was seen verbally castigating the defender, who also turns out for senior national side 'Taifa Stars', for shying away from duty without communication.

Kangwa was forced to a rash tackle to prevent Horseed SC from scoring, resulting in a free-kick that was eventually deflected past Ugandan goalkeeper, Mathias Kigonya, to hand the visitors a short-lived lead.

Though, in the end, Mwaikenda earned his redemption when he scored the third goal for Azam FC, the technical bench must have noted the defense has to improve ahead of an anticipated clash with Egyptian giants, Pyramids FC, in the second preliminary round of CAF Confederation Cup.

The defense needs to improve big time if not they will get taken apart by teams with more quality in attack.

Ghanaian center-back, Yakubu Mohamed, was released before the club realized they cannot rely on a 20-year youngster and a 36-year with very little football left in him.

Cameroonian defender, Yves Mballa, was signed from Zambia's Forest Rangers on the last day of the registration period to add an option to the central defense.

Their midfield was subpar. Sospeter Bajana and Mudathir Yahya started against Horseed SC and offered very little in terms of progressive passing, even when Azam FC was in full flow.

A new signing, Paul Katema, was introduced in the second half. The Zambian defensive midfielder was supposed to be an upgrade on the two locals, who started, and Rwandan, Ally Niyonzima, who was offloaded at the end of the season.

It was in the midfield where Horseed SC seemed to play well and forced Azam FC to commit more fouls.

After the last whistle, Azam FC had committed four more fouls than Horseed SC.

While others might be tempted to interpret this as a sign of a more physical approach by Azam FC, it is a stat that is unlikely to please the technical bench as one of the fouls resulted in the only goal they conceded.

And when Azam FC took the lead and even killed the game off, there was never an overwhelming sense of control.

Unless there is more to Katema than what we saw, you can imagine that better sides than Horseed will be able to expose the Azam FC midfield.

Old hand, Salum Abubakar 'Sure Boy', started in the attacking midfielder role.

Never Tigere was an unused substitute indicating how Lwandamina does not rate him.

'Sure Boy' tried some penetration passes but, in the end, he did not impact the final third enough. On the evidence of the day, 'Sure Boy's best days are now behind him.

It would be interesting to see what Kenneth Muguna would offer when he is selected.

Prince Dube was missing and so new signing Idris Mbombo started as the chosen center forward flanked by Iddi Selemani Iddi 'Naldo' and Lyanga.

Mbombo's pedigree is beyond doubt but he will need to step up to take over from Dube. He scored on his competitive debut and that should inspire him.

Why Yanga vs Rivers United tie was double jeopardy for Haji Manara

By Correspondent John Kimbute

CLUB mobilizer, Haji Manara, was sitting on hot coals before the 2021/22 CAF Champions League preliminary round's first leg pitting Tanzania's Young Africans SC, alias Yanga, against a spirited Rivers United of Nigeria in Dar es Salaam at the weekend.

What observers could not immediately say was whether Rivers United is another facet of Enyimba FC, an eastern zone neighbour in Nigeria, or a remake of last year's Plateau United, a distant side from the central parts of Nigeria.

If a strong side turned up then the just refurbished Jangwani Street side would have a hard nut to crack, but if they are journeymen the going would be easier - a lifeline for the club mobilizer, sorely needing a good result just to calm down things.

The reason the match was pivotal for the beleaguered expert in whipping up match feelings and crowd enthusiasm was that his position just began staggering once more on account of brand misdemeanor recorded live on social media.

The mobilizer, who is still under a sort of probation following his acrimonious parting of the ways with former employers, Simba SC, appeared to slide into an awkward position with his new employers.

It was an occasion in readiness for the first outing in continental soccer.

Viewers already familiar with the brand loyalty tussles that featured in his bitter exit from Msimbazi Street outfit ranks worried that there was a repeat scenario in the making, while most wished to believe that the new employers would take it in stride.

It looked like a testing moment for the usefulness of his services in the club, partly because of newly created rules by the Confederation of African Football (CAF) directing the cessation of crowd appearance in stadia. It erodes the benefit local clubs had, unlike lockdown states.

There is no doubt that continental competition provides the best mobilization moment one can find since it doesn't involve the sort of local competition where the balance of forces is well known, and at most one raises the temperature, not much more.

With foreign competition there is more room to appeal to sympathy from across the board, as the element of a Tanzanian club against a club from another country creates implicit loyalty, otherwise absent in local competition.

When CAF decides against open gates in continental competition, it limits the role of the mobilizer to the



Yanga players participate in training in Dar es Salaam recently to shape up for 2021/22 Mainland Premier League, and CAF Champions League. PHOTO: COURTESY OF YANGA

airwaves, to glue fans to television, etc.

Despite that Haji Manara's job profile has plenty to do with the Kariakoo-based arch-rivalry the wider parameters are sweetened by competition at the continental level, where it is the local appearances that take the limelight.

Foreign appearances are either a sequel or a prelude to judging the domestic side on its ground, where the fans have something to say on what happened on the pitch, rather than what they may remember from what they saw on television. Removing the crowds is a disfavor to the city specialist.

Whether or not all this had downed on the GSM Group and club leadership confetti on the mobilizer was one thing, but there was no doubt that an element of contested loyalty had cropped up, and the pundit was as usual on

a cavalier note about his sentiments or attitudes on actually the side which employs him.

That was, to say the least, astonishing, indicating an element of instability in the mover's psychological make-up summed up by the adage that 'fools rush in where angels fear to tread,' in the sense of a lack of awareness of taboo, and even danger.

Another expression talks of biting the hand that feeds you, simply.

Were it that the club side had a positive result and there is a feeling that excitement outside was also sort of encouraging, a number of those in a position to turn the tide could ride over that insinuation of the lack of loyalty, but if there is a negative result, and bombast comes to nothing, he could emerge as a liability.

Officials could start 'feeling the stones' of what river they are supposed to cross with the pundit and start wondering if they need

to employ an individual to charm up absent crowds on crucial matches, save of course for an upcoming match with their city rivals next street. Perhaps this could help dampen feelings.

Looking at it that way, it emerges that it is not the positive mobilization work that may finally keep the pundit on the pedals at Jangwani Street side but something else, which is also an aspect of club culture at present.

It is the give and takes with their next street rivals, where Haji is the third in line after Bernard Morrison and Senzo Mazingiza, where it was altogether vital that the club scores something against Msimbazi Street outfit, psychologically.

As the misdemeanor on social media related to their other financier, what the coastal people say could do here, that 'a demon that knows you does not eat you to the finish.'

Betting company launches sports experience centre

By Guardian Reporter

AN international sports betting operator, Betway, has taken another big step in adding value to the sports sector in Tanzania.

Betway has launched a first and one-of-a-kind sports experience and educational center to enhance unique sports experiences and interactivity among sports fans in the country. The indoor space, dubbed 'Betway Arena', is located at Mbezi Beach in Dar es Salaam.

The center is equipped with tablets for customers' registration and betting for live matches. The space is also furnished with multiple TV screens for live game watching and match results tracking.

The Betway Arena, moreover, the firm's officials stated, caters for and allows fans to play online casino games, should they prefer alternatives to sports entertainment.

At the Betway Arena, sports fans can interact

with the Betway brand in a comfortable and well-designed environment.

The place also offers Betway customers a comfortable environment to submit their queries, register a new account, and also place bets by logging into the tablets provided.

Speaking during the experience center's launch, Betway Tanzania's Country Operations Manager, Jimmy Masaoe, said that the launch of the facility is part of the company's efforts to add value to the sports sector in the country.

Masaoe stated: "We are so happy to be unveiling this unique and important space for sports fans in Tanzania to interact and enjoy sports betting in a real-time and fascinating environment."

"This is part of our promise to add value in sports betting and sports sectors as a whole because the center is going to be like a sports hub where you can interact, watch games, and place your bets in a way never

experienced before," he said.

Interacting with the attendees and the press at the facility, Masaoe said that Betway is working to fulfill its promises to enhance sports development in Tanzania as it promised during its entrance into the country and assured all that the company will be able to live its 'responsible gambling' motto by practically showing its customers how it is done.

"At Betway we are proud to be encouraging responsible betting to all our customers. We will make use of this space as a center of educating sports fans in Tanzania to make sure they understand and embrace the principles of responsible gambling. We welcome sports fans to feel and enjoy the real test of the game," he added.

As part of the launch, attendees enjoyed the live analysis of the English Premier League (EPL) Saturday fixtures from famous sports pundits in Tanzania, Maulid Kitenge, and Edo Kumwembe.

Sports fans were also engaged

through sports competitions such as prediction of results and goal scorers, resulting in a range of prizes being won.

Michael Mallya, a Manchester United fan who was also a participant at the event, stated that he had a unique experience at the facility and welcomed the decision for Betway to invest in Tanzania.

"I am a sports enthusiast, and for many years I used to see Betway exclusively in media and games involving the team they are supporting in England but now they are here," Mallya said. "Betway's experience center is the first I have seen in Tanzania, and I hope it will encourage further investment in sports, the fans will be thrilled for them to be here in Tanzania."

The Betway Arena, the company's officials pointed out, will be open seven days a week from 09:00 to 23:00 and provides sports fans with a lively experience while placing their bets.

Dar rapper Rapcha releases album on Boomplay

By Guardian Reporter

TANZANIAN rapper, Cosmas Paul Mfof, nicknamed 'Rapcha', has finally released his highly anticipated album titled, 'Wanangu 99', on the leading music streaming platform in Africa, Boomplay.

The album arrives three months after his latest hit, titled 'Lissa', which dominated the domestic music charts and received positive feedback from the fans, currently with over 1.5M views on YouTube.

The 'Wanangu 99' is 'Rapcha's

first album which features 10 tracks, including 'Majani', 'Go Rapcha', 'Unaua Vibe' remix, 'Nita-kucheki', 'Kama Unae', 'Tunajimwaga', 'Wanangu', 'Lissa I', 'Lissa II' and 'Mungu na Masela'.

Four artists are featured in the album, including 'Femi One', 'King Kaka', 'Mapanch BMB' and 'Kid Golden'.

The album showcases the 22-year old's growth as a Hip-Hop artist, bringing in a new vibe and a fresh taste into the Hip-Hop music scene in Tanzania.

Speaking at a press event, 'Rap-

cha', who is currently signed under 'Bongo Records', said: "This album talks more about some of the things that I have experienced or gone through in real life."

"I want my fans to understand who 'Rapcha' is and this is something that has pushed me to make an album that my fans will love deeply."

Bongo Records Founder and Director, Paul Matthyse, alias 'P-Funk', who also doubles as 'Rapcha's Manager said: "Within a short period, Rapcha has managed to become one of the top

artists in Tanzania releasing hits that have been able to break records and I'm confident that this album is going to make him number one hip-hop artiste in the country."

The audio production of this album was a collaboration of respected producers, 'P-Funk Majani', 'Cukie Dady', 'Mr. International', 'Gachi B', 'Baddest Beats', 'Aloneym' and 'Chizan Brain'.

Currently, the 10-track album is exclusively available on Boomplay for streaming and download for two weeks.

'Rapcha', born on September 23, 1999, is a musical artist from Tanzania. The rapper's love for music began at a tender age and released his first song, titled 'Chafu', in 2015.

Some of his songs include 'Mad Over You' remix, 'Namtaka', 'Kijogoo', 'Lissa' among others.

In 2018, Rapcha released a debut mixtape titled 'Just a Step'. In June, 'P-Funk Majani' recognized Rapcha via Instagram when the artist was promoting his mixtape.

'P-Funk Majani' then officially signed 'Rapcha' to Bongo Records

Ltd label in 2019.

Boomplay is a music streaming and download service provided by Transnet Music Limited.

The company has regional offices in Tanzania, Kenya, Ghana, and Nigeria.

The application is available globally on mobile through the Google Play Store for Android, App Store for iOS, and on the web via www.boomplay.com.

As of July 2021, Boomplay has over 66 million Monthly Active Users (MAUs) globally with a catalogue of over 60 million songs.

Can Ronaldo return make Man United European force again?

LONDON

CRISTIANO Ronaldo surpassed even his own expectations as he delivered on the hype of his return to Old Trafford as a Manchester United player by scoring twice in a 4-1 win over Newcastle on Saturday.

A full house reverberated to a chorus of Ronaldo chants and songs from long before kick-off as he took his tally for the club to 120 goals, 12 years on from swapping Manchester for Madrid.

The final game of the Portuguese's first spell with the Red Devils was a Champions League final defeat to Barcelona in 2009 that signalled a changing of the guard in European football in which Ronaldo played a large part.

Barca were crowned champions of Europe again in 2011 and 2015, while a Ronaldo-inspired Real Madrid won the competition four times between 2014 and 2018.

That balance of power between La Liga and the Premier League has swung again with two all-English Champions League finals in the past three years.

But they have not featured United in a sign of the club's decline since Alex Ferguson's retirement as manager in 2013.

The best the English giants have done since reaching a third final in four years in 2011 is two trips to the quarter-finals, where they were comprehensively dispatched by Bayern Munich and Barcelona.

In three of the eight seasons since Ferguson departed, United failed to even qualify for the Champions League.

- No excuses for Solskjaer -

However, the recruitment of the competition's greatest ever goalscorer, added to the signings of Jadon Sancho and Raphael Varane, leaves Ole Gunnar Solskjaer with few excuses left for failure in Europe.

The Norwegian landed the job as United manager largely based on the folklore of him scoring United's most famous Champions League goal to beat Bayern Munich in the 1999 final.

But as manager, he has failed to win the Europa League with by a distance the biggest budget in the competition in the past two seasons, and crashed out at the group stage of last season's Champions League.

United's latest European campaign gets underway in Switzerland on Tuesday against Young Boys with Solskjaer's men in need of a winning start with tougher tests against Villarreal, who beat United in last season's Europa League final, and Atalanta to come.

"We have a fantastic team, a young team, with a fantastic coach but we have to build up confidence," said Ronaldo after his dream double against Newcastle.

"The team needs to be mature if we want to win the league and the Champions League but we are in a good way and I am here to help the team."

Ronaldo is just the latest weapon in an attacking artillery that makes Solskjaer's squad the envy of most coaches across the continent.

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Ancelotti blasts 'strange' UEFA criticism of Perez

MADRID

CARLO Ancelotti has hit out at UEFA president Aleksander Ceferin over his criticism of Real Madrid's Florentino Perez and the club's continued involvement in the Super League project.

Ceferin -- in an interview published by the Barcelona's Joan Laporta and Juventus' Andrea Agnelli as "incompetent leaders" who "tried to kill football" with their bid to launch a breakaway league.

"It seems a bit strange to me, an organisation like UEFA talking like that about a president of a club that has won 13 Champions Leagues," Ancelotti said in a news conference on Saturday. "If the president of a club that has won 13 Champions Leagues is incompetent, what are the rest? I don't know."

Madrid, Barca and Juventus have refused to disown the Super League, even after the other nine original members -- including six Premier League clubs -- apologised, accepted fines, and were allowed to rejoin the European Club Association.

Ceferin insisted on Friday that he "wouldn't mind" if the trio abandoned the Champions League, saying it was "very funny" that they wanted to create a new tournament, while continuing to feature in this year's competition.

He also attacked Perez, who was named president of the proposed Super League, for claiming that football was in crisis without such radical changes being implemented. "He says that the club can only survive with a Super League and then tries to sign Kylian Mbappe for €180 million," Ceferin said.

Real Madrid will host Celta Vigo in LaLiga on Sunday in their first game back at the Santiago Bernabeu since March 2020. The stadium is still being redeveloped, with Madrid playing their behind-closed-doors home games since the coronavirus pandemic began at their Valdebebas training ground.

"It's special for everyone," Ancelotti said. "It's a stadium that has always helped the team. Our objective is to win and play well, and put on a good show."

ESPN

Ronaldo puts on a show on Man United return

By Mark Ogden, Senior Writer, ESPN FC

IT'S never easy to turn back the clock and recreate magic moments -- they say never go back, after all -- but Cristiano Ronaldo's football career has always defied logic, and by making a spectacular return to Manchester United with two goals in a 4-1 win against Newcastle United, he showed again that he only follows his own script.

Such is Ronaldo's pursuit of perfection that the 36-year-old probably left Old Trafford disappointed that he didn't mark his second United debut, which came 18 years after his first, by scoring a hat trick. But on a day when all eyes and cameras were fixed on the Portugal international, he scored in each half to show United have a striker capable of providing the goals to win a first Premier League title since 2012-13.

Ronaldo even answered the call of supporters who refused to leave until he reappeared postmatch, with the former Real Madrid and Juventus star emerging from the tunnel 45 minutes after the final whistle to acknowledge their call for an encore before urging them to go home, singing "Viva Ronaldo" as they finally headed out of the stadium.

It must be noted that Ronaldo's return was not greeted with universal acclaim. Gender justice group Level Up flew a plane over Old Trafford



Cristiano Ronaldo

with a banner saying 'Believe Kathryn Mayorga,' in support of the woman who accused Ronaldo of rape in a case that was dismissed and who has since taken a civil suit against him.

Newcastle supporters inside the stadium sang disparaging chants about Ronaldo throughout the game and the juxtaposition of thousands of men, women and children wearing "Ronaldo 7" shirts will be difficult to accept for many, but there is no doubt that Ronaldo continues to be regarded as a hero by United supporters.

His return to United, following last month's transfer to Juventus, had created a frenzy of anticipation ahead of this game. There were some reports that he might start on the bench and be eased in gently, but that was never going to happen. When he is fit, Ronaldo plays and plants his flag firmly in the centre of the stage.

"I was very nervous,"

Ronaldo told the BBC after the game. "Maybe I didn't show it, but I was."

"It was an unbelievable moment. I was super nervous and was thinking last night that I wanted to play good and show I was still capable of helping the team. This club is unbelievable and I am so proud. I am going to give everything to make them proud of me."

Ronaldo's face dominated the glass exterior at Old Trafford, his catalogue of goals from his first spell have been replayed repeatedly on MUTV, United's TV channel, and scarves and flags bearing his image were on sale outside the ground as fans walked up to the stadium.

Old Trafford had seen nothing like this since Eric Cantona returned to action against Liverpool in October 1995 following a nine-month suspension for jumping into the crowd at Crystal Palace and aiming a Kung Fu kick at a supporter. Cantona scored in a 2-2

draw against Liverpool that day, but Ronaldo went one better.

United fans have been desperate for Ronaldo to return since he left in 2009, singing his name during the years when he wore the white of Real Madrid and black-and-white stripes of Juventus. The club tried and failed on numerous occasions to tempt him back to Manchester, so this was a day that many had begun to feel would never happen.

That perhaps explains why Ronaldo's agent, Jorge Mendes, was high-fiving United fans before the game as he walked into the directors' box, where former United manager Sir Alex Ferguson, who signed Ronaldo in 2003, also was seated.

Even one of the club-owning Glazer family -- Avram -- turned up. The owners have not attended a game at Old Trafford since August 2019, and were the subject of renewed protests from fans last season. There is no doubt that re-signing

Ronaldo has certainly helped the Glazers defuse the campaign against them.

"[The Ronaldo signing] has changed the atmosphere," manager Ole Gunnar Solskjaer said after the match. "A few months back, you think how it was here. This is what United supporters should feel like."

"When you win a game, you enjoy it. When you see fans being happy, you really enjoy it. There were loads of expectations today. They all delivered."

Granted, there was an element of circus about Ronaldo's comeback game at times. During the warm-up, he brought loud cheers and groans from fans when either scoring or missing in shooting practice, while the name of every other player was drowned out by the cheer that erupted when his was read out.

For all of the off-field sideshow, however, Ronaldo showed what he can do for Solskjaer's team during games, which is what really matters. Two goals were a very good start, especially as the opener -- a 45th-minute tap-in from close range after goalkeeper Freddie Woodman failed to hold Mason Greenwood's shot -- broke the deadlock at the end of a frustrating first half.

Ronaldo's second restored United's lead after Javier Manquillo equalised early in the second half and was everything that makes him remarkable. Less than

six months from his 37th birthday, Ronaldo was able to burst clear of his marker before sending Luke Shaw's pass past Woodman with an unstoppable left-foot strike. Both goals brought Old Trafford to its feet, but the second was the real "wow" moment because it was so exhilarating to watch.

Indeed, on as day when many will say "I was there," it provided some relief for one family sitting in the Main Stand beside the press box. They arrived late, missing Ronaldo's raucous welcome, then headed to the refreshment area moments before he scored his opener. They were -- mercifully for stories to tell in years to come -- in position to celebrate his second.

From a purely football perspective, Ronaldo's two goals highlighted just how important an addition he will be to Solskjaer's team.

Last season, United lost six and drew four of their 19 Premier League games at Old Trafford, which meant they dropped 26 points at home. Many of those were a result of being unable to beat lesser teams.

In Ronaldo, United possess a player who will ruthlessly take advantage of scoring opportunities and his presence could be worth another 10 to 12 points at home. That kind of difference is what might deliver the league title back to Old Trafford.

Arsenal's win over Norwich gives Arteta cause for optimism - at last

By James Olley, Senior Writer, ESPN FC

THE revolution has to start somewhere. Mikel Arteta included five of his six summer signings from the outset and although Arsenal laboured to a 1-0 victory against Norwich City, a team likely to battle relegation this season, this was an important win in the Spaniard's ongoing battle to win hearts and minds.

Arteta was the central figure in the Gunners' £140 million summer recruitment strategy, pushing for particular targets and meeting face-to-face with players to convince them of his vision for the future.

It was therefore significant that a quintet of new arrivals made his starting lineup here -- only Nuno Tavares left out as the former Benfica defender was bought as an understudy to Kieran Tierney -- with Aaron Ramsdale getting the nod ahead of Bernd Leno in goal.

As ESPN reported on Aug. 20, Ramsdale was acquired at considerable expense -- a fee that could reach £32m -- in the belief this could be Leno's final season in north London, yet the changing of the guard was not expected this early. Ben White and Takehiro Tomiyasu were included in a four-man defence, with Albert Sambi Lokonga in midfield and Martin Odegaard operating as a No. 10 behind matchwinner Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang in attack.

Thomas Partey and



Mikel Arteta)

Emile Smith Rowe were only fit enough for the bench but otherwise this was as close to the team Arteta has wanted to pick for some time, given the COVID-19 issues, fitness problems and late business Arsenal conducted in the window. Emirates Stadium can often be a capricious place and despite Arteta delivering the 2020 FA Cup, many are reserving judgement over whether the 39-year-old can take the Gunners back toward the Champions League places. But here they stayed with the team throughout a hard-fought win.

Confidence was understandably low after three successive Premier League defeats at Brentford, Chelsea and Manchester City but after Aubameyang scored from close range with 24 minutes remaining, Arteta was visibly moved by the big decisions he has taken in recent months producing the first green shoots like this.

"I must say that probably it has been the best 10 to 15 days I have ever had since I have been

in football," said Arteta, which is quite the statement given the success he enjoyed during three years coaching under Pep Guardiola at Manchester City. "I am not saying they were the easiest, they were the best."

"You have to find a purpose, why do what you do and why you are a football player or a coach. It is about the relationships we have built, the level of trust. Emotionally, how players react, how everybody in the team, every department of the club,

supports and tries to be positive around the situation. You have to win football matches but it was an absolute joy to watch how everyone was behaving."

"What I am describing is probably what you guys don't see, what is happening internally. And then I have doubts, I have question marks because obviously I had to read, I had to understand, I had to reflect a little bit on different opinions and criticism and I don't know how much they are going to be affected."

"I think the club has been extremely open in trying to send a message across of what we are trying to do and I have question marks. I have to be honest. But I just saw incredible fans trying to inspire the team, trying to tell them 'we are ready to suffer with you and we are going to support you.' The rest, it doesn't matter. I am extremely grateful."

"I got pretty emotional to see that because I

think people maybe were expecting something, they want to go another road, try to transmit hate or whatever, it wasn't the case at all. So, thank you so much." Arsenal will have to improve in the coming weeks because this wasn't always an easy watch. They started brightly with pace and purpose but without much of an attacking plan beyond the lively Lokonga trying to release Aubameyang in behind Norwich's slightly high defensive line.

The home side registered just one shot on target in the first half -- a speculative long-range effort from Lokonga -- and although they improved after the interval, with Brandon Williams making a brilliant 57th-minute block to deny Nicolas Pepe, Norwich's openness played into their hands.

Perhaps it was only when Partey and Smith Rowe were introduced that Arsenal found the invention in their passing again to break the

deadlock. Partey's quick forward pass triggered a move which ended with Pepe curling a shot off one post before battling Brandon Williams to meet the rebound. It ricocheted back onto Pepe off the opposite post, ultimately playing Aubameyang inside and allowing him to turn the ball home from inside the six-yard box.

The goal survived a VAR check because Aubameyang was behind the ball when it hit Pepe after coming back off the post.

Norwich goalkeeper Tim Krul made two fine stops on shots from Aubameyang and Smith Rowe. At the other end, Teemu Pukki had a couple of late chances to steal an equaliser but Arsenal hung on for a win which gave Arteta a degree of validation -- and something to build on at Burnley next week. Victory is required there too, but at least the pressure valve is released a little for now.

Gwiji by David Chikoko



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DAR ES SALAAM



Dar es Salaam residents that will take part in a race, dubbed 'NMB Half Marathon', participate in fitness training after an event gearing towards introducing routes for the race, slated for September 25 at Leaders Club in the city, with Prime Minister, Kassim Majaliwa, gracing the race. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

Over 150 swimmers set for National Open Swimming Championship

By Correspondent Renatha Msungu

MORE than 150 swimmers are expected to compete in the National Open Swimming Championship scheduled to take place on September 25-26 at the Dar es Salaam Gymkhana Club (DGC) swimming pool.

The swimmers are from nine clubs from across Mainland Tanzania, according to Tanzania Swimming Association (TSA) organizing committee chairperson, Hadija Shebe.

The clubs are Dar es Salaam Swim Club, Taliss, Champions Rise, Mwanza Swim Club, and Arusha Swim Club.

Also on the list are Morogoro International School (MIS) alias 'MIS Piranhas', Bluefins, and FK Blue Marlins.

Hadija said all swimmers have met the qualification standard issued by TSA technical committee.

She said swimmers, who do not have qualifying times, are not allowed to compete in the event.

She said qualified swimmers are allowed to compete in up to eight individual events and two relay events.

Hadija said the swimmers must be those whose clubs have paid annual membership fees and are registered by TSA.

The official clarified also that those swimmers who attained qualifying times in TSA's organized competitions from January to this year are allowed to compete in the event.

The championship has been sponsored Samsa Logistics Limited, Sapphire Court Hotel Limited, Selcom Paytech Ltd, Pepsi, Azam, DGC, Tarmal Industries Ltd, Tanpack, and Flames Restaurant.

The age groups for the event are from nine to 10, 11-12, 13-14, and 15 and above.

A swimmer, who will finish in the first position in the showdown, will be awarded 20 points while the second-placed swimmer and a swimmer, who will finish third, will be awarded 16 points and 14 points.

The fourth-placed swimmer will garner 12 points while fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth, and 10th placed swimmers in individual events will be awarded 10, eight, six, four, two, and one point respectively.

She said the swimmers will compete in five different swimming style categories, namely Freestyle, Butterfly, Breaststroke, Backstroke, and Individual Medley.

Dar midfielder joins Serbian Premier League outfit



Midfielder, Maurice Abraham (R), in action for Tanzania's national U-17 soccer team 'Serengeti Boys', when the team took on Angola U-17 side in the 2019 U-17 Africa Cup of Nations final, which was played in Dar es Salaam.

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

FORMER Tanzania's national U-17 soccer team 'Serengeti Boys' skipper, Maurice Abraham, has signed a four-year contract with Serbian Premier League side, FK Spartak Subotica.

Abraham lead Serengeti Boys at the U-17 Africa Cup of Nations final, which was held in Dar es Salaam in 2019 and culminated with the Cameroon U-17 squad lifting silverware. The 18-year-old player, through Sama Player Management, has signed a contract with the Serbian outfit after having signed with the team in February on a pre-contract to join the club in September this year when he turns 18.

Abraham has confirmed his signing with the team after a long-running feud between him and his former employ-

ers, Mwanza's Alliance Football Club.

"Of course, I signed a four-year contract to serve FK Spartak Subotica after three months of being on trial and I have already played my first major league game against Backa Topola which ended in a 0-0 draw," the mid-

fielder disclosed.

Abraham also thanked senior national team captain, Mbwana Samatta, and his Sama Player Management team, for helping him get the opportunity he has today.

"I am very grateful to the captain of

the Tanzania senior national team, Samatta, because through his institution he took me from my hometown, Tabata, and held my hand and helped me get here," the footballer said.

Abraham joins the elite class of 2019 'Serengeti Boys' starlets, who trade their boots abroad, including Kelvin John, who plays for Belgium's KRC Genk, Agiri Ngoda, who plays for Malian Premier League champions Stade Malien, and Paschal Msindo of Azam FC but now on trials in Turkey.

Abraham's new team, namely Fudbalski Klub Spartak Subotica, is a professional football club from Subotica, Serbia, that plays in the Serbian SuperLiga.

The club, which currently sits fifth in the league, was founded in 1945 and was named after Jovan Miki Spartak, the leader of the Partisans in Subotica, who was a national hero and was killed in 1944.

The Serbian outfit, nicknamed 'Pigeons', has some famous players to have represented it over its history that include former no-nonsense center-back Nemanja Vidic.

Vidic became England's Manchester United legend, striker Nikola Zigic, who played successfully in Spain and England.

The other popular former footballer, who turned out for the outfit, is Ognjen Koroman who played for Serbia/Montenegro at the 2006 FIFA World Cup and forged a successful career across Europe.

Former footballers, Andrija Kalu erovi, who played in many countries across the world, and club legend, Vidak Bratic, who represented the club on numerous occasions, are as well the side's former players.

Tembo Stars clinch 2021 APL title

By Guardian Reporter

TEMBO Stars cricketers have clinched 2021 Advanced Cricket Players League (APL) top honour after notching a two-run victory over Buffalo Blasters in pulsating final which took place at Dar es Salaam Gymkhana Club (DGC) oval recently.

The final had Tembo Stars taking the crease first, and ultimately posting 150 runs losing six wickets in 20 overs, largely thanks to spirited knocks which were put to show by the top order cricketers.

They managed to deal with an early drawback that came about because of opener Ankit Baghel's early exit.

Baghel that had displayed solid showing in his side's previous fixtures in the competition was sent back to the pavilion by Buffalo Blasters' Abdulrahman Akida for naught after three knocks.

It was down to fellow opener, Nisar Ahmed, to see to it they end with a respectable total, the club was hardly disappointed as the cricketer nailed 64 runs.

Ahmed was eventually the top run-getter for Tembo Stars, with his innings including seven fours and three sixes.

The rest of the members of the top order, Seif Khalifa, Mohamed Omary, and Harsheed Chohan, chipped in handsomely.

Khalifa posted 21 runs, nailing four fours, Chohan, ended with 27 runs, cracking three fours and two sixes, whereas Omary nailed 29 runs which consisted of two fours and a six.

Sanjay Bom had the best bowling showing when Buffalo Blasters fielded, as the bowler took two wickets, giving



Tembo Stars cricket team's players in a group photo before featuring in one of the 2021 Advanced Players League (APL) clashes, which took place in Dar es Salaam recently. The side lifted the showpiece's top honour after edging Buffalo Blasters by two runs in the final. PHOTO: COURTESY OF TCA

away 23 runs in four overs.

Much as Buffalo Blasters batted zealously, they could not mount a successful chase, ending with 148 runs dropping seven wickets in 20 overs.

Top-order batsmen, Jitin Pratap Singh, and Bom showcased stellar displays at the crease, they, though, could not win the clash for their outfit.

Singh and Bom were the top run-getters, ending with 54 runs and 54 runs

out respectively.

The opener, Dinesh Rabadiya, notched 14 runs, whereas one of the key performers, Issa Kikasi, experienced early dismissal that proved costly.

Firoz Hatim Dahodwala and Tambwe Rashid notched two wickets apiece to see to it Tembo Stars keep Buffalo Blasters' batting unit in check.

Tembo Stars had made it to the final having posted a

six-wicket win over Royal Rhinos in the second semi-final at the same venue.

The encounter's eventual winners got the chance to battle it out in the fixture following their hard-fought one-run victory over Simba Kings in a playoff, dubbed 'Eliminator'.

Buffalo Blasters posted a comprehensive nine-wicket win over Tembo Stars in the first of the last four stage's ties, dubbed 'Qualifier' at the venue.

Bom of Buffalo Blasters laid his hands on the showdown's best player prize, the event's best bowler prize went to Buffalo Blasters' skipper, Kassim Nassor.

Tembo Stars' Nisar Ahmed was presented with the tournament's best batsman prize, the batsman further bagged the final's man of the match prize, Tembo Stars' Alhaj Sadick won the showdown's best-emerging player prize.

Flexibles by David Chikoko

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