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## Govt, CCM shut down 'Uhuru' for two weeks

● Its story on President Samia not contesting in 2025 causes big stir

By Guardian Reporter

CCM Secretary General Daniel Chongolo yesterday announced a halt in the production of the party newspaper, Uhuru for one week while suspending its top management for a misleading banner headline story on President Samia Suluhu Hassan not standing in 2025.

Those suspended are managing director Ernest Sungura, managing editor Ramadhan Mbwaduke and the day's production editor, Rashid Zahor, after yesterday's issue of the paper quoted the president as saying she isn't thinking of contesting for the presidency in the next general elections.

Earlier, the party secretary for Ideology and Publicity, Shaka Hamdu Shaka, had issued a statement that the Secretariat had been saddened by the story, saying it was a falsified portion of the president's interview with the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC).

Shaka insisted that the president did not say those words, intoning that "this is a colossal mistake which is at variance with the policy governing operations of the newspaper, something that will not be tolerated at all, thus severe disciplinary measures will be taken against all those who were involved in preparing the day's edition."

He further asserted that Uhuru newspaper is the 'Adam and Eve' of all other newspapers in the country and is beholden to show the highest editorial standards and not otherwise, urging CCM members and the public at large to ignore the story "as it was written by people with private interests to cater for."

At present, the president's mind and energy are directed at working for

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## AU delivers 17m Covid-19 doses



Tanzania Electric Supply Co. Ltd chairman Dr Alexander Kyaruzi (R) leads board members yesterday in inspecting the area where geothermal power generation is expected to start soon at Lake Ngozi in Mbeya Region. The project is being implemented by the Tanzania Geothermal Development Co. Ltd. Photo: Correspondent Nebart Msokwa

### ● Type of vaccine not identified

By Guardian Reporter

THE African Union has allocated 17m Covid-19 vaccine doses to Tanzania as a part of a global programme to help member states get vaccines for national rollouts.

The delivery comes three weeks after the government received a consignment of 1.2m doses of Covid-19 vaccines from the United States as part of the COVAX arrangement.

Foreign Minister Ambassador Liberata Mulamula made this affirmation yesterday in Addis Ababa, at a meeting with Tanzanians living outside the country, who wanted to know steps being taken by the government in the fight against Covid-19, including an adequate vaccine rollout.

She urged Tanzanians working in various international organizations and institutions to support access to more doses of Covid-19 vaccines to enable more people to be vaccinated.

There was growing awareness of the need to be inoculated among the public starting from the launch of the rollout with President Samia Suluhu Hassan leading in getting the job, she stated.

The minister held talks with Ethiopian president Sahle Work Zewde, assuring the Ethiopian Head of State that Tanzania will continue to implement cooperation accords that President Zewde agreed with the late Dr. John Magufuli during a visit last year including the issue of repatriating migrants held in various prisons back to Ethiopia.

For her part, the president stressed the need to continue strengthening existing cooperation between the two countries, especially in solving challenges that hinder development cooperation between the two countries.

...who wanted to know steps being taken by the government in the fight against Covid-19, including an adequate vaccine rollout.

By Guardian Reporter

THE Kisumu Resident Magistrate's court has ruled that the former director general of the National Identification Authority (NIDA), Dickson Maimu and four others have a case to answer in a money laundering case and occasioning the loss of 1.175bn/-.

The prosecution led by Senior State Attorney Ladislaus Komanya summoned 26 witnesses and tendered 45 exhibits, in an attempt to prove the veracity of the charges levelled at Maimu and his co accused, jointly facing 55 charges.

Other accused persons are Avelin Momburi, ex- Director of Business Support, George Ntalima, ex Transport Officer, Xavery Kayombo, a businessman and Sabina Raymond, former Director of

## Former NIDA head 'has case to answer'

Between June 1 and 5, 2013 at various places in the city, Ntalima and Kayombo allegedly conspired together to defraud NIDA over 45.5m/-

Legal Services. The charges against them include conspiracy to defraud, forgery, use of documents intended to mislead higher authorities, obtaining money by false pretences, money laundering and occasioning loss to the state authorities.

It was alleged that between July 19, 2011 and August 31, 2015 at various places in Dar es Salaam, Maimu and Ntalima conspired together to defraud NIDA money amounting to the sum of

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## NMB loan facility to help clients obtain title deeds

By Guardian Reporter

NMB Bank Plc has unveiled a partnership with the government to launch a new micro-loan facility, designed to help their clients survey and register their land to secure title deeds.

The plot loan is the first of its kind in the market and will enable people to get their land plots surveyed and registered, thus be in a position to seek a title deed. The loan will be paid directly to the government through the Ministry for Lands, Housing and Human

Settlements Development, the government announced yesterday.

The minister, William Lukuvi, said at the launch of the loan scheme that the partnership with NMB Bank is meant to help large numbers of people move more rapidly to formalize their land occupancy recognition by obtaining title deeds.

He said the government has extended trust to NMB to finance the project that will see hundreds of thousands of land plots being formalized across all districts within the current legislative period. "Most importantly the plot loan by NMB goes well with government efforts to ensure that every citizen owns land and those living in urban areas get their title deeds," he explained.

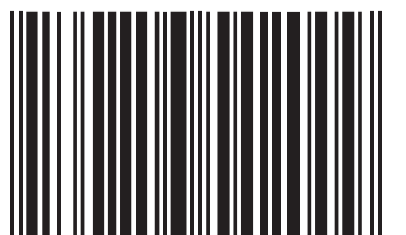
The loan scheme also makes it easier for bank customers to formally access bank loans, he stated, urging people to take advantage of NMB's plot loan offering.

The exercise started yesterday in Mbalali district of Mbeya region, ahead of being rolled out country wide, with the ministry expecting to achieve land formalisation

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Lands, Housing and Human Settlements Development minister William Lukuvi (3rd-R) lifts the hand of Mbeya regional commissioner Juma Homera after launching the NMB Bank Plc new micro-loan facility. It is designed to help Tanzanians survey and register their land plots. Right is NMB Bank acting chief internal auditor Benedicto Baragomwa. Photo: Guardian Correspondent



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Tanzania Tamil Sangam chairman Balasubramaniyan Venkadachalam (L) and Dar es Salaam City Council primary education officer Sipora Tenga (2nd L) hand over 37 desks worth over 4.8m/- to Upanga Primary School head teacher Airika Yahaya (2nd R) donated by the firm in Dar es Salaam on Tuesday. Others are Zanaki Primary School head teacher Adolph Rwegoshora (3rd L) and Tanzania Tamil Sangam official Karthikeyan Palanisamy. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

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Tanzanians and not other matters, he declared.

In remarks at a press conference, the secretary general blasted the paper for 'feeding words' to the president by quoting words she did not say, affirming that it is gross falsification and profusely apologized to the Head of State for the distraught arising from the story.

He further narrated that he directed the board of the newspaper to meet on the matter which the members urgently did so and delivered a report of their meeting, in which case the secretary general took the decision to suspend the paper's upper leadership seen to have been directly involved in the newspaper handling for the day.

"And lastly, as secretary general, I have suspended from today the

publishing of Uhuru newspaper for seven days. This is part of my prerogatives," he declared.

George Msigwa, the Director of Information and chief government spokesman, issued a statement of withholding the publication licence for 'Uhuru' for two weeks.

He said he took the measure in accordance with the power vested upon him under section 9(b) of the Media Services Act, law no. 12 of

2016, with the decision to suspend the publishing and distribution of the newspaper arising from its front page report, 'I am not thinking of contesting in 2025' in its yesterday issue.

"The office of the Director of Information Services has discovered that the story has legal weaknesses and professional incompetence for issuing wrongful information against the President," he said.

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targets by late 2025, he stated.

Benedicto Baragomwa, the bank's Acting Chief Internal Auditor, said that after consultation with the ministry, the bank agreed to setting up the loan scheme to help residents in many areas get title deeds for their plots.

"Cash flow challenges have been a major challenge that has hindered the majority of Tanzanians to formally own land, hence NMB's decision to get a solution by

introducing the plot loan facility," he asserted.

"We are offering micro loans to NMB and non NMB account holders (salaried workers, small traders, small companies and farmers) to support government initiatives for land formalization," he affirmed.

The NMB Plot Loan scheme is a straightforward, transparent and affordable solution which meets credit needs of customers who might be deterred by the need for idle cash to complete the land formalisation process, he added.

## Police hold man in 'love tragedy'

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

POLICE in Mbeya Region are holding a man for allegedly stabbing his lover to death with a sharp object.

Addressing reporters here yesterday, Regional Police Commander Ulrich Matei alleged that the suspect, Mabula Joseph (31) killed Jema Mela (36), a teacher at Inyala Primary School by attacking her with a machete.

"After the fatal attack, the suspect unsuccessfully tried to kill himself," he stated, on the incident that happened on Monday morning at the school quarters he was living with the deceased, he elaborated.

The cause of the murder was jealousy as before incident, the deceased allegedly told Mabula that she did not like to continue with the relationship, a decision that is claimed to have angered him, hence he took to the tragic course of action.

PC Matei said after killing his lover, the suspect tried to commit suicide by taking 'Suraquat' poison but was promptly rescued by the police who rushed him to the hospital and admitted in ICU ward under police guard.

"At the scene of murder there was a machete used in attacking the deceased as well as remnants of the poison in a small tin he used in trying to commit suicide. We are still

holding him and will soon appear in court," he stated.

Members of the public must stop taking the law into their own hands and should instead try to settle their differences via family sittings, the RPC intoned.

Regional Commissioner Juma Homera said murder incidents due to jealousy were on the increase in the region, as such incidents occurred in Mbalizi and Igurusi towns in Mbarali district.

Village executive officers need to educate the people on the correct way of solving family disputes, he observed.

Police in the region must also participate in educating the public to abandon killings of innocent people as the public doesn't want to hear of such killings anymore, he added.



**After the fatal attack, the suspect unsuccessfully tried to kill himself**



Tanzania Breweries company Arusha plant manager Joseph Mwaikasu (R) briefs members of the Parliamentary Budget Committee on beer production operations during their tour at the plant yesterday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

KHARTOUM

Sudan will hand longtime autocrat Omar al-Bashir to the International Criminal Court along with other officials wanted over the Darfur conflict, Foreign Minister Mariam al-Mahdi said on Wednesday.

The "cabinet decided to hand over wanted officials to the ICC," Mahdi was quoted as saying by state media. Bashir, who ruled Sudan with an iron fist for three decades before being deposed amid popular protests in 2019, faces charges of genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity in Darfur.

The United Nations says 300,000 people were killed and 2.5 million displaced in the conflict, which erupted in the vast western region

## Sudan to hand over Bashir, other wanted officials to ICC

in 2003.

Bashir, 77, has been wanted by the ICC since 2009, when it issued a warrant for his arrest.

The decision to hand him over came during a visit to Sudan by ICC chief prosecutor Karim Khan.

Sudan has been led since August 2019 by a transitional civilian-military administration that has vowed to bring justice to victims of crimes committed under Bashir.

Khartoum signed a peace deal last October with key Darfuri rebel

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1.175bn/-.

Maimu and Ntalima are jointly facing counts allegedly committed between 2014 and 2015 of using documents, specifically several invoices bearing different numbers with intent to mislead their principal and the government.

The invoices, the prosecution alleged, contained false particulars to pay Aste Insurance Brokers Co. Ltd, showing the company deserved the payments for providing comprehensive insurance coverage in respect of insurance of motor vehicles and other equipment.

The prosecution alleged that between November 11, 2011 and March 31, 2015 in Dar es Salaam, Ntalima acquired 57.5m/-, while knowing at the time of acquisition the sum was proceeds of a predicate offence of forgery. Between June 1 and 5, 2013 at various places in the city, Ntalima and Kayombo allegedly conspired together to defraud NIDA over 45.5m/-.

Within the same period, the two caused loss of the said amount to NIDA from willful acts. Ntalima is also alleged to have forged a loose minute to show that NIDA owed Gwhiloto Impex Ltd payment arrears of the said sum.

The prosecution says the same accused used the document containing false particulars to mislead the principal that the money was costs for the company to have provided clearing and forwarding services to NIDA, a fact the accused knew to be false.

Kayombo was charged with obtaining money by false pretences. The prosecution also charged him with five counts of money laundering, alleged to have acquired 38m/- at CRDB Bank, Lumumba Branch, while knowing at the time of such acquisition the money was proceeds of forgery.

Maimu and Raymond are jointly charged with abuse of their positions at NIDA headquarters as, while discharging their duties, they allegedly procured a provision for consultancy services from the School of Law, formerly the Faculty of Law at the University of Dar Salaam in association with MS Law Partners.

The services related to review of existing legislations and proposing a legal framework to support the implementation of the National Identification program, despite a similar contract existing between NIDA and Gotham International Ltd. As a result, Gotham Co. obtained undue advantage of over 899m/-, it was alleged.

Maimu and Raymond were also charged with occasioning loss of 402.2m/- for failure to verify the actual area NIDA leased for office at BMTL building at RKD Plaza along the New Bagamoyo Road in Dar es Salaam.

The two were also charged with causing a loss of 889m/- to NIDA for their willful acts, with Maimu charged with occasioning loss of 167.4m/- authorized to be paid to Gotham Ltd, while Maimu caused NIDA a loss of 175.8m/- for allegedly inflating insurance premiums.

AGENCIES



Retired Judge Robert Makaramba (L) swears in Selemani Mpochi one of the Excellence in Journalism Awards Tanzania (EJAT) 2020 judges at a ceremony held at Media Council of Tanzania offices in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Looking on is MCT executive secretary Kajumbi Mukajanga. Photo: Correspondent Miraji Msala

By Guardian Reporter

## EJAT scheduled for September 10, this year to be held virtually

THE climax of this year's Excellence in Journalism Awards (EJAT) scheduled for September 10th this year will be held virtually.

Speaking after swearing in judges of the awards, chairman of the organizing committee Kajumbi Mukajanga said climax will be attended by a few selected individuals including the event sponsors.

"The new system of hosting the event is part of measures to control the spread of Covid-19. Our stakeholders will be given a special link to follow the event online," he stated.

Mukajanga said there will be a special place where the event will be taking place with few invited guests adding that certificates and other prizes will be sent to journalists who are outside Dar es Salaam and for those in the commercial capital will collect their certificates at the Media Council of Tanzania (MCT) offices.

Mukajanga who is also the Executive Secretary for the council said the judges, who were sworn

yesterday, will begin working immediately and are expected to complete their tasks within a week.

Mukajanga said a total of 395 stories have been submitted by journalists on 19 categories where 77 articles have been written by male and 70 by female journalists making a total of 147 participants.

Speaking after swearing in the judges, Judge (rtd) Robert Makaramba asked the judges to perform their duties professionally.

"What I can say is that you should work to ensure that justice is seen because such action has no appeal, so the rights of those participating are in your hands," he said.

The judges who took oath yesterday were led by Dr Joyce Bazira and their secretary will be Imane Duwe.

Other members include Dr Egbert Mkojo, Selemani Mpochi, Masoud Ally, Mkumbwa Ally and Lucas Liganga.

## NBS prepares special public awareness census program

By Getrude Mbagu

THE National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) has prepared a special public awareness strategy which aims to intensively educate, encourage and promote participation of all people in the 2022 Population and Housing Census.

Dubbed, "2022 Publicity and Advocacy Strategy (PAS)", the initiative aims to reach all people from national to grassroots level with correct education on the importance of the census exercise.

Speaking during stakeholders meeting to go through and discuss draft of the strategy in Dar es Salaam yesterday, Anne Makinda, commissioner of the census said the strategy is also aimed to mobilize resources to facilitate smooth implementation of the exercise.

"NBS in collaboration with the chief government statistician office in Zanzibar have finalised the preparation of the strategy. So we are here today to hear from stakeholders on what should be improved for the strategy to achieve the intended goals," she said.

Makinda said the country needs important statistics so as to enable the it plan and implement its development strategies effectively.

"National census exercise is very important as without good statistics the country will fail to effectively implement its development plans," she said.

She said the next year's census exercise will involve digital collection of data by using tablets, instead of papers that were used in previous exercises.

She said the application of new mobile Geographical Information System technologies (GIS) will assure the country of accurate and timely data during the census.

According not her, the use of new technologies in the 2022 census would not only ease census workload but also increase efficiency as

well as reduce the under-coverage rate.

"The software installed in the tablets will contain all necessary information to guide enumerators and restrict one from working beyond designated areas" Makinda asserted.

Presenting the draft of strategy, Said Amir, NBS information expert said there were a number not challenges which thwarted implementation of previous census exercises.

He said negative perception and customs beliefs were among the issues which affected effective collection of data in

"So, our views here today are important in improving the strategy and thus achieve the intended goals. In preparation of this strategy, we have drawn experience from past census," Amir told the stakeholders.

He said the strategy will intensively educate the public and promote the use of census data in development plans both in the public and private sector.

"The exercise calls for coordinated efforts from all players, this is why NBS has developed the strategy so as to ensure that every one participates and contribute to the realisation of the census exercise," he added.

Director of social statistics department at the Chief Government Statistician office in Zanzibar, Khadija Hamis Hamad said the pilot exercise of census later next month is set to be conducted in 10 districts in the Isles.

"During the pilot exercise, our team will pass in various households taking information and this will test how prepared are we ahead the next year's census," she said.

*"The software installed in the tablets will contain all necessary information to guide enumerators and restrict one from working beyond designated areas"*

By Guardian Correspondent,

Dodoma

## Deaths from HIV infections drop by 50 pct due to ARVs use - Mhagama

DEATHS from HIV/Aids infections in the country have dropped by 50 per cent due to concerted efforts in the use of ARVs.

This was disclosed here on Tuesday by the Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office (Policy, Coordination, Parliament, Labour, Employment and People with Disabilities) Jenista Mhagama when launching the new Tanzania Commission for HIV/Aids (TACAIDS).

She said deaths from HIV infections have dropped from 64,000 in 2010 to 32,000 in 2020.

She explained that testing for the disease among Tanzanians has increased from 61 per cent in 2016 to 83 per cent in 2019.

"The use ARVs for people living with HIV and who know their infection statuses has increased from 95 per cent in 2016 to 98 per cent now, I congratulate the Chairman for leading the Commission well," said Mhagama.

She added: "We therefor ask the new members in TACAIDS to understand that there is the job to ensure the number of deaths do not go up, as the sign for increase of the deaths are those living with HIV not coming up for testing, as the aim is for them to come forward to know their statuses."

She said the statistics provide big hopes, and added that the level of infections in the community has dropped from 7 per cent in 2-3/4 to 4.7 in 2016/17.

"New infections for adults have also dropped from 110,000 to 68,000 for 2020, so we are progressing well," she added.

However, she called on TACAIDS to beef up the fight against new HIV/Aids infections especially to the youth as researchers show that one third of infections occur to the youth of 15-28 age group, especially females.


"In order to realise 2030 Millenium Development Goals (MDGs) to have zero infections in our countries, there is the need to double efforts in preventing new

HIV infections, especially to the youth," she said.

She said it is possible to eradicate the infections as we were able to do so in regard to mother to child infections.

"We have made great achievements in controlling mother to child infections from 18 to 17 per cent, we congratulate pregnant women, we have saved a lot of children from being born with HIV infections," Mhagama said.

She also stressed in strengthen testing services and use of ARVs for the special groups in the society.



### Call for a national consultancy firm to conduct a Supplementary Study on Cross-Border Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) in Tanzania

**1. Introduction**  
The United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) Country Office in Tanzania intends to support the Ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender Elderly and Children (MoHCDGEC) to undertake a Supplementary Study on Cross-Border Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) in Tanzania, which will inform the National Plan of Action to End Violence Against Women and Children (2016/17 - 2021/22) and its National Anti-FGM Strategy.

The Supplementary Study will complement the multi-country study on Cross-Border FGM among the border areas of Uganda, Somalia, Tanzania, Ethiopia and Kenya concluded in 2020. The latter study was realized to operationalize one of the recommendations of the inter-ministerial Declaration and Action Plan developed during the Regional Inter-Ministerial Meeting held on 15-17 April 2019 in Mombasa, Kenya, among representatives of the Gender Ministries from Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Ethiopia and Somalia together with the UNFPA-UNICEF Joint Programme to Eliminate FGM.

**2. Purpose, objectives and scope**  
The main objective of the supplementary study on cross-border FGM in Tanzania is to provide detailed information on the current trends, patterns and social dynamics of FGM practiced by communities living on the Tanzanian side of the Tanzanian-Kenyan border, in particular at the border with the Kenyan regions of Isbania and Transmara.

**3. Study team**  
The supplementary study will be conducted by a

national consultancy firm composed by three (3) members – one (1) team leader and two (2) team members, as per qualifications described in the detailed TORs.

**4. Duration of the consultancy**  
The duration of the consultancy will be **40 working days**. The activities should be undertaken within the period August to December 2021.

**5. How to apply**  
The call for this consultancy is posted on the UNFPA Tanzania Country Office website accessible at <http://tanzania.unfpa.org>. Within the site the **Call for a national consultancy firm and the detailed TORs** can be found at <https://tanzania.unfpa.org/en/vacancies/call-national-consultancy-firm-conduct-supplementary-study-cross-border-female-genital>. Interested national consultancy firms with the required qualifications and experience should submit their application to the email address [tanzania.office@unfpa.org](mailto:tanzania.office@unfpa.org), with the subject line: **Supplementary Study on Cross Border Female Genital Mutilation in Tanzania**.

The documents that need to be included in the application are enlisted in the detailed TORs.

**The deadline to submit application documents is 25 August 2021 at 4:30 pm Tanzania time.**

**Only applicant firms which meet all qualifications and experience will be contacted for further consideration. Incomplete applications will be automatically disqualified.**

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**Key Dates**

- Last date to submit EOI August 16, 2021

**North Mara Gold Mine Limited**

By Henry Mwangonde

## DSE embarks on plan to boost Small and Medium Enterprises

THE Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange (DSE) has embarked on a plan to support Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) in their search for capital financing.

Via the DSE SMEs Acceleration Segment, (‘DSAS’ or ‘Endeleza Project’) which was launched recently, SMEs will get capacity building for sustainable business management. “If this happens it will mean more employment creation, additional tax payers, more goods and services from the SMEs and hence economic growth,” said Ibrahim Mshindo Director-Business Development at DSE.

The programme is also aimed at supporting government initiatives to support SMEs and experts believe it will bring a difference in the question of access to financial capital by SME Sector.

One of the major challenges facing the SME sector is access to financial capital, the government has taken a number of initiatives in trying to address the challenge including

formulation of policies like SMEs Financing Strategy, Financial Sector Development Plan, Financial Awareness and Literacy, SME Development Policy among others.

Mshindo said the approach has been successfully adopted in countries like South Korea, Italy, Morocco and the United Kingdom.

He added that ENDELEZA is part of the DSE capacity building program to owners and executives of the SME businesses, dubbed as DSE Enterprises Acceleration Program- DEAP.

“The program involves three different segments of experiential learning, coaching and mentorship segment; and finally admission on the ENDELEZA segment,” he said.

According to Mshindo the first two segments of the project aims to enhance capacities of owners so that they run their business more professionally and in a sustainable manner and hence their business

becomes attractive to different types of financial capital providers from private market arrangements.

“So if the SME Sector will utilise the DEAP effectively then more companies can change their status quo to become destination of investors and other capital providers,” he added.

The initiatives are part of a wider goal by the DSE Plc to ultimately raise the number of listed companies, a project that started with the establishment of the Enterprise Growth Market (EGM) in 2013.

The 2013 decision was taken after the DSE realized that the number of listed companies was low partly because people had perceptions that the stock market was only meant for blue chip companies.

Since then, about five companies have been listed at the DSE’s EGM Segment but Mshindo remains optimistic that with the ongoing initiatives, the number would rise.



Shinyanga district commissioner Jasinta Mboneko (C) together with Shinyanga Mayor David Nkulila (3rd R) and CCM district secretary Agnes Bashemu (R) look at a piggery project carried out by people with disabilities at Kitangili area in Shinyanga yesterday. Photo: Correspondent Marco Maduhu

## Handali village in Dodoma region resort to increase grape production

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

VILLAGERS in Handali, Chamwino district in Dodoma region have resorted to increase grape production, thanks to support from the Tanzania Social Action Fund (TASAF) that has helped provide modern farming methods.

While over 200 beneficiaries of the fund working under the Public Works Programme (PWP) have started harvesting grapes in their 2.5 hectares of land, generating close to seven million shillings per season, other villagers too have adopted the new skills.

Through the programme, the beneficiaries work on labour-intensive activities and TASAF provides income support which contributes to community assets.

Speaking at the farm, village chairperson Samuel Mogosho said the farm used for demonstration is likely to change lives of the villagers, some of whom are beneficiaries of the safety net intervention that provide temporary employment to enrolled poor households.

He said after the launch of the programme in the village, residents identified grape farming as a

sustainable project that is likely to improve their income once they start harvesting the crop which is the main cash crop in the region.

While they work jointly in the demo farm, they have since formed 63 groups of 15 people each, working to empower each other and let every individual have their own farm. Now at least 50 beneficiaries have established their own farms.

They are part of the 948 TASAF beneficiaries in one of the 50 villages that the fund works on in the district. The district has 107 villages.

“The target is to ensure that every beneficiary has their own farms and even those who are not in the programme also benefit” said Mogosho.

Ward executive officer (WEO) Khalfan Saidi on his part noted that through the TASAF programme, many farmers, some who are not beneficiaries have been encouraged to get involved in grape farming, thus improving their income.

According to the WEO the local authority is now working on modalities to enable farmers to get better prices of their produce. He said farmers have been educated on selling under agricultural marketing

co-operative societies (AMCOS).

“We are now working on where to station the buying point since farmers here have understood the importance of selling as a group” said, the WEO, adding that the future of grapes in the village looks brighter.

Stephen Mkwawi, one of the beneficiaries said after education on improved grape farming under TASAF programme, he started by planting a quarter hectare of land but gradually increasing the size.

The 60 years old father of two children is now a proud farmer of one hectare of grapes. “I got encouraged by what we were taught at the demonstration farm and resorted to start my own farm to increase income” he said.

His experience is similar to another villager Mathias Mgunda who was enrolled in TASAF’s programme in 2007 who has harvested three times after starting own farm after getting knowledge from the group activities.

“My plan is now to build a permanent house through earnings from my grape farm” he said, adding that without TASAF he could have not reached that level.

## COVID-19 death toll rises in Zanzibar

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

THE number of people who have died from COVID-19 in Zanzibar has increased to 15 with the number of patients also gone up to 390, a senior official has said

Addressing journalists here yesterday, Zanzibar’s Health, Social Welfare, the Elderly, Gender and Children minister Nasser Ahmed Mazrui said the number was from June to August this year.

Minister Mazrui said out of the number 112 are Tanzanians while 278 were foreigners who belong to various countries.

“Out of the number 207 have recovered and are continuing with their duties and those who are

continuing with their duties are 183 and out of the number 32 are Tanzanians and 15 are foreigners,” he said.

He said from June 25 to August 10, while 29,326 have been tested for COVID-19 in various hospitals within Unguja and Pemba and out of the 390 were found positive.

Speaking on the vaccines, Mazrui said the ministry of health is continuing with various initiatives to control the spread of Covid-19 including vaccination to various groups of people including the elderly.

He said among other groups include security people working in border points drivers carrying tourists.

He said the vaccines are being offered at Mnazi Mmoja hospital in Zanzibar as well as other district and regional health centres.

The minister called upon Zanzibaris to turn up in large numbers to get vaccinated saying the vaccines are safe and have been confirmed safe by the World Health Organization (WHO).

He however said people should take precautions against the pandemic which he said will help to control the spread of COVID-9.

“We have to take precautions to protect ourselves from the pandemic, as advised by experts including social distancing, sanitizing and putting on masks,” he said.

By Correspondent Valentine Oforo,

Dodoma

THE Institute of Rural Development Planning (IRDP) in partnership with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) has installed a modern sunflower processing industry in Kondoa District, Dodoma Region to scale up production of edible oil.

Dubbed: ‘Pahi Sunflower Processing Industry’ the ultramodern facility is expected to play a vital role in assuring that sunflower farmers in the district are assured of a reliable market for their produce.

IRDP senior lecturer and projects coordinator Bonamax Mbasia, told The Guardian during an interview that the state owned varsity has decided to establish the factory to supplement efforts by the government to curtail the shortage of edible oil in the country.

According to national coordinator

## IRDP, UNDP set up modern sunflower plant in Kondoa

for sunflower at the Tanzania Agricultural Research Institute (TARI) Frank Reuben the demand for edible oil in Tanzania is currently at 650,000 tonnes with production of sunflower in the country now at 290,000 tonnes.

In Tanzania, sunflowers contribute to at least 68.9 per cent of all edible oil produced with the remaining 30.1 per cent coming from other crops including palm oil.

Recently, the government through the parent ministry tasked the Agriculture Seed Agency (ASA) to embark on a strategic project to produce enough sunflower seeds and distribute to the farmers within the country at affordable prices.

In a similar strategy, the government is working out several strategies, including plans to start providing subsidy for sunflower

seeds, aiming to improve production of sunflower from 790,000 to 1,600,000 tonnes.

On June 13 this year, Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa launched the national strategic campaign for the mass investment and production of sunflower grains in the country.

The premier expressed dismay over the poor manner to which the country imports more than 365,000 metric tons (MT) of edible oil annually which costs the government at least 443bn/-.

According to the Deputy agriculture minister Hussein Bashe, the parent ministry was determined to increase the availability of improved sunflower seeds at a tune of more than 3,900 tonnes, compared to 886 tonnes estimated to be produced during the year 2021.

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Contractors Registration Board (CRB) deputy Registrar research and development Eng. David Jere speaks during the opening of a training for local contractors in Morogoro yesterday. Center is CRB chairperson Eng. Consolata Ngimbwa and deputy CRB board chairperson Joseph Tango. Photo: Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

## Govt issues 200m/- to connect village to nearby water project

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

ILOTA villagers in Mshewe Ward, Mbeya District will soon make their long time water woes history following the government's intervention by dishing out 200m/- to connect them to piped water supply.

This was disclosed here recently by Mbeya Rural Member of Parliament, Oran Njenza during his visit to the village regarding various development projects in the village.

He said the villagers will be connected to piped water from Shongo water project that serves Mbalizi town including Songwe River Valley, saying it will be completed in a short time to come.

He said the trench for laying the pipes was being dug and in case of delays, they will employ youth from other areas for support.

"What delays the project is that our

youth delay coming to the project site at this time because of hard ground at this time of the year, but if they work hard we can complete the work within three weeks," Njeza said.

Some of the women in the village said they have never tasted piped water, instead they have been walking long distances with buckets to fetch water from valleys and ponds, whose safety was not guaranteed.

One of the villagers, Juma Ndamile called on the government to employ youth from other areas to speed up the digging of the trenches.

He said water has been a long time problem, especially during dry seasons, saying the women spend a long time to fetch water from ponds and gorges.

Another villager, Oliver Steven said they have been waking up in the night to fetch water, the situation that has caused frictions in their marriages.

## UNESCO urges African leaders to tackle gender disparity and access to learning

By Special Correspondent

UNITED Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) has called on governments in Sub-Saharan Africa to speed up measures of eliminating gender disparity in education access, participation, and completion.

It also urged them to ensure a balanced representation of girls and women in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) fields of study.

According to a paper released by UNESCO's Global Education Monitoring (GEM) report, in the last 25 years, more girls are finishing primary schools than ever with completion rates increasing in sub-Saharan Africa from 41 to 66 per cent. Despite these gains, however, the agency said some countries in the region are lagging behind, with the lowest female completion rates in the world.

The paper, titled: An unfulfilled promise: Twelve years of education

for every girl, looking at progress over the past two decades since the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action were made on gender equality. It disclosed that from 1995 to 2019, 68 million more girls enrolled in primary and secondary education in sub-Saharan Africa.

However, UNESCO lamented that extreme disadvantage persists, particularly for girls.

"In many countries, significantly less than 50 per cent of girls are completing primary school, while less than 12 per cent are finishing lower secondary school."

Director of GEM report, Manos Antoninis, said that just as progress was achieved over the last 25 years, there is a need to deliver a final push to ensure 12 years of education for all.

By re-prioritizing efforts, the UNESCO chief said it is possible to ensure that all girls complete a full cycle of education.

He identified some of the challenges confronting adolescent

education for girls as poverty, domestic chores, gender-based violence, child marriage, early pregnancy, and inadequate menstrual hygiene management.

Antoninis said: "2021 is a critical year for investment in girls' education on the back of the recent G7 Girls Education Declaration. This political commitment sets out the ambition to get 40 million more girls into school and 20 million more girls reaching minimum proficiency in reading by the end of primary school in low- and lower-middle-income countries by 2026."

He enjoined African leaders to remove stereotypes and gender bias from teaching and learning materials and make schools safe spaces for all girls and boys.

The report added that all girls should complete at least 12 years of education, while gender parity should be achieved in all levels of education and literacy in line with SDG goals 4.1, 4.5, and 4.6.

## ATI supports Africa CDC in Covid-19 response

By Special Correspondent, Nairobi

AFRICA is facing a surging third wave of the Covid-19 pandemic and vaccination remains a challenge. As a partner in the continent's response to the pandemic, The African Trade Insurance Agency (ATI) has provided financial support of USD250,000 to the Africa Centre for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC). The contribution will assist the efforts of the public health agency to bridge the gap in vaccination against Covid-19 across Africa.

The donation is being made as part of ATI's social investment in Africa. The contribution will be part of a pool of other donations backing up the socioeconomic initiatives in Africa, as the continent continues to fight the pandemic. The World Bank estimates that in addition to the USD9.5 billion needed to buy enough vaccines to ensure adequate

protection from Covid-19, another USD3 billion are required to fund operations.

As Africa's multilateral trade & investment insurer, ATI has made significant contributions in response to the global pandemic and to the economic development in sub-Saharan Africa, through the provision of unique insurance solutions that impact various sectors of the economy. For example, ATI has underwritten financing for several projects in the health sector, enabling African governments to purchase medical equipment and upgrade hospital infrastructure to strengthen their health systems to better manage and address the ongoing health crisis.

Additionally, ATI has assisted African sovereigns to reprofile their financial obligations, helping reduce their debt burden and strengthening their debt management framework.

These re-profiling transactions are relevant because they support governments' efforts on debt sustainability.

Through this support, ATI's insurance solutions remain critical and relevant to the continent as they help mitigate the adverse effects of the crisis.

ATI's CEO, Manuel Moses, noted "Covid-19 is creating new needs, while putting enormous financial pressure on the governments. To achieve a greater impact, Africa must act jointly and swiftly to overhaul all aspects of our economies. I am particularly elated by this donation as ATI's direct response to address the effects of Covid-19 is tailored to our continent, where vaccination rates are still low relative to the rest of the world. We hope that this donation will encourage other African institutions to follow suit to boost the resources to speed up the vaccination rates."



Tanzania Tourist Board chairman Judge (rtd) Thomas Mihayo (R) speaks to journalists in Dar es Salaam about the Repatriation Roots Tour Agency expected to organise an event to plant 5000 trees around Mt. Kilimanjaro to commemorate the 60th anniversary of Tanganyika independence to inspire domestic tourism. Left is Repatriation Roots Tour director general Deborah Nyakisinda. Photo: Correspondent Jumanne Juma



### USAID Tanzania Tuhifadhi Maliasili Activity

Research Triangle Institute (RTI) is an independent non-profit research institute dedicated to improving the human condition with over 30 years' experience assisting governments, communities, and the private sector in managing their environment and natural resources. We are looking for candidates to fill new positions in the recently awarded USAID funded Tuhifadhi Maliasili Activity. The goal of the project is to address dynamics that hinder habitat connectivity and the long-term persistence of biodiversity in Tanzania. The positions will be based in Dar, Tanzania with some travel required to the project areas.

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- Ability to articulate and apply CLA principles.
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The candidate will work closely with public and private stakeholders and partner organizations to build their internal capacity

#### Skills & Abilities:

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- Experience working with counterparts at various levels of government, private sector leaders, local organizations, and other stakeholders.
- Experience conducting training needs assessment (TNA) and implementing capacity building trainings
- Proficiency in English is required

#### Procurement and Administrative Assistant

The candidate will provide overall management of project Logistical needs including but not limited to the processes of procurement (Local and International), and oversight of asset management and inventory control.

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# Aweso dissolves village's water committee over embezzlement

By Guardian Correspondent, Geita

WATER Minister Juma Aweso has dissolved the Mharamba Village Water Consumers Community Committee in Nkome Ward, Geita District after sensing embezzlement involving millions of shillings.

He reached the decision following failure by community officials to provide correct details on water bills collection at the village's bills collection centre.

Speaking at a public rally in the village, Aweso said there were some officials in many water committees who are not faithful as they were embezzling funds.

"It's unconceivable for the water project, that started operations in 2015 to have only 600,000/- in the bank to date saying you are collecting 140,000/- from each water tank per year, while in fact it should yield over 5m/-, this is unacceptable, hence I dissolve the committee," he said.

At Nkome village he said the government has promised to provide 300m/- for construction of a water reservoir to enable the villagers get the supply of safe, clean water from Lake Victoria.

On his part, Geita District Commissioner, Willison Shimo directed the District Police Commanding officer (OCD) to arrest water committee officials and instructed the Prevention and

Combating of Corruption Bureau (PCCB) to immediately launch investigation on the matter.

Earlier, Geita Rural Member of Parliament Joseph Kasheku Musukuma, relaying his constituents' cries to the minister, said the main challenge in his constituency is water, especially for Nkome villagers who are just close to Lake Victoria, and appealed to the minister to assist.

Geita District RUWASA manager Sande Charles Balakanwa said the water project exists in regard to Mharamba Village in Nkome Ward and Nyambaya Village in Katoma Ward, adding that it began in 2013 and was completed in 2015 costing 1.69bn/- with a capacity to serve 4,335 villagers.



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# Be realistic when applying for tenders, CRB chairperson counsels contractors

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole, Morogoro

CONTRACTORS have been urged to be realistic when filling tender documents because some of them tender low prices as a technique to win tender but eventually they fail to complete the project and run from the site.

CRB chairperson, Eng Consolata Ngimbwa made the call in Morogoro yesterday when opening a three-day training on Pre Contract Practices for local contractors.

Eng Consolata said some contractors bid low price as a technique to convince the tender board to award them a project but after they win most of them fail to complete the project and run from the site.

"Please be realistic don't bid low only because you need to win a tender, am sure you all remember previously we were in a very difficult moment when the government decided to use forced account, now the government has started to give tenders to local contractors so make sure you implement projects with standards and complete them on time," she said.

The board chairperson reminded local contractors to go for joint ventures especially in big projects and if they don't know how to go about it they should consult CRB for advise on what to do about JVs.

"Most of us have tried JVs but many have failed, I don't know the reason may be you enter into contract which you don't know how to implement it. But we are still encouraging you to join because that is where you will get capacity to implement big projects," she said.

She also insisted on formation of a single strong contractors association which will have strong voice to represent them in various platforms and take their problems to the government.

Eng Consolata said all profession

like engineers, quantity surveyors, architectures and even boda boda drivers have strong association that represent their problems adding that she don't understand why it is difficult to contractors.

"We have been talking about having strong association wherever we meet but I don't know where we have failed so I think it is high time to take decision and have one strong such body for local contractors," she said.

"By the time the government decided to implement its project by using force account most of local contractors were in bad condition economically and I thought that was the high time for us to seat together to form a strong association to represent us but we are still lazy on that," she said.

Training Coordinator with CRB, Neema Fuime said the regular training by the board intend to equip local contractors with enough knowledge and skills on how to fill tender documents.

She said there were many complaints from tender providers that majority of local contractors fails to fill tender documents properly.



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Lands, Housing and Human Settlements Development deputy minister Dr Angeline Mabula looks at the impact of technology on modern land surveying techniques at Mwang'ana village in Ikungi district, Singida region during her visit to inspect a project under UN Women, UNFPA and Ikungi town council which had been funded by KOICA. Photo: Correspondent Munir Shemweta

# TARURA sets to repair, upgrade Dodoma roads

By Guardian Correspondent, Dodoma

TANZANIA Rural and Urban Roads Agency (TARURA) in Dodoma is set to construct tarmac roads and repair others damaged by rain to ease public transport.

The remarks were made here yesterday by Dodoma City

TARURA manager, Eng Goodluck Mbanga when responding to various issues raised at councillors' meetings.

Mbanga said the government's intention is to make sure the roads are easily passable at all times to spur economic development.

He explained that the Zuzu-Kizota

road serving the factories area is expected to be upgraded to tarmac level.

"Road improvement is under implementation and the government has done a great job in regard to Dodoma roads, in particular those with strategic importance," he said.

However, Mbanga said periphery roads will continue to be upgraded in phases depending on funds' availability in order to reduce road congestion on the main roads and added that the Medeli Road via Kisasa to Nzuguni will be upgraded to tarmac level to be used as an alternative.



Mbori villagers in Mpwapwa district, Dodoma region fetch water for domestic use as captured by our photographer yesterday. Photo: Correspondent Ibrahim Joseph

# African campaigner calls for protection of lions as threats intensify

By Special Correspondent, Nairobi

THE African lion is facing multiple threats, hence the need to strengthen its protection, a campaigner said during the World Lion Day.

Edith Kabesiime, Wildlife Campaigns Manager at World Animal Protection's Africa Office said that human and climate induced threats to the iconic carnivore have escalated in the recent past.

"The lion is valued by many African cultures but its survival is at stake due to poaching, habitat

loss and fragmentation, declining population of prey and retaliatory attacks by herders," said Kabesiime.

Statistics from World Animal Protection indicate that Africa's lion population is currently estimated at 20,000, down from about 2 million a century ago, while their dwindling number could upset ecosystem balance.

Kabesiime said this year's World Lion Day should serve as a wake-up call for governments, industry and local communities to revitalize action on the threat facing the

majestic species in Africa.

The International Union for Conservation of Nature has listed the African lion as vulnerable amid illegal hunting, encroachment on its habitat and climatic shocks.

According to Kabesiime, lions in West Africa are already critically endangered while poaching has increased across the east and southern African region.

"High incidences of lion poisoning have also been reported in East Africa as nomadic communities retaliate after attacks on their

livestock," said Kabesiime.

She noted that demand for lion products like bones and teeth in the fast growing herbal medicine industry has also fuelled their poaching in the African wild.

Kabesiime said that other threats to the African lion include captive breeding and trophy hunting, adding that enactment of new policies, regulations and heightened campaigns are key to saving the carnivore, and sustaining the resilience of the continent's natural habitats.



Natural and Tourism deputy minister Mary Masanja pictured with Itumbili special primary school pupils in Magu district, Mwanza region moments after she presented various donations yesterday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## TAFORI endorses Revocatus Mushumbusi appointment

By Guardian Reporter

THE Tanzania Forestry Research Institute (TAFORI) has endorsed the appointment of its Director General Dr Revocatus Mushumbusi to take over the long standing vacancy.

The appointment was announced by President Samia Suluhu Hassan in April this year.

Prior to his appointment, TAFORI has been operating without a full-fledged Director General for more than 10 years since 2009 resulting in poor performance of the organization and its centres.

His appointment gives light to hopes that some of the issues that he could not solve at his former capacity can now be solved as he is acting in full capacity, the appointment was no surprise considering his outstanding performance for years.

It is in this regard Mushumbusi is expected to come up with major plans to ensure all TAFORI centres are fully functioning to serve the intended purpose of their establishments.

TAFORI offers consultancy in community and farm forestry, management of natural forest, forest plantation and tree improvements and forest utilization.

When serving as the Acting director of TAFORI, Mushumbusi's outstanding achievements included among others, the coordination of major scientific and various local conferences including the International Scientific Conference of Forest and Honeybee Products and Their Value Chain in Dar es Salaam this year in collaboration with TAFORI and Forest and Value Chain Development Programme (FORVAC) under the Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism.

He has also published about 13 papers in local and international journals and 14 articles in local newsletters and administrative wise- he has been managing to offset some pending staff matters by at

least 60 percent compared to his predecessors.

During his tenure in the office TAFORI research centres have enjoyed revival plans and the job is still underway after he initiated and collaborated with staff of the respective centres in project problem identification, preparation, implementation and supervision.

One of the valuable achievements of Mushumbusi is the revival of the Malya Lake Zone Afforestation Research Centre (MLARC) which comprises Shinyanga, Mwanza, Simiyu, Geita, Kagera and Mara regions, with its headquarter in Mwanza.

The centre is currently under full supervision of Iddy Dibwa, the acting head of centre - Lake zone.

TAFORI was established by an Act of Parliament in January 1980 and became operational on August 1st the same year, mandated to carry out and coordinate various forestry research activities, and disseminate the findings to the end users in Tanzania.



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By Guardian Correspondent, Kigoma

## Kigoma ginger farmers incur losses due to decreasing price

GINGER growers in Kigoma Region have incurred losses in the current harvest season following the drop of price from between 1,000/- and 3,000/- per kilo they used to get to 300/-.

Ginger growers from Kalela Ward in Kasulu District, Kigoma Region say in the past they depended to sell the crop at foreign market but following the outbreak of Covid-19 pandemic, it has been difficult because foreign buyers have not been coming to buy the crop.

Masumbuko Ndemeye, a ginger farmer said they are now being forced to sell the crop to middlemen who communicate with foreign buyers from Rwanda, Burundi, Congo DRC and Malawi and use the strategy to swindle them.

He said they are forced to sell the crop at a loss as there was no other

markets available and appealed to the government to create a conducive market system for ginger crop just as it is in regard to other cash crops.

For her part, Imelda Kasungu said she harvested one tonne of ginger from her farm but ended up getting only 300,000/- without deduction

of transport and other harvest costs.

For his part, Kigoma Regional Trade Officer Mushi Ndimuligo said farmers should form a cooperative society to easily access the markets.

He said the step will get rid of the middlemen who buy the crop from individual farmers by setting their own prices.

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## Good nutrition will save our children from stunting

**I**N Tanzania, forty-four per cent of all children are stunted according to numbers released by the World Bank. Stunting occurs, of course, when children do not receive adequate nutrition for proper growth. Adequate nutrition for children begins in the womb during the first 1000 days before birth through a child's second birthday.

That means mothers play a pivotal role in ensuring the proper growth of their children even before they are born which makes decreasing the stunting rate in Tanzania more difficult to manage.

The reason nearly half of Tanzanian children are stunted may surprise you. It's not that Tanzanians do not have enough food, it's due to a lack of knowledge.

Most of the producers along the corridor (the area in Tanzania where most agriculture occurs) are women smallholders. These are the people who are doing most of the production. In the developed world most people have no idea what stunting it is part of life for many.

It is a cultural challenge. Surprisingly, adequate nutrition for children begins in the womb during the first 1000 days before birth through a child's second birthday. That means mothers play a pivotal role in ensuring the proper growth of their children even before they are born which makes decreasing the stunting rate in Tanzania more difficult to manage.

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feed their children.

The government has put together a national and district framework to curb malnutrition in its children and mothers. It is equally important that we have many nutrition officers deployed throughout the country educating Tanzanians about eating a balanced diet—as opposed to only eating stiff porridge, that is eaten traditionally by millions in eastern Africa. These nutrition officers should also work alongside health extension workers to educate the populace about proper nutrition.

We believe that malnutrition it is caused by lack of knowledge. It is a cultural challenge. One may go to communities where food is available, but it is not given to the children. These foods are there, but you will find women are making maize porridge and giving it to children.

If we really want to rescue the 35 per cent stunted children in the country, it should empower small-medium scale millers who fortify maize flour in the country.

According to a report by the National Food fortification Alliance (NFFA) 35 per cent of Tanzanian's population was not reaching its maximum potential in terms of their brain capability, optimizing its brain ability, and impact on development.

It is therefore extremely important for the government to look at nutrition and possible solutions to address children's malnutrition, women, pregnant women and nutrition so that they can safeguard the wellbeing of children.

It is equally important that we empower small-medium scale millers. They need to have the right equipment to enable them fortify maize flour which is commonly consumed by a bigger population of Tanzanians, especially the poor.

## Education plays key role in advancing women and girls

**G**IRLS with little or no education are far more likely to be married as children, suffer domestic violence, live in poverty, and lack a say over household spending or their own health care than better-educated peers, which harms them, their children, and communities.

Some 65 per cent of women with primary education or less globally are married as children, lack control over household resources, and condone wife-beating, compared with 5 per cent of women who finish high school.

We cannot support women as workers or entrepreneurs if we do not first invest in their basic health, rights, and wellbeing. On one hand, it is encouraging to see women's economic empowerment gaining prominence as a smart investment for countries. The issue has been featured at the World Economic Forum, and the G20 group of nations has made important commitments.

But on the other hand, many of these conversations—including some in respected news outlets—are short-sighted, limiting, and yes, even dangerous. They assume that helping women thrive depends primarily on labour market or economic solutions such as incentivizing women-led businesses.

If countries are truly committed to empowering women, we should prioritise comprehensive, multi-faceted investments.

For many girls and women, basic reproductive health eludes them—making conversations about women-owned businesses feel like a distant luxury. Worldwide, 225 million girls and women want the option to plan their next pregnancy, yet lack access to safe, stigma-free services to do so—and therefore the ability to plan their futures. A shamefully high 830 women die every day from

preventable complications during pregnancy or childbirth, and one in three women experience gender-based violence in their lifetime.

Improving childcare services is a positive step for women's economic empowerment, but insufficient if women are unable to choose whether to have a child in the first place.

Removing systemic barriers to education is also crucial for supporting girls and women to achieve their full economic potential, including addressing safety concerns, and ensuring accessible and safe water and sanitation. The G7 countries can take immediate steps to shore up support for global maternal health, family planning and girls' education; they can also help women who have who have been displaced escaping violent conflict. Refugees, especially women, need quality health care, starting with maternal and reproductive health services.

Only if countries simultaneously invest in all of these areas can we close the gender gap in economic empowerment and reap a massive return. In Canada, where G7 leaders will meet in 2018, gender equality has received the comprehensive attention it deserves. In the face of global attacks on female rights, Canada committed to invest nearly US \$500 million in sexual and reproductive health and rights worldwide.

Countries beyond the G7 have also risen to the challenge. The Netherlands is spearheading a new global initiative that has already raised \$200 million to finance access to sexual and reproductive health services, with Norway, Denmark and Sweden as core partners. Indonesia is working to mainstream gender equality in leadership by striving for at least 30 per cent women in parliament.

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By Edwin Naidu

**C**ALLS for looters to be given amnesty in a spirit of restorative justice defeats the purpose of the rule of law. It seeks to treat petty crime in the same spirit as we sought to address apartheid atrocities, while many of those families and individuals whose cause was just are still no closer to redress.

As former president Jacob Zuma reluctantly languishes in prison for contempt of court while continuing to contest corruption charges in a long, drawn-out battle, some South Africans view his incarceration as a key moment showing that nobody is above the law. Therefore, the recent call by the South African Council of Churches for amnesty for those arrested for looting in KwaZulu-Natal and Gauteng is sorely misguided.

The council does not want the South African Police Services to nab those who return their ill-gotten gains, suggesting an amnesty of a week or so for people to bring back goods without being punished. Such a proposal goes against the very ethos of the rule of law. While miracles do happen, it is hard to imagine people returning their ugly gains.

One has to argue that no matter how well-meaning the SACC suggestion may be, it is a fact that the courts in South Africa are better equipped to deal with those arrested. Of course, it is well known that the justice system has also been found wanting and the ongoing arrests are going to put pressure on already burdened remand detention centres. So, there needs to be a workable solution towards justice for the afflicted and correction for the wrongdoers, and a clear plan for preventing future crime on this scale. In addition, the "unintelligent intelligence" must be held to account for failing to spot the obvious.

Anything other than action would undo gains that make the Constitution all supreme. It was, after all, Zuma's midnight drive to incarceration which gave meaning to the key principle of the rule of law that no person is above the law, following a watershed judgment by the Constitutional Court.

Despite initial defiance, Zuma did the right thing. South Africans—not the dopey intelligence ministry—were warned of the consequences of putting behind bars the man whose nine-year tenure as president was characterised by controversy.

Before his imprisonment, the former president called for peace but could not guarantee how his supporters would behave once he took the midnight drive from Nkandla to Eshowe on 8 July 2021. It did not take too long to see how it would unravel.

This spiralled into a free-for-all beyond what may have been

## Granting looters amnesty is an insult to victims of apartheid



planned, resulting in widespread looting that resulted in some 330 deaths and a trail of destruction, costing the economy an estimated R50-billion.

This also gave rise to community-driven vigilante groups in white and Indian suburbs, such as in Phoenix north of Durban, where at least 20 black passers-by were allegedly killed and appalling assaults were replayed on social media. The law must do its job and ensure they are brought to justice. Flaunting their horrific actions on social media was daft and did little to help. There should be little trouble bringing these callous idiots to justice. The rule of law demands it.

If, as espoused by many, the rule follows from the idea that truth, and therefore law, is based upon fundamental principles which can be discovered, but which cannot be created through an act of will, then one cannot support the call for a conditional amnesty for looters based on values of reconciliation, restoration and ubuntu/botho.

South Africa has a poor history with restorative justice and amnesty, from apartheid to democracy. According to South African History Online, 73 anti-apartheid activists died in detention between 1963 and 1990. But nobody has been held responsible for any of those deaths.

Ahmed Timol, who was among those, died on 27 October 1971, four days after his arrest at a police roadblock. In 2018, Joao Rodrigues, a former apartheid security branch officer, was charged with Timol's murder. That case is still making its way through the courts. For many killed during apartheid, justice has been deferred and denied. Their loved ones wait in vain.

The rule of law must be followed. Amnesty would undo the work of the Constitutional Court

perpetrators. Calls for amnesty should not be made lightly: the looting is about stolen goods and crimes that do not necessarily warrant the prospect of restorative justice, particularly when apartheid victims and their families have not been given the same treatment for crimes far worse against them or loved ones.

It would add insult to injury should the scores of looters secure a lenient passage while apartheid victims, for example, the widows of the Cradock Four who were so brutally killed by security forces, do not see justice for their loved ones.

Many perpetrators of apartheid atrocities did not come clean, neither were they held accountable for their actions. The SACC should be raising this instead.

An application for amnesty for looting does not equate to amnesty given to security policemen Dirk Coetzee, David Tshikalange and Almond Nofomela for the 1981 killing of human rights lawyer Griffiths Mxenge. Five former security policemen asked for amnesty for the 1977 death in jail of Black Consciousness leader Steve Biko.

While the looters should not be let off the hook if they produce the stolen goods, the police should also not criminalise citizens with threats to arrest those without receipts. There are better ways to investigate than bullying, which simply serves to drum up media hype. Those incarcerated should not be in cells with hardened criminals and, based on merit, there should be room for non-custodial arrangements for those found guilty of crimes linked to the looting.

The rule of law must be followed. Amnesty would undo the work of the Constitutional Court announced on 29 June 2021. Despite challenges, the courts are more than equipped to address the individual circumstances of those who break the law. Let us pray that they may continue to do their work without fear or interference.

It must be considered that some who looted may be guilty of other serious crimes committed during the looting and might fall through the cracks if justice does not take its course.

One should also be mindful of the type of precedents that it could set for those convicted of more serious crimes. Does this open the door for rapists, murderers, and other criminals to argue that they too should be allowed to repent and be given another chance at life without serving their sentences? Would they too be within their rights?

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SACC General Secretary Bishop Malusi Mpumwana says when one has participated in wrongdoing, one is to be encouraged to make amends and take on a new path and that this is a part of the person's healing. But this suggests that people committing crimes in democratic South Africa have more hope of redress than those awaiting remedy for crimes committed under apartheid.

If and when there is a reopening of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission lists of victims of apartheid, which closed on 14 December 1997, it would, according to non-government organisation Khulumani, ensure that victims of apartheid's gross violations of human rights are recognised. They would become eligible for reparation and rehabilitation and the injustice of excluding about 80,000 victims would also finally be redressed.

The SACC should put its proposal to all South Africans, including religious leaders of all faiths, politicians, human rights activists and civil society. We ought to consider how an amnesty would work, particularly against the wrongful perception that the rule of law is broken in South Africa.

As events have shown, we have a law enforcement triumvirate that is abysmal: a weak police force, uninspiring defence force and unintelligent intelligence, all seemingly incapable of maintaining law and order.

But for those looters caught, while it is a tiny number proportionate to the total who participated, the judiciary must deal with such





# How to sustainably finance universal health care

PENANG and KUALA LUMPUR

To achieve universal health coverage, a country needs a healthcare system that provides equitable access to high quality health care requiring sustainable financing over the long term. Publicly provided healthcare should be on the basis of need, a citizen's entitlement for all regardless of means.

## Health inequalities growing

But recent decades have seen health care trending towards a two-tier system - a perceived higher quality private sector, and lower quality public services. One typical consequence is medical doctors, especially specialists, leaving public service for much more lucrative private practice.

This 'brain drain' has led to longer waiting times and complaints of deteriorating public service quality, as more people with means turn to private facilities. As costs in private hospitals are high and increasing, this causes those who can afford private health insurance to turn to it to hedge their bets.

If these trends are not checked, the gap between private and public health sectors in terms of charges and quality will grow, increasing polarisation in access to quality health care between haves and have-nots.

## Health care financing

Financing arrangements are key to developing an equitable healthcare system that is financially sustainable in the long run. For universal coverage and equitable access, health financing should be based on social solidarity through cross-subsidisation, with the healthy financing the ill, and the rich subsidising the poor.

Experience the world over shows health markets functioning poorly, both in financing and providing healthcare. Furthermore, heavy reliance on market solutions has contributed to spiralling costs and constrained healthcare access.

## Private health insurance

A voluntary private health insurance (PHI) scheme cannot be financially viable in the long term as individuals with lower health risks are less likely to buy insurance from a scheme which they see as primarily benefiting others less healthy.

Since voluntary schemes are usually based on PHI, government support for such schemes would strengthen these companies. There are good reasons to be wary of the growing influence of PHI interests in healthcare financing discussions.

Premiums for PHI are risk-rated, meaning that individuals with pre-existing conditions and higher risks - such as the elderly, or those with family histories of illness - will face unaffordably high premiums or be denied coverage.

'Moral hazard' and 'supplier-induced demand' in a 'fee-for-service' reimbursement system encourage unnecessary investigations and over-treatment, or costly monitoring to



limit such abuse. Hence, PHI companies use 'managed healthcare' services to contain costs by limiting investigations and treatments.

Voluntary PHI schemes charge high premiums while fee-for-service payments escalate costs which inevitably raise premiums. Thus, the US spends the most on health in the world, but with surprisingly modest health outcomes to show for it.

Much public expenditure is needed to insure the poor, especially those with prior health conditions. Achieving UHC would require costly public subsidisation of such profitable arrangements. This would not be cost-effective, let alone equitable.

Government support for PHI companies would strengthen their growing presence and influence, typically involving transnational insurance conglomerates. PHI companies are likely to try to undermine others threatening their interests.

## Social health insurance

Unlike VHI, social health insurance (SHI) is usually mandatory to cover the entire population. Although often proposed and promoted with the best of intentions, the limitations and problems of SHI are also important to consider.

SHI would effectively require collecting an additional 'payroll tax' from the public. This could be designed with

various distributional consequences, e.g., if flat, it would be regressive. As an additional tax would reduce take-home incomes, SHI schemes have been difficult to introduce.

Like PHI, SHI also has inherent tendencies for over-treatment and cost escalation due to 'moral hazard' and 'supply-induced demand'. These require costly, strong and typically bureaucratic administrative controls.

Surviving SHI schemes owe their 'success' to specific reasons, e.g., Germany's evolved from its long history of union-provided health insurance. But most working people in developing countries are not in formal employment, let alone unionised. Hence, SHI would have difficulty gaining broad acceptance.

In any case, Germany and other countries with successful SHI in the past have been moving to greater revenue funding of healthcare as formal employment and unionisation decline with changing labour arrangements.

With SHI, government revenue would still have to cover the indigent and poor. It is difficult to collect premiums from the self-employed, or the casual and informal workers not on regular payrolls. But universal coverage would not be achieved without including them.

## Revenue financed healthcare

Inherited revenue-based healthcare financing is basically sound and should

not be replaced due to other healthcare system problems. In most societies, revenue-sourced healthcare financing can be retained, reinforced and improved by:

- increasing government health care allocations.
- reducing 'leakages' by eliminating waste, corruption, 'cronyism', etc.
- promoting 'developmental governance', competitive bidding, etc.
- raising government revenue, especially from more progressive taxation, e.g., wealth, 'windfall' and 'sin' taxes, especially on activities worsening health risks such as tobacco and sugar consumption.

Revenue-financing avoids many administrative costs incurred by PHI and SHI. It has no need for an elaborate parallel system, costly mechanisms and more staff to register, track and pay SHI contributors and beneficiaries, and to deter selfish opportunistic behaviour.

Compared to PHI, SHI seems like a step forward for countries with weak or non-existent public healthcare systems. But moving from revenue-financing to SHI would be a step backwards in terms of both equity and cost-effectiveness.

SHI requires additional layers of health care system administration - to enrol, collect, ascertain coverage, determine benefits and make payments - which incurs unnecessary costs compared to

revenue-financing.

Hence, such insurance systems involve much more per capita health spending, raising it by 3-4%. Despite being much more costly than revenue financed systems, they do not have better health outcomes.

As SHI effectively imposes a payroll tax, it discourages employers from hiring employees with 'proper' labour contracts. Hence, SHI was estimated to reduce formal contracts by 8-10% and total employment by 5-6% in rich countries.

International evidence clearly shows progressive tax-funded public health systems are more equitable, cost-effective and beneficial than SHI. Public health programmes needing popular participation, e.g., breast or cervical cancer screening, have worse outcomes with SHI compared to revenue-financing.

This can be best achieved by improving or developing a revenue-funded healthcare system, with additional resources deployed to expand and enhance primary health care, and better service conditions for medical personnel.

Strengthening public healthcare services can do much, not only to improve staff work conditions, but also morale and pride in their work.

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# Barrick's engineer who calls for environmental protection in areas of investment

By Guardian Reporter

ENVIRONMENTAL protection is a basic thing that should be observed by any investor so as to ensure that their mining activities do not affect the health of surrounding communities, Rebecca Stephen has said.

Rebecca works as an environmental engineer and Mine Closure Manager at the Buzwagi Gold mine which is under Barrick Gold Corporation.

She said during her recent exclusive interview that she earned her first degree in environmental engineering from the University of Dar es Salaam (2002) and her second degree in the same field from Cranfield University in the UK.

According to her, she also serves at Barrick Gold Corporation as the Chief Adviser on environmental issues.

She says she has been able to attend various international training courses about environmental protection.

Speaking of her responsibilities about mine closure at the Buzwagi Gold Mine, she says Barrick, just like any other large scale mine in the world, uses environmental protection systems.

She says during a mine closure, they ensure that the area of mining activities and the health of the community around that area remain safe just as before those activities began.

"To us, the issue of mine closure is very important just as it is with the opening of a new one...We ensure that in our plans, this issue is given a priority to avoid leaving behind different effects in the mines that are closed including avoiding effects on communities surrounding such areas and tarnishing the good image of the firm," said Ms Rebecca.

She insisted that her firm would all the time ensure that the environment was protected including water sources during production activities and adhere to all directives given by environmental institutions in the country.

She noted that her firm was also responsible for presenting an implementation plan on the closure of mining activities to the government for approval and ensuring that such a plan was implemented as it should be.

"I'm proud of working for a big mining company like this one and given the responsibility of closing the big mine of Buzwagi.

"As Tanzanians, we are supervising this exercise of closing the mine and will ensure that we use our expertise in cooperation with environmental institutions in the country.

"We are going to leave the environment of the mine and its surrounding areas in good state as it was before the mine was opened," she says.

She revealed that the process of closing down the



Buzwagi Mine was expected to be completed in 2023.

"By the year of 2023, these areas of the mine will have been planted with trees and other plants, water dams will have been used for economic activities like fish farming, power generation infrastructure and empty holes will have been filled.

"The area will have a friendly environment for use by the community, depending on decisions to be made by the government," said Rebecca.

She says Barrick, through its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR), has managed to implement different projects on supporting the community surrounding the Buzwagi mine.

According to Rebecca, even if the mine closes down, the projects will continue to benefit the residents of the

area. When asked, as environmental expert, on the awareness of environmental protection in the country, Rebecca responded that the awareness had been huge.

She said that the public and different institutions had given priority to the issue of environmental protection.

"Any serious investor is supposed to observe and ensure that their activities are in tandem with environmental protection so that they could leave a positive legacy for the community surrounding the area in which they close down businesses," she noted.

On the challenges she encounters in the execution of her day-to-day duties, she says they are normal just like in any other work.

She concludes by challenging the womenfolk to seize

up different opportunities that would emerge because they were capable of working the same as men.

"Despite the fact that mining activities are very challenging, as women we need to grab the opportunities of these mining activities and others in industries so that we should not be left behind," she insisted.

After working hours, she says, she likes doing physical exercises, reading books, browsing online networks to acquire more knowledge about her environmental profession.

"In this modern world of science and technology it is important to read different materials and learn about new things that emerge around the globe. If you don't do that, you will lag behind," says Ms Rebecca.

## Hamza gets 2m/- after winning Emerson's Z'bar Art Award

By Guardian Reporter

AUSIY Hamza has emerged the winner in the Emerson's Zanzibar Art Award 2021 organised for youth who are working in the creative arts' sector and went away with 2m/-.

Held recently in the Indian Ocean archipelago, the event was made possible by Emerson Zanzibar Foundation and was graced by the Deputy Chief Secretary of the Ministry of Information, Culture, Youth and Sports for Zanzibar, Khamis Abdalla Said. Hamza was among Zanzibar's artists who took part in the contest.

Said el Gheithy, chairman of the foundation, told 'The Guardian' that the event was organised to complement festivals initiated by founder of Busara music festival and the Zanzibar International Film Festival, Emerson Skeepers who died in 2014.

"More than 60 artists initially entered the award vying to be part of the exhibition and dreamed of winning the award of 2m/-, a stylish trophy, certificate and future support from the Foundation," he said in a statement.

The recipient of the award, Hamza Ausiy, was cheered by his fellow artists when he was presented with the award with his painting named "Sokoni".

The five picked judges, who are professionals in their areas of artistic excellence, agreed that 'Sokoni' was the winning artwork. The artwork adhered to the theme celebrating the culture and heritage of Zanzibar.

A close second winner was Abdul Haji Ussi, who was awarded a solo exhibition to be held this August in Zanzibar. Abdalla Issa and Jamal also received certificates of excellence for their artworks who took the third and fourth positions.

These awards supported by the Emerson Zanzibar hotels and Foundation has provided musicians, poets and filmmakers prestigious exposure to the region and the world.

It was decided in 2021 that, not only, a new award for local creative artists would be initiated; the Emerson on Hurumzi hotel would host and promote artists through an exhibition, called 'All things Emerson Zanzibar', of which 100 artworks from 35 artists were included.



Hamza Ausiy winner of the Emerson's Zanzibar Art Award 2021.

## Everyone has role to play in climate crisis, UN climate panel vice-chair person says

By Special Correspondent

EVERYONE "has a role to play" in the climate crisis, said Youba Sokona, vice-chair of the UN panel that published a "code red" climate change report this week.

The report published yesterday is meant to serve as a warning for humanity, instructing developing countries, and particularly countries in Africa, to turn to climate-friendly infrastructures.

Sokona, who is also a special advisor for sustainable development at the South Centre think-tank, said that everyone must do their part to help the environment.

"In industrialised countries, this is reflected in the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions," the UN official

said. "In African countries, particularly in sub-Saharan Africa, it is much more about greenhouse gas avoidance and having a low-carbon, climate-resilient development model," he added.

He further said that energy and agriculture sectors need to be developed "differently from what we have known so far" to be climate-resilient and low-carbon.

Many countries will struggle to adjust to a changing climate, and many African countries are particularly vulnerable.

Even though the continent emits fewer greenhouse gases, it is still one of the most exposed places to climate extremes.

## IFC case study: SCT's workforce policies support working parents

By Guardian Reporter

THE International Financial Corporation (IFC) has launched a case study on Standard Chartered Tanzania's family friendly workplace policies and practices, highlighting the bank's equitable and future-forward workplace policies that champion equal opportunity for all working parents.

The case study found that of the bank's approximately 250 employees, 50 percent are women with women representing 31 percent of senior managers and 59 percent of the Bank's entry-level staff.

The case study also unpacks some of the key initiatives implemented by Standard Char-

tered to support working parents that are applicable to both financial and non-financial institutions. This includes the bank's five-month maternity leave option, which is above the country's mandated 12-week leave.

The bank also supports managers by offering training programmes and a parental leave toolkit, which are standardised across the Group to help guide supervisors through the maternity leave processes. This gives new mothers peace of mind that they will not be penalized for the time they take during maternity leave.

The bank has also successfully developed a culture to cultivate women leaders more broadly in

the financial sector in Tanzania. Standard Chartered Tanzania implements a "feeder strategy" to retain women in leadership, resulting in eight percent more women than men in business roles, helping to fill a potential pipeline for future women banking leaders.

In a recent IFC report, Leading Tanzanian Women in Financial Services (June 2021), seven of the 22 women leaders who were profiled by IFC had previously worked for Standard Chartered Tanzania.

Lilian Makau, Head of Human Resources at Standard Chartered, commented: "Working with IFC gave us fresh ideas which we can use to complement the efforts

that are already in place. IFC is challenging us to continue to innovate and become even better by keeping gender on top of our mind, so that we have the right policies in place".

The bank is committed to including men in this journey by providing them with the tools to not only be allies but to also build a rapport and learn how to work collegially, while supporting them in their family roles as husbands and fathers.

At Standard Chartered Tanzania, diversity and inclusion are not merely box-ticking exercises but are at the heart of the business. The Bank has been recognised by the Association of Tanzanian Employers, for the national employers lobby, for

its best practices. The Bank's implementation of the diversity and inclusion strategies have offered direct business benefits for the Bank, which range from high attraction and retention of women, to high maternity return and employee engagement rates.

Sanjay Rughani, CEO of Standard Chartered Tanzania commented: "Internal studies show that staff feel more motivated at work when they receive better support in the integration of their professional and personal lives. These policies are part of the bank's effort to create and sustain an environment that enables its employees and their families to succeed."





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## Parliamentary Budget Committee counsels Taha to list obstacles to growth

By The Banker reporter, Arusha

**O**BSTACLES hindering rapid growth of the country's horticulture industry should be submitted to parliament so that lawmakers should help address them if they need regulatory reforms.

Parliamentary Budget Committee Chairman, Sillo Baran and his deputy, Omar Kigua said earlier this week after visiting horticulture farms in Arusha that the multi-billion shillings industry need urgent intervention to stand up to its feet.

"In recognition of horticulture as a key economic driving force, my committee will work with Taha to address the policy and legal related challenges to allow the industry get back to its feet and grow," Baran said.

Baran who is Babati Rural law maker from the ruling party, commended Tanzania Horticulture Association for a job well done for overseeing growth of the from zero to money minting industry earning millions of dollars annually.

"Because of the good job that you have done, parliament will support you get back to normal business," he promised Taha Group CEO, Jacqueline Mkindi who had briefed them on challenges facing the once vibrant industry.

In his remarks, Kigua backed Baran by promising to work with Taha in reviving the industry which has been hard hit by the coronavirus outbreak. Kigua who is Kilindi legislator advised Taha management to prepare a detailed proposal outlining a package of steps required to be taken to revive the industry.

"Since we have an upper hand in prime agriculture land, favourable climate and other key factors for horticulture pro-



**Taha Group CEO, Dr Jacqueline Mkindi (L) briefing Parliamentary Budget Committee members on challenges facing the horticulture industry when they toured the association's offices in Arusha earlier this week. Photo courtesy of Taha.**

duction, Taha should prepare a proposal that contains a roadmap and a package of measures prerequisites for the industry's growth," he advised.

"We will take it forward to realize the ambitious plan to open up the industry," Kigua promised saying the government needs both revenue and jobs created by the dollar earning industry.

In the last decade, the horticulture industry has grown twice as fast as the rest of agricultural sector, thanks to painstaking efforts by Taha and other partners that saw an increase in the production of fruits and vegetables, improved business environment and market access, among other factors.

Currently, the industry earns the economy over US\$779 million annually, up from US\$100 million in 2004, making horticulture a nascent enterprise to watch in terms of creating jobs, wealth, and health.

Taha Group CEO, Dr Mkindi said despite the huge potential of the horticulture industry, it is constrained by various challenges including poor transport networks, ineffective trade logistics, limited input supplies, post-harvest losses and limited market strategy and information gap.

To unleash the full potential of horticulture, Dr Mkindi said, the country ought to put in place a structure to realize five key

drivers of horticulture transformation, namely market access, enhanced productivity, an enabling environment that supports innovation, capital access, or financial services and skills development.

She further said the industry needs favourable, predictable and consistent policies as well as incentives packages to woo new domestic and foreign investors and cater for the existing ones.

"Horticultural productivity and trade competitiveness can be amplified by fast-tracking trade logistics, boosting investment in research and development, expanding production incentives to farmers and harnessing the benefits of increasing digitaliza-

tion of the industry" Dr Mkindi told the lawmakers

In terms of marketing access, for instance, the Taha chief in collaboration with the government are making efforts for Tanzania's avocado and other high-value crops to access South African and Chinese niche markets.

"Our efforts in cooperation with the government are inching closer for Tanzania and South Africa to sign a bilateral agreement to allow local avocado to sell in Johannesburg," she added while noting that Tanzania and China are also close to signing a memorandum of understanding on sanitary and phytosanitary measures to enable the export of avocados into China.

"Avocado from Tanzania would soon be among the items eaten on the dining tables in China, as the country ups its game to unlock the multi-million dollar's Chinese market for local exporters" she noted.

China's soaring appetite for avocados, driven by demand from its burgeoning health-conscious middle-class, has made the butter fruit – unheard of a few years ago – the country's star performer in the imported fruit market.

In fact, avocado fruit is becoming a status symbol among the 100 million Chinese middle class, with data indicates that Beijing imports 32,100 tons of avocado annually valued at \$105 million, offering a huge potential market for local growers.

## Cellulant cleared to become PSSP by Bank of Tanzania

By The Banker Reporter

BANK of Tanzania has granted its approval in principle for Cellulant Corporation to operate as a Payment Solution Service Provider (PSSP) in the country.

PSSPs make up the underlying e-payment infrastructure in Tanzania which constitutes banks, online merchants, payment processors, merchants, state governments, and consumers connect to PSSPs to meet their digital payment needs.

The approval makes Cellulant one of the PSSPs in the country endorsed by the central bank to provide digital payments solutions across the nation. The company is a pan-African fintech firm that provides a one-stop digital payments platform enabling business across Africa.

Cellulant provides a single digital payments platform named Tingg, which addresses the complex payments needs of businesses. Tingg allows clients to collect and make payments across multiple payment methods in different currencies.

"This approval sets Cellulant into a select group of few payment aggregators that operate as PSSPs in Tanzania and will help add millions of economically active but financially excluded Tanzanians into the digital payment ecosystem," said Cellulant Tanzania Country Manager, Edwin Kiiru. "We are bringing to Tanzania the same top-level performance and seamless payments solutions that have made Tingg Africa's preferred payments platform," said Kiiru said.

"A bank with a mortgage of say Sh10 billion on the balance sheet has had to maintain a regulatory capital of Sh5 billion. But now this drops to Sh3.5 billion, meaning Sh1.5 billion has been released to get more mortgage loan." Banks have different portfolio mixes which effectively determine regulatory

## Capital boost for banks giving loans for homes



**Kenya Bankers Association CEO, Habib Olaka speaks in Nairobi earlier this week.**

NAIROBI

Banks will now have additional money for lending towards home ownership after the regulator lowered the capital required to back mortgages.

The Central Bank of Kenya (CBK) has been requiring banks to maintain capital that is at least half the value of the mortgage book but has now cut this to 35 percent. The changes, which took effect on July 1, effectively mean that banks can now lend more towards homeownership at the current capital levels.

CBK says the changes are expected to encourage banks to give out more mortgages in a market that has added 10,836 mortgage loans in 10 years yet

annual demand for housing units is estimated at 200,000. The CBK director for bank supervision Gerald Nyaoma has sent a circular to all lenders, instructing them to effect the changes.

"CBK has decided to review the capital adequacy risk weighting for all residential mortgages from the current risk weight of 50 to 35 percent. It is envisaged that this amendment will free capital for banks to increase their mortgage lending," said Mr Nyaoma. The changes, added to last September's licensing and operationalisation of the Kenya Mortgage Refinance Company (KMRC), are expected to offer boost to the mortgage market.

KMRC is expected to lift uptake of domestic residential mortgages

by offering long-term loans to primary mortgage lenders including commercial banks, microfinance banks and savings and credit co-operatives.

CBK data showed the value of mortgage loans outstanding was Sh232.7 billion in December last year compared to Sh237.7 billion in the previous year, cut by repayments and lower new loans in Covid-19 environment.

Kenya Bankers Association (KBA) has welcomed the CBK changes saying it will help lenders to issue out more mortgages without raising fresh capital. "The review has created additional room for banks to add more mortgages on their balance sheet at the same capital levels," said Habib Olaka, KBA chief executive.

## Regulation of payment services for card transactions in South Africa

JOHANNESBURG

The South African Reserve Bank (SARB) has issued Directive 1 of 2020 (Directive for conduct within the national payment system in respect of domestic card transactions) under the National Payment System Act, 1998 (NPS Act) concerning issuing and acquiring domestic card transactions. The Directive introduces regulations for all card issuers, card acquirers and domestic merchants regarding card issuing, acquiring and acceptance services for domestic card transactions.

The Directive aims to ensure that the provision of domestic card payment services does not endanger the National Payment System (NPS), and for this reason the SARB requires domestic card issuers to be domestic clearing system participants and that

domestic merchants use local card acquirers.

All card issuing, acquiring and acceptance services relating to a domestic card transaction must be performed in compliance with South African legislation, Payment Clearing House agreements, clearing and settlement rules. A 'domestic card transaction' is a transaction to effect payment, withdraw cash or transfer funds using a domestic card within South Africa.

No foreign card issuer may issue a domestic card used for domestic card transactions unless it is a domestic clearing system participant. "Domestic card" means a card payment instrument that is issued to a cardholder by a card issuer to perform card transactions within South Africa, although this card may be enabled to perform cross-border/international

transactions.

Further, the Directive prohibits the use of a foreign acquirer to acquire domestic card transactions or to provide acquiring services to domestic merchants. All participants that issue and acquire domestic cards are required to comply with this Directive. Any infringement of this Directive is an offence in terms of section 12 of the NPS Act.

The directive aims to address transactions occurring within South Africa between domestic parties, where such transactions are processed as if they were cross-border transactions as a result of the involvement of a foreign card issuer or card acquirer. When a foreign issuer or a foreign card acquirer is involved, the processing of the payment is likely to take place outside of South Africa and would not be subject to South

African payment system laws and regulations. Thus, the SARB wishes to ensure that transactions between domestic customers and domestic merchants are subject to supervision and regulation in South Africa.

Are there any requirements (outside the Directive) for international payments acquirers to localise and obtain local acquiring licenses to operate in this context? There is currently no legislation requiring that international payment acquirers need to be licensed within this context.

Directive 1 of 2007 (Directive for Conduct within the National Payment System in respect of Payments to Third Persons) governs the facilitation of third-party payments, where a service provider receives payments from third parties on behalf of a customer or makes payments on behalf of a customer to third parties.



**Some of the global payment cards currently in use in South Africa.**

# Tigo, Sanlam debut mobile phone insurance services for handsets

By The Banker Reporter

**H**ANDSETS purchased at any Tigo Tanzania shops will be immediately insured thanks to a deal reached by the telecommunications company and Sanlam Insurance Limited.

Tigo Tanzania's Head of Shops and Devices, Mkumbo Myonga said in Dar es Salaam mid this week that the telco has partnered with Sanlam to introduce smartphones insurance cover in the market. Myonga said the product covers new phones against loss, accidental damage and theft which will be linked to the mobile phone IMEI number.

"In a world where smartphones have gained a huge importance, some are dependent on it to communicate to the world through social media while others need it as an extension of their workplace, this partnership with Sanlam will give mobile phone owners a safety net through mobile phone insurance cover in case of theft, loss or damage," Myonga said when the new product was unveiled.

"Once customers purchase their phone of choice from our shops, apart from the usual warranty, we advise that they insure their new smartphone. The plan fulfills the requirements of users in particular who want to cover in case of accidental damage to their phones," he said adding that the policy duration will be one year and the phone owner will pay five percent



Tigo Tanzania's head of shops and device, Mkumbo Myonga addressing journalists in Dar es Salaam mid this week during the launch of an insurance cover for smartphones in partnership with Sanlam Insurance. Accompanying him is Sanlam's chief operating officer, Geoffrey Masige. Photo: Guardian Correspondent.

of the value of the handset as insurance premium.

Speaking at the event, Sanlam's Chief Operating Officer, Geoffrey Masige said the device protection scheme will ensure that Tigo clients get back to their phone usage quickly after damage or loss of their smartphones.

Masige said smartphones are now becoming the extra limb that humans have hence the need to protect them against theft or damage.

"Keeping aside the actual cost of the gadget and the fear of losing it, Sanlam and Tigo have you covered," he said while noting that the smartphone insurance

plan is very affordable and signing up is very convenient, no lengthy paperwork as all client's information will be stored digitally and in case of a claim a customer will be compensated within 14 days while theft claims will only take a maximum of seven days after submitting all required documentations.

## Standard Bank, Nedbank and Grey Advertising support Unicef to assist KZN and Gauteng

JOHANNESBURG

Standard Bank, Nedbank and Grey Advertising step up to provide R3.6m for acute and longer-term needs for children and people affected by violence and looting

The recent unrest that engulfed parts of KwaZulu-Natal and Gauteng devastated the lives and livelihoods of people across the two provinces, with more than 300 people killed, including at least three children. Standard Bank, Nedbank and Grey Advertising support Unicef to assist KZN and Gauteng communities

The damage to businesses, food supply chains and health and education services, will increase the vulnerability of people already affected by the Covid-19 pandemic and long-standing poverty and deep-rooted inequality.

"Children will be affected by the impact of Covid-19 and their exposure to the unrest for months and years to come," said Muriel Mafico, Unicef deputy representative, following a two-day UN assessment visit to affected areas in KwaZulu-Natal. "We will provide a targeted and focused response to support their physical and mental wellbeing, as well as engaging young people to help promote social cohesion," added Mafico.

The UN visit to the Durban area included meetings with provincial authorities and communities affected, including Intokozo FM, a youth focused radio station that was destroyed. To help respond, vital funding from Standard Bank (R3m), Nedbank (R500,000) and Grey Advertising (R100,000) will support both short-term relief and long-term recovery efforts through Unicef and its network of partners on the ground.

This support will take the form of: Distribution of food supplies, clothes and hygiene and sanitary products to people in affected areas; Support for small businesses, particularly street vendors, who have lost their merchandise through the looting; Rebuilding of four community radio stations and the production of youth-led programming that will reach approximately 300,000 listeners and which play a critical role in community dialogue and disseminating vital information at a local level; and Community peace dialogues, including counselling sessions and psychosocial support for young people in particular.

Unicef's response is one component of the UN in South Africa's support to affected communities. Following the UN visit to KZN last week, one of the key outcomes was the establishment of a task team between the UN and KZN authorities, including civil society organisations, who will set targets and monitor progress in rebuilding the province. This work will be conducted in line with the outcomes set out in the District Development Model.

NEWSINDEPTH

# Matatus: We won't cut fares despite resuming full capacity

NAIROBI

Passengers who had looked to fare reliefs after matatus across the country were allowed to resume carrying full capacity have been disappointed after the operators maintained the same charges.

A spot check at many bus termini in Nairobi in the past two days found that commuters were paying the same fares as last week contrary to the pledge by representatives of public transport lobby groups to reduce fares from Monday.

The Ministry of Transport last Friday issued the directive allowing the passenger service vehicles to fill up the seats after over a year of limiting the capacity to contain the spread of the coronavirus. Matatu Owners Association chairman Simon Kimutai, while welcoming the decision, attributed the decision to keep the old fares to the high cost of fuel and the fact that vehicle owners had lost a lot of income since the pandemic began.

"We will not reduce fare because the fuel price went up the other day and with the kind of revenue we were getting at 40 percent, it was unsustainable and the industry was collapsing. Many people have left the sector, jobs lost, vehicles auctioned among other negative impacts. We will play our part in observing the new protocols," said Mr Kimutai.

His sentiments were echoed by the chairman of the Association of Bus Operators Edwin Mukabanah, who said that "fares in Kenya are



Matatus along Accra Road, Nairobi.

subject to market forces of demand and supply." "If you reduce carrying capacity, vehicles become less as they carry fewer passengers. We hope fare will naturally come down," he said.

Matatu owners, however, said they would enforce public health measures such as providing

hand sanitiser and insisting that passengers wear face masks. A spot check in Nairobi yesterday found that this is not always adhered to strictly.

For instance, on Monday and Tuesday, many matatu saccos operating in the city centre, especially the 14-seater vans popularly known as Nis-

sans, did not have hand sanitiser as was prescribed at the beginning of the pandemic. Crew from bigger transport companies like City Hoppa could be seen screening passengers using temperature guns and employing hand sanitiser before allowing passengers in.

# Absa taps into SAP to transform its Africa Finance business

JOHANNESBURG

Absa Group has joined forces with SAP for a core finance transformation. A multi-country digitisation journey has started with the Absa Groups' Kenyan subsidiary being the first country to go live with SAP S/4 HANA.

The Kenyan implementation of S/4 HANA was launched on Amazon Web Service Hyperscaler, an African first for SAP and Absa. "Using best of breed

technology and cloud, we are transforming our Finance business with highly integrated systems, automation and consolidation of our financial data and reporting" says Ebrahim Samodien, CIO Functions Technology.

SAP had been chosen to assist in simplifying the group's internal finance and reporting processes. Absa says the implementation of SAP S/4 HANA is a step towards its vision to consolidate and

report off a single instance General Ledger.

According to the banking Group SAP S/4 HANA will help it to intelligently automate manual processes, simplify their data models, guide decision making process through embedded analytics and machine learning. It will also improve the bank's IT TCO by enabling legacy system decommissioning and moving compute resources into the cloud.

The SAP services teams

in collaboration with Absa's IT team commenced the S/4 HANA project as part of Programme Owari in May 2020. The programme was implemented using a combination of on-site and remote delivery consisting of SAP colleagues from EMEA South and, SDC India and Europe.

"We are delighted to have joined forces with Absa on their finance transformation. Absa are innovating and leveraging

further insights into their core operational processes. This project also highlights the quick time to value realisation our customers are achieving through S/4HANA implementations and the associated benefit of the embedded technology capabilities. This journey between Absa and SAP is an excellent example of the power of collaboration in digital transformations" concludes Cathy Smith, MD SAP Africa.



SAP Africa managing director, Cathy Smith.







## Russian PM requests proposals on subsidised tax treatment on Kuril Islands by September

MOSCOW

THE approved proposals on subsidised tax treatment and a free customs zone on the Kuril Islands should be submitted to the Russian government by September 1. Respective requests by Prime Minister Mikhail Mishustin following his trip to the Sakhalin Region on July 26-27 were published on the cabinet's website on Wednesday.

"To submit to the government of the Russian Federation the approved proposals on creation of preferential treatment on the territory of the Kuril Islands, which stipulates: exemption from payment of such taxes and fees as tax on profit of organizations, value-added tax, corporate

property tax, land tax, transport tax for a specified term; customs procedure of free customs zone; reduced rates of mandatory insurance payments in the amount of 7.6% for a specified term," according to the instruction addressed to the Finance Ministry, the Ministry for the Development of the Russian Far East and Arctic and the Economic Development Ministry together with other federal bodies and the government of the Sakhalin Region.

The deadline for the instruction is September 1.

PM said earlier that the creation of a free customs zone on the Kuril Islands would help enterprises import necessary equipment and other goods.

Agencies

## Taliban seizes key Afghan cities, Washington stuck in limbo amid troop withdrawal

BEIJING

THE Taliban on Tuesday claimed it has seized Farah city, capital of Afghanistan's western Farah province, which is the seventh provincial capital it has captured over the past four days.

The rapid deterioration in Afghanistan's security is mainly attributed to the "hasty" retreat of U.S. troops, which has only left a mess and violence after a 20-year war, according to analysts.

SWIFT DETERIORATION

Apart from Farah city, the Taliban has reportedly seized over the past week Sari Pul, Kunduz, Shiberghan, Aybak and Taluqan cities in the northern region, and Zaranj city in the western part of the country. In recent days, the United States has carried out airstrikes against the Taliban as the group made rapid military advances across the country.

Many Afghan cities and about half of the country's 34 provinces have seen heavy battles and street fighting between Afghan forces and Taliban fighters.

"What we are doing around the clock is seeking to find a way out of this," U.S. State Department spokesperson Ned Price told reporters in a daily briefing, noting that U.S. Special Representative for Afghanistan Reconciliation Zalmay Khalilzad is in Doha for meetings with representatives from regional countries to press for a reduction in violence and a ceasefire.

Earlier this month, Afghan President Mohammad Ashraf Ghani blamed the speedy withdrawal of U.S.-led troops for the worsening violence in his country.

Stanislav Zas, secretary general of the Russia-led Collective Security Treaty Organization, noted that after the United States and its allies withdrew troops from Afghanistan, the situation there has significantly aggravated and the country is being increasingly engulfed by chaos, causing instability in the region, reported the TASS news agency on Monday.

Since 2009 when the United Nations reporting began, the fighting across Afghanistan has claimed over 40,000 lives. In July alone, more than 1,000 people have been killed or injured by attacks in Hilmand, Kandahar and Hirat provinces, said UN Undersecretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator Martin Griffiths in a statement.

"ANOTHER SYRIA"

Observers believe that if the conflict between the Taliban and the government forces turns into a long-term military impasse, Afghanistan will become "another Syria."

Wang Shida, deputy director of the China Institutes of Contemporary International Relations, told Xinhua that over the past decade, the Taliban has been expanding its influence in Afghanistan's rural areas, especially those near

provincial capitals, which is why it can seize large swathes of rural areas quickly and even take provincial capitals.

Meanwhile, Afghan government forces have been long operating in urban areas, especially in capital Kabul and its surroundings.

Therefore, whether the Taliban can overthrow the Afghan government in a short term remains unclear, Wang said.

Zhu Yongbiao, director of the Research Center for Afghanistan at China's Lanzhou University, shares a similar view with Wang, saying Afghanistan may follow in the steps of Syria.

Considering the Taliban has lost many mid-level commanders in recent battles and it takes time to train new commanders, the group may slow the pace of fighting.

Meanwhile, the government forces are unlikely to be defeated in a short time, Zhu explained. Leon Panette, former U.S. defense secretary, said: "The most you can hope for now is some kind of stalemate" between Afghan forces and Taliban fighters, who have shown little interest in reaching an accord since the American troop withdrawal was announced, the New York Times reported Sunday.

WASHINGTON'S DILEMMA

On Tuesday, U.S. President Joe Biden called on the Afghan troops to fend for themselves as well as promised to keep Washington's word.

"We spent over a trillion dollars over 20 years. We trained and equipped with modern equipment over 300,000 Afghan forces. And Afghan leaders have to come together," Biden told reporters at the White House.

"They've got to fight for themselves, fight for their nation." "We are going to continue to keep our commitment," he added, noting he does not regret his decision to withdraw U.S. troops from the country.

The U.S. retreat and its spillover have drawn criticism from inside the United States and its allies. Wesley Clark, former top NATO general, called the Taliban's territorial takeovers "a consequence of American misjudgments and failures."

The impact of the U.S. drawdown "could be tragic for the country and dangerous for the U.S. and the wider world," wrote Gideon Rachman, chief foreign affairs commentator of the Financial Times, in late July.

"If the United States ceases anti-Taliban operations on Aug. 31, that would send confusing messages and could have a demoralizing impact on the ANSF (Afghan National Security Forces).

But if it continues such ops, U.S. is basically continuing its war, even post-withdrawal," tweeted Michael Kugelman, deputy director of the Asia Program and senior associate for South Asia at the Wilson Center based in Washington. Xinhua

# Kathy Hochul to become first woman to lead New York

NEW YORK

WITH a range of political experience that has taken her from a town board in upstate New York to Capitol Hill in Washington, Kathy Hochul is soon to become the first woman to serve as governor of New York.

As lieutenant governor, the No. 2 statewide position, she will take over in two weeks from Governor Andrew Cuomo, her fellow Democrat who resigned on Tuesday over a sexual harassment scandal.

"I agree with Governor Cuomo's decision to step down. It is the right thing to do and in the best interest of New Yorkers," Hochul (pronounced HO-kul), 62, wrote on Twitter.

"As someone who has served at all levels of government and is next in the line of succession, I am prepared to lead as New York State's 57th Governor."

She served 14 years as a town board member in Hamburg, a town of some 55,000 people near her native Buffalo, a more-than-six-hour drive from New York City.

"She's homegrown from the town of Hamburg, and for her to be the first female governor in New York state - we just couldn't be prouder," said Joan Kesner, a Democrat who served alongside Hochul on the town board from 1997 to 2007.

Kesner watched her friend broker compromises between at-odds residential subdivisions and create Hamburg's first haven house for domestic violence survivors.



Kathy Hochul

She said Hochul's experience working on a range of issues in her part of western New York, from waterfront revitalization to improved medical capacity and local business expansion, equipped her to serve New York, the fourth most populous US state.

Steven Walters, a Republican who was Hamburg's supervisor from 2006 until 2017, said he and Hochul at times disagreed during the two years they worked together but he always found her open-minded and professional.

Walters remembered Hochul's passion for the environment and for development projects that kept wilderness intact.

After her Hamburg experience,

then-Governor Eliot Spitzer appointed Hochul clerk of Erie County. In 2008, Spitzer quit as governor over his patronage of prostitutes. In 2011, Hochul won a special election for a US congressional district no Democrat had won in 40 years.

Although elected as lieutenant governor in 2014 on Cuomo's ticket, the two have seldom appeared together. She was almost never present at Cuomo's much publicized briefings at the start of the coronavirus crisis.

"The lieutenant governor of New York is a relatively weak position," said Christina Greer, a Fordham University associate

professor of political science. "As far as some of the heavy hitting issues that are plaguing the state ... she was largely on the sidelines."

But her distance from Cuomo, 63, may prove to be a blessing now as well as in November 2022 if Hochul decides to run for governor.

"A lot of people are looking forward to a type of leadership that doesn't feel toxic or bullying," Greer said.

Hochul issued a statement shortly after New York Attorney General Letitia James released the results of a five-month independent investigation that concluded Cuomo had engaged in misconduct with 11 women that violated US and state laws.

"The AG's investigation has documented repulsive & unlawful behavior by the Governor towards multiple women. I believe these brave women & admire their courage coming forward," Hochul wrote on Twitter.

Responding to Cuomo's resignation on Tuesday, James in a statement expressed support for the soon-to-be governor.

"I know our state is in good hands with Lieutenant Governor Hochul at the helm, and I look forward to continuing to work with her," James said.

Xinhua

## China sees improved protection over Yunnan snub-nosed monkeys

IN Xiangguqing, located in Baima Snow Mountain National Nature Reserve in Deqin county, southwest China's Yunnan province, live over 60 Yunnan snub-nosed monkeys from 10 "families." It is the only place in China where people can observe the creatures closely.

These snub-nosed monkeys have established a unique relationship with the rangers who spend most of their time in the forest protecting the animals every day. Only with the calls of the rangers, they would come out from the thick forest and meet visitors.

With an upturned nose, pink lips and big eyes, the Yunnan snub-nosed monkeys are an endangered species unique to China under national first-class protection. They live in alpine forests with an altitude ranging from 2,500 to 4,700 meters.

Baima Snow Mountain National Nature Reserve sits in the core zone of the Three Parallel Rivers of Yunnan Protected Areas, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and is home to around 60 percent of the total population of Yunnan snub-nosed monkeys.

China's long-term protection efforts are paying off. The groups and population of the animals are constantly rising. As of the end of April this year, there had been 23 groups of the animals, up from 13 in 1996, according to a two-year monitoring program by the forestry and grassland bureau of Yunnan province. The total population of the Yunnan snub-nosed monkeys also rose from a number between 1,000 and 1,500 to over 3,300 during the same period.

To improve habitats is a prerequisite of biodiversity protection. In the past, many villagers



A female monkey forages in the rain with its cub in Baima Snow Mountain National Nature Reserve in Deqin county, southwest China's Yunnan province, April 2019. File photo

near Xiangguqing made a living by hunting or lumbering, which severely impacted the habitats of the snub-nosed monkeys, and the number of monkey groups was on the decrease.

The protection of the creatures started in 1983 when the provincial government of Yunnan approved of establishing Baima Snow Mountain National Nature Reserve. A management administration has been set up in the reserve by the forestry department of Deqin county, together with multiple protection stations.

After decades of efforts, the number of rangers in Xiangguqing has been expanded from three to 28, many of whom were once hunters. Yu Jianhua, 69, is one of them. Yu lived on hunting between 14 and 45, and became one of the first three rangers protecting the Yunnan snub-nosed monkeys in 1997. He works from 6 am to 8 pm in Xiangguqing every

day to safeguard the species. In the morning, he guides the animals from their habitats to the observation site, where he feeds them usnea and apples and meets visiting tourists.

Yu is able to recognize every monkey there, and can even tell their moods according to their cries. This owes to a "census" system established by scientific researchers that records "family profiles" of all snub-nosed monkeys, including family members, age structure and kinship.

"Field patrol can only discover monkey groups and help us gain a general knowledge of their amount and distribution, while the 'census' system allows us to have a closer look into the species, so that we can better carry out conservation biology and behavioral ecology studies," said Zhong Tai, head of the management administration of Baima Snow Mountain National Nature Reserve.

Yu Jianhua's son Yu Zhonghua has also been working as a ranger in the reserve for 15 years. "We always had to live in the wild on patrol missions in the old days, while now we have infrared cameras to observe animal activities and collect scientific data," he told People's Daily, adding that an infrared camera is able to monitor animals within two kilometers from it. The videos captured are directly sent to relevant departments of Yunnan province and Diqing Tibetan autonomous prefecture for remote control.

Yu Zhonghua's experience told him that the Yunnan snub-nosed monkeys prefer biologically diverse places with stable forest ecology. "They would not go to man-made forests by a single species," he said.

In July 2019, the forestry and grassland bureau of Yunnan province established a snub-nosed monkey protection network in collaboration with over ten social organizations and scientific institutions, including Yunnan Green Environment Development Foundation, to enhance conservation of the animals and their habitats. As of the end of last year, the protection network has restored 6,100 mu (407 hectares) of forests, where 630,000 spruces, Chinese white pines and firs are planted.

"The enhanced protection over Yunnan snub-nosed monkeys over the years is paying off," said Xie Hongfang, former director of the management administration of Baima Snow Mountain National Nature Reserve. "Eyeing on the future, we will better mobilize surrounding villagers, and bring them more benefits with the protection efforts," he said.

People's Daily

# US Senate approves 1.2-trln-USD infrastructure bill despite deficit concerns

WASHINGTON

THE U.S. Senate on Tuesday approved a long-awaited bipartisan infrastructure bill after months of strenuous negotiations, though analysts are concerned that this legislation falls short of its promise to be fully paid for.

In a rare stroke of bipartisanship, more than a dozen Republicans joined Democrats to back the legislation. The final vote was 69-30, comfortably surpassing the 60-vote threshold required for most legislation in the 100-seat upper chamber. The infrastruc-

ture bill, despite a political victory for President Joe Biden, is much smaller than the size of what he originally proposed. Despite that, budget groups argued the administration would most likely have to borrow heavily to fund the projects, pushing up the already ballooning deficit.

"DECADES OVERDUE" INVESTMENT

According to the American Society of Civil Engineers, the country's infrastructure scores a C minus, with 43 percent of public roadways in poor or mediocre condition, and 7.5

percent of the nation's bridges "structurally deficient."

The group noted that the United States has been "underinvesting" in its infrastructure for decades. In 2019, the country spent just 2.5 percent of its gross domestic product (GDP) on infrastructure, down from 4.2 percent in the 1930s, said the organization, adding that the COVID-19 pandemic has made a difficult situation "worse." Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer said on the Senate floor before the vote that this is a "decades overdue" step to revitalize the country's crumbling infrastructure, call-

ing it the "most robust injection of funds" into infrastructure in decades.

In a speech at the White House, Biden said he is happy to mark this "significant milestone" on the road toward making "long-overdue," "much-needed" investments in basic, hard infrastructure of this nation. "Clogged arteries at the heart of our economy - they are going to be opened up," he said.

The president noted that forecasters on Wall Street project that over the next 10 years, such investments will create an additional 2 million jobs a

year beyond what was already projected. In late March, Biden unveiled a roughly 2-trillion-U.S.-dollar infrastructure plan, but it was harshly criticized by Republican lawmakers, who argued it is not targeted on infrastructure and costs too much.

After months of negotiations, a bipartisan group of senators reached an agreement on a 1.2-trillion-dollar infrastructure bill, which includes 550 billion dollars in new spending on infrastructure projects, such as roads, bridges, passenger rails, drinking water and waste water systems.

The rest of the package involves previously approved spending. Despite wide support from both sides of the aisle, James Pethokoukis, a senior fellow at the American Enterprise Institute, urged policymakers to pay attention to the worthiness of infrastructure projects. "The point here is that there can be diminishing returns from spending," Pethokoukis argued in an earlier article. "And we should not overestimate the impact of infrastructure investment in an advanced, built-out economy like America's."

Even though authors claim

the bill would be fully paid for, budget watchers, as well as the non-partisan Congressional Budget Office (CBO), believe otherwise, voicing concerns over the country's fiscal situation.

"While we are pleased Republicans and Democrats have come together to move forward important public investments, this legislation falls far short of its promise to be fully paid for," Maya MacGuineas, president of the Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget, a U.S. watchdog group, said in a statement on Tuesday.

Xinhua

# Kibwana Shomari out to fulfil pursuit of professional career

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

**A**FTER winning two Mapinduzi Cup tournaments titles with Mtibwa Sugar and Yanga, it is no secret that Kibwana Shomari is the youngest and most promising defender in Tanzania.

The diminutive right full-back, now featuring for Yanga, had first lifted the tournament's top honour with Morogoro's Mtibwa Sugar in the 2019/20 season, beating Simba 1-0 in the final.

Shomari went on to seal a move to Yanga this season, the defender won this season's edition of the tournament with the outfit, posting a victory over Simba in the final.

His ability to play in Yanga's squad regularly as a right-back throughout the season is not surprising in the eyes of many Tanzanian football fans as he already proved his in junior national sides.

In a recent interview, Shomari described his long soccer journey to this day wearing Yanga's yellow and green kits.

In 2013, Shomari, then a member of Moro Youth Academy, was selected for Morogoro regional team which took part in the Copa Coca-Cola tournament held in Kibaha, Coast Region.

His participation in the showdown helped the youthful defender begin his junior soccer journey.

"I was selected for the national U-15 team, I was also sent to the national U-17 team on different occasions and I joined Mtibwa Sugar U-20 squad, I was later promoted to the senior team and then Yanga signed me there," he revealed.

Kibwana pointed out that turning out for prominent domestic football clubs, Simba and Yanga is the dream of many local players.

According to him, footballers are seeking to achieve the goals of the two sides' fans, winning trophies, from time to time, unlike other teams participating in the top flight.

He disclosed that playing for modest top-flight football sides is quite easy.

"Every local player's dream is to lift a trophy with either Simba or Yanga, which seems easy due to the signings they make, good salaries for their players."

"You can not prosper in these teams if your discipline is bad, you have to be a dedicated



Kibwana Shomari

person in practice and when you are allowed to play in competitive ties."

Regarding his team's plans for next season, Shomari disclosed the club has high hopes of excelling in the CAF Champions League.

He stated he is also preparing to compete for a spot in the squad due to the arrival of Congolese, Djuma Shaban, from AS Vita Club.

"We still have a chance to do well in continental competition, I think despite learning a lot with the youth teams I believe have a chance to go and play professional football abroad."

"This has come about given I have been given chance to showcase my virtuosity at Yanga, I'm now matured, I play a lot of competitive matches."

"I do not know which country I will go to but I plan to ply my trade outside Tanzania. I want to follow the footsteps of Kelvin John, a young man who has achieved great success at a young age after recently joining KRC Genk in Belgium," he said.

He noted Tanzania's national U-17 squad's U-17 Africa Nations Cup's qualifiers against Congo Brazzaville U-17 squad, which took place at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam on

September 18, 2016, was the best for him, the tie saw the latter lose 3-2.

"It was the U-17 Africa Nations Cup's qualifiers, it was my best match as it was very competitive," the defender revealed.

Shomari admitted will not forget the U-17 Africa Nations Cup clash pitting Tanzania's national U-17 side, Serengeti Boys, against Niger U-17 squad, which took place in Gabon.

Serengeti Boys needed victory to qualify for the FIFA U-17 World Cup but the squad lost 1-0 to Niger U-17 squad.

Shomari noted: "Gabon's U-17 Africa Nations Cup tournament's tie against Niger U-17 team was the last for Serengeti Boys, we only needed a draw to qualify for the World Cup but we lost by one goal and I will never forget that."

The fullback mentions Azam FC player, Iddi Kipagwile, who was on loan at Namungo FC last season, as a player who poses threat to the former on the pitch, because of his skills.

"He's a good player, he's strong and he's playing with his mind. You have to be very organized once defending against him on one-on-one plays," he said.

Shomari stated former Yanga defender Juma Abdul and Sim-

ba's Shomari Kapombe are the most complete right-backs in the country that he admires.

"Locally, I appreciate Kapombe, Abdul, and Salum Kanoni of Mtibwa Sugar, elsewhere, Dani Alves and Alexandra Arnold are my favourite fullbacks," he stated.

Shomari can play many positions, he explained: "I can play as either left or right-winger, and left full-back."

The fullback seems to be a disciplined and self-aware player as well. In his football career at the senior level, he has never been shown a red card due to being disciplined in defense.

The 21-year-old noted his parents have given him the approval to use his talent to run his life.

He pointed out his father pressured him to fulfill his dreams of becoming a successful footballer and sometimes he was responsible for buying him sports equipment.

According to Shomari, his father, Ally, attended Dar es Salaam's Kibasila Secondary School and played for Yanga's second-string squad several years ago.

He noted his father inching closer to landing promotion to Yanga's senior squad but he faced a setback that he did not want to make public, the drawback forced Ally to quit football.

"My father has always loved football and it was not a challenge for me to tell him I want to play football, he was the one who motivated me to play," he stated.

"He never told me I have followed in his footsteps, he further notes many young footballers are nowadays not as skillful as their predecessors."

"He says current footballers do not know many things about football as opposed to their predecessors, he emphasizes that former players would have been getting bigger salaries if football was a business the way it presently," Shomari noted.

"My father was playing number 10, even my family members say my father knew a lot about football," Shomari said.



Hadhara Charles, a famous football skills exhibitor, showcases her unique ball-playing skills during a ceremony of introducing a sports betting firm, Betway, in Tanzania. The event took place at a hotel in Dar es Salaam yesterday. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

## New sports betting firm announces entry into Tanzanian market

By Guardian Reporter

BETWAY, a leading international online and mobile sports betting operator, has taken the first step in launching the brand into the Tanzanian market.

The firm gears towards providing Tanzanian sports betting fans with a bespoke, quality-driven, easy-to-use interface, that they can use to bet on a range of thrilling international sport.

This, the firm's officials disclosed, has allowed the brand to launch in Tanzania featuring a wide variety of sports, a host of different betting markets, and a dynamic Live Betting system, and eSports.

When Betway was officially launched in 2006, the brand's mission was to become synonymous with competitive sports betting. The brand has continued to grow in leaps and bounds in the decade since.

The officials revealed Betway prides itself on operating solely in regulated markets and, as such, is currently either licensed or licenses the use of its brand to local operating companies in 12 countries.

The countries include Kenya, Ghana, South Africa, Uganda, Zambia, Mozambique, and Nigeria.

Betway has high hopes that the expansion of the brand into the Tanzanian market will be a key driver for success on the African continent.

The sports betting firm further stated it has also localized the banking options to suit Tanzanian fans.

Customers can top up their accounts and withdraw their monetary prizes safely and securely using many methods.

To help players kick off their sports betting journey, new customers will get a 3,000/- Free Bet upon registra-

tion.

On behalf of the government of Tanzania, the Director of Sports in the Ministry of Information, Culture, Arts, and Sports, Addo Komba, welcomed Betway, assuring them of support from the government and other sports stakeholders.

"I am happy and honoured to be officiating this very important event to welcome Betway in Tanzania. The government is pleased to see new investors such as Betway enter Tanzania with a view of supporting the development efforts in the sports scene."

He disclosed: "Betway is one of the giants in sports betting hence their decision to come to Tanzania is a good sign to us that we are making a step and they are willing to push us further."

In addition to offering thrilling action on the pitch, Betway also has several game-changing initiatives off the field.

It is through the brand's love of the game and interest in sports development that they can offer greater support for sporting communities in need.

Betway's Country Operations Manager for Tanzania, Jimmy Masaoe, expressed his excitement at the launch.

The official noted: "These are exciting times in the world of sports betting and we hope that by launching a product of international quality into the market, we can bring a measure of thrill to both punters and fans, while still giving back to the community through various sporting and CSR ventures."

As sports betting brand, it is also Betway's responsibility to ensure they promote and create a favorable environment for responsible gambling.



Exim Bank staff, led by the bank's Mtwara Branch Manager, George Mmangi, pose for a group photo with some staff and pupils of St. Michael Pre & Primary School immediately after handing over sports equipment to the school's administration to support the government's efforts to promote sports in schools. The initiative is part of the bank's strategy for community engagement, known as Exim Cares. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

## DTB beat Oilers in RBA League

By Guardian Reporter

DAR ES SALAAM basketball team DTB's coach, Abdulkadir Seif, has noted solid displays which were put to show by his players were key to the team's victory over regional basketball giants, Oilers Basketball Club, in the city recently.

The DTB team, against all odds, commanded a 63-43 victory over Oilers in the Regional Basketball Association (RBA) League's tie, held at Don Bosco courts at Upanga.

Coach Seif disclosed after the match his players carefully listened to his instructions throughout the match.

"I appreciate my players gave their all in the tie, this situation gives me hope the squad will do wonders in the RBA League this season," the gaffer noted.

Mohamed Mbwana, a seasoned DTB squad's baller, stated he and his teammates will prove critics wrong in the RBA League.

"You saw right from the tie's start, we put fast pace showing and we maintained to performance throughout, this helped us neutralize our opponents," Mbwana stated.

Oilers Basketball Club's experienced player, Lusajo Samwel, revealed they still have a chance to excel in the top regional hoops showdown's other fixtures.

The baller disclosed: "Our defeat has given us the motivation to give our all in drills and ultimately help us be in better condition and perform well in our coming matches."

The DTB squad dominated the tie's four quarters, posting 9-8, 12-5, 16-12, and 26-18.

Mohamed Mbwana was the DTB side's top scorer after posting 18 points, teammate, Leonard Benedict, notched 15 points.

Mbwana slotted in three three-pointers, he also ended with two assists.

Oilers' Evance Davids was the outfit's top scorer, slotting in 14 points, fellow player, Victor Zacharia, ended with 11 points.

The day's other clash had UDSM Outsiders commanding a 65-58 win over Jogoo Basketball Club.

The UDSM Outsiders had posted an 18-13 lead in the first quarter, they thereafter were down 8-6 in the following quarter.

In the third quarter, bounced back to post 24-20 lead, the club went on to record 21-13 lead in the last quarter.

Abbas Sanawe produced a wonderful performance for the clash's winners, notching 18 points, while Nicas Sebastian added 14 points and executed seven rebounds for the winners.

## Lionel Messi says he's 'very happy' since arrival to PSG

PARIS

LIONEL Messi said he's been enjoying his time in Paris "since the first minute" after he signed his Paris Saint-Germain contract on Tuesday night.

The 34-year-old Argentina star signed a two-year deal with the option for a third season after leaving Barcelona.

Messi spoke Wednesday at his introductory news conference at Parc des Princes stadium.

"It's been a very hard move after so many years, it was a difficult change after so much time, but the moment I arrived here I felt very happy," Messi said.

Messi's arrival gives PSG formidable attacking options as he links up with France World Cup winner Kylian Mbappe and Brazil forward Neymar.

"I'm going to play with best players, it's very nice, it's incredible to be able to experience this," Messi said.

While PSG had to pay 222 million euros (then \$261 million) to sign Neymar from Barcelona in 2017, there was no transfer fee for Messi.

No salary details were given, but a person with knowledge of the negotiations earlier told The Associated Press that Messi is set to earn around 35 million euros (\$41 million) net annually. The person said on condition of anonymity before the contract was signed.

Messi became the most high-profile free agent in soccer history after his attempts to stay at Barcelona were rejected last week by the Spanish league because the salary would not comply with financial regulations, with the Catalan club burdened by debts of more than 1.2 billion euros (\$1.4 billion).

PSG supporters have seen their club transformed over the last decade since the influx of Qatari sovereign wealth investment linked to the emir. Once Messi's Barcelona contract expired – and the Catalan club was unable to afford to keep him – PSG was one of the few clubs that could finance a deal to sign the six-time world player of the year.

PSG coach Mauricio Pochettino quickly made contact with his fellow Argentine after Barcelona announced last Thursday that Messi would be leaving the club he joined as a 13-year-old boy.

Messi won every major honor with Barcelona and was granted a tearful exit news conference on Sunday to signal the end of an era. Only Cristiano Ronaldo in the current era challenges Messi's status as an all-time great.

PSG will be hoping not only that Messi helps the team regain the French title it lost to Lille last season but finally win the Champions League.

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## Real Madrid to sue LaLiga, CVC over €2.7bn deal

MADRID

REAL Madrid have announced they will take legal action against LaLiga president Javier Tebas, CVC Capital Partners and its director Javier de Jaime Guijarro after the Spanish league agreed to sell 10% of its business to the investment fund for €2.7 billion.

The league's executive committee unanimously approved the sale last week but it must be ratified in Thursday's general assembly.

LaLiga needs two thirds of the 42 voting clubs in the top two tiers of Spanish football to be in favour.

Madrid will oppose the sale and have warned it will take every action possible to prevent the deal from going through.

A club statement on Tuesday read: "Real Madrid C.F. Board of Directors unanimously agreed to initiate both civil and criminal legal action against the LaLiga President, Mr Javier Tebas Medrano, Mr Javier de Jaime Guijarro, head of the CVC Fund, and against the CVC Capital Partners SICAV-FIS Fund itself.

"In addition, the Board of Directors has resolved to take any legal action it considers appropriate to annul and render ineffective any possible resolutions adopted by the LaLiga Assembly, due to be held on Aug. 12 2021, in relation to the agreement between LaLiga and the CVC Fund."

Tebas has pushed for LaLiga to compete with the Premier League on an economic level. He said in October that while La Liga had grown financially under his seven-year stewardship, the Premier League is still No. 1 and there was work to be done on foreign markets such as China.

Tebas responded to Madrid's statement on social media and tweeted: "The threatening method that FP (Madrid president Florentino Perez) has been using in private for years is now being transferred to the public. Clubs and institutions have been putting up with their threats for years.

"Since 2015 against the centralised sale, the constant challenges of agreements, the Super League ... Real Madrid deserves better."

The coronavirus pandemic has created a sense of urgency to bring more money into LaLiga. For their initial investment, CVC will pocket 11% of the money raised by LaLiga through the sale of television rights and sponsorship for the next 40 years.

Last week, ESPN reported that Madrid feel the sale "endangers" their business opportunities by allowing CVC to take money, for example, television rights without the club agreeing to the deal.

(Agencies)

# Messi joins PSG with Barcelona legacy intact

PARIS

THERE was once the romantic notion that whenever Lionel Messi finally left Barcelona he would return to Argentina and play for Newell's Old Boys, the club he supported as a boy.

Paris Saint-Germain, a club transformed by the unfathomable state wealth of Qatar, is a rather less romantic destination for the player Barca fans hoped would never turn out for anyone else. But on Wednesday, Messi will be unveiled as a Parisian player on a two-year contract, with an optional third.

At the age of 34, Messi did not want to leave the Camp Nou, certainly not in the manner he ultimately did. He had agreed a new five-year deal but the cash-strapped Catalans could not afford to make it happen. PSG can.

- The greatest of all? - Messi is arguably the greatest of all time, even though he has never won the World Cup and claimed the last of his four Champions Leagues in 2015.



Lionel Messi

Winning that competition is all that matters to PSG and their Qatari owners and that is why they are paying Messi a reported 35 million euros (\$41 million) a year.

Barcelona had already ruinously stretched their balance sheet to keep Messi, but they knew how special a player they had on their hands virtually from the moment he arrived from his native Rosario aged 13.

The story of his signing is legendary: Charly Rexach, adviser to club

president Joan Gaspart, writing out his contract offer to the player on a napkin because he had no paper to hand.

He made his La Liga debut aged 17 in October 2004 in a 1-0 derby win against an Espanyol side featuring Mauricio Pochettino, Messi's fellow Argentine who will now coach him at PSG.

Barcelona fans had no doubts about what kind of player they had on their hands after La Pulga (The Flea) scored his first goal for the club.

Over 91,000 were inside the Camp Nou on a balmy Sunday in May 2005.

Messi replaced Samuel Eto'o in

the 88th minute. In the 90th he lifted the ball over the goalkeeper and in from a brilliant Ronaldinho assist only for the goal to be unfairly disallowed. Sixty seconds later he did the same thing again and this time it stood.

That same month, Messi won his first league title, Barcelona's first in six years. The rest is history. He won his first Champions League in 2006. He was just 19 when he scored his first hat-trick in a Clasico.

After Pep Guardiola took over as coach in 2008, Barcelona became one of the greatest club teams of all time with Messi the superstar.

In Guardiola's final season, 2011/12, Messi scored an astonishing 50 league goals. In 2012 he scored 91 goals in the calendar year for club and country. He leaves Barcelona as their all-time top scorer with 672 goals in 778 appearances. His goal tally is a record for one club.

He is La Liga's top marksman of all time. The man with the most hat-tricks in Spain's top flight too.

A year ago Messi tried to leave Barcelona for free following their 8-2 annihilation by Bayern Munich in the Champions League. He was forced to stay after being told an exit clause in his contract had expired. He went on to top score in La Liga with 30 goals.

He won 35 trophies with the Catalans, the last the Copa del Rey in April. The club of Cruyff is also now the club of Messi.

"We have eternal gratitude to

him," said club president Joan Laporta.

In 2019 Messi won his record sixth Ballon d'Or at a ceremony in Paris.

- Irreplaceable -

Barcelona, who famously paid for a year of growth hormone treatment for the young Messi on his arrival, insisted in the past they had plans for coping with his departure, whenever it came. But the truth is their number 10 is irreplaceable -- on the field and off.

According to Catalan financial firm Diagonal Inversiones, Messi is worth more than his salary -- by a distance.

The father of three -- married to childhood sweetheart Antonella -- may have earned some 384 million euros in the past four years at Barca, but a study by the firm indicated he generated income of 619 million euros in that time.

At 34, Messi still has so much to offer, for his new club and for his country.

Messi won Olympic gold with Argentina in 2008 but until last month his international career was best known for agonising defeats, in the 2014 World Cup final and in three Copa America finals.

But in July he captained his country to victory over Brazil in the Copa America final at the Maracana.

Next year, the man brought to Paris by middle-eastern wealth will have perhaps his last shot at World Cup glory, in Qatar.

AFP

# Premier League looks to be a 4-team title fight

By STEVE DOUGLAS

MANCHESTER City has broken its transfer record, Chelsea looks to be on the brink of doing the same, while Manchester United has spent around \$150 million in fixing two of its weakest positions.

Liverpool? Well they're just happy to have their best player back from a serious injury.

For very different reasons, each of the Premier League's top four teams from last season appear to be in a healthy position heading into a 2021-22 campaign that will be played in front of capacity crowds for the first time in 17 months.

England's lucrative top division for some time has had a so-called "Big Six" of City, United, Chelsea, Liverpool, Tottenham and Arsenal. Leicester, an unlikely champion in 2016 and a fifth-place finisher the last two seasons, can rightly argue it should be a "Big Seven."

The coming season, though, looks to be a four-team race for the title, even if things could change dramatically by some late movement in a transfer window that closes on Aug. 31.

### MANCHESTER CITY

Signing Jack Grealish for \$139 million was a big statement of intent by City, but that only served to strengthen a midfield department where Pep Guardiola already had enviable riches. It is a striker the champions really need following the departure of Sergio Aguero after 10 years, and there's one they are targeting in particular.

Harry Kane would cost more than Grealish -- potentially much, much more -- and City appears willing to spend another British-record figure if only Tottenham would negotiate. But, according to Guardiola, that isn't currently the case, even



In this Sunday, May 23, 2021 file photo, Tottenham's Harry Kane runs for the ball during the English Premier League soccer match between Leicester City and Tottenham Hotspur at the King Power Stadium, in Leicester, England. (AP)

if Kane seems keen on the move.

If it happens -- and it's a big "if" given how tough a negotiator Tottenham chairman Daniel Levy is -- City would have a squad mighty enough to blow away its rivals. There would be barely a weakness. Even City's second team could mount a top-four challenge.

As it is, the lack of a genuine top-class striker -- Gabriel Jesus doesn't convince as a finisher, despite his work rate -- leaves England's other top teams with a glimmer of hope.

### CHELSEA

Chelsea has already proved a genuine rival for City, having won their last three meetings -- capped by a 1-0 victory in the Champions League final in May.

Having built the sturdiest defense in Europe, with Jorginho and the indefatigable N'Golo Kante protecting a back five, Chelsea manager Thomas Tuchel has focused on adding an attacking spearhead to the team and that looks like being Romelu Lukaku. The Belgium striker reportedly underwent a medical examination on Monday

ahead of a club-record \$135 million transfer from Inter Milan.

Lukaku's return to Stamford Bridge -- he was at Chelsea from 2011-14 -- will turn the London club into a huge title challenger, potentially giving Tuchel as strong a squad as Guardiola has. After all, it comes after Chelsea's spending spree of nearly \$300 million in the last offseason.

A prolific striker was the only thing missed for Tuchel last season and Lukaku would solve that.

### MANCHESTER UNITED

While the signing of

Jadon Sancho, for \$100 million, came as no real surprise, United's acquisition of Raphael Varane for a likely fee of around \$50 million hadn't been trailed. As improbable was the swift and trouble-free way the club concluded the deals, a far cry from recent transfer windows that have been hectic at Old Trafford.

It points to a club that is increasingly sure of what it wants and building a strong team under Ole Gunnar Solskjaer, who still hasn't won a trophy since joining late in 2018. United may just be a defensive center midfielder away from having a title-winning team, but even that mightn't stop them this season.

Key will be striker Edinson Cavani staying fit and if Mason Greenwood, the young forward carrying so much hope and expectation, kicks on again. Paul Pogba appears to be staying for another season, and Solskjaer will hope the midfielder can transfer his international form with France to his club.

United finished in second place, 12 points behind City, last season and will believe the gap can be closed.

### LIVERPOOL

Liverpool's defense of its 2019-20 title can best

be described as underwhelming -- the team went from champions by 19 points to trailing home 17 points behind City in third place -- but there was one big reason for that.

Virgil van Dijk's knee injury kept him out for all but one month of the campaign and capped a season when Liverpool manager Jurgen Klopp was struck by one defensive injury after another. In the end, creeping into the Champions League qualification positions after a strong finish was regarded as a success.

Van Dijk is back now, though he might need another month to get back to full fitness, and that will come as a huge relief to Klopp, who has reinforced his defense further by signing Ibrahima Konate from Leipzig. Suddenly, the biggest issues might be in midfield.

Georginio Wijnaldum's departure to Paris Saint-Germain robs Liverpool of one of its most consistent performers of the last four years and he hasn't been replaced. That will place more strain on captain Jordan Henderson, who starting to pick up injuries regularly, and Fabinho.

Klopp will need Thiago Alcantara to have a better second season than his first, when he struggled to adapt to the pace

of the league.

That said, the front four of Diogo Jota, Sadio Mane, Mohamed Salah and Roberto Firmino can be relied upon for plenty of goals. And with Van Dijk mopping up at the back, another title charge is likely at Anfield.

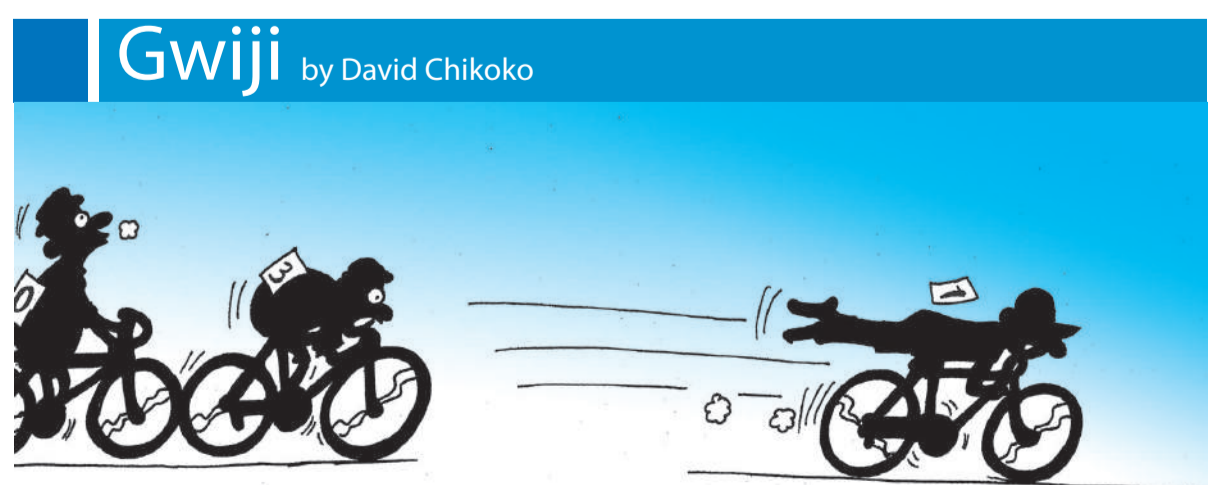
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Expect Leicester to have another solid year, especially now it has plenty of options in attack following the signing of Patson Daka, but the team just doesn't have the financial strength of the top four and will again have to balance competing on domestic and European fronts.

That is not the case for Arsenal, which failed to qualify for European competition for the first time in 25 years. It should ensure Mikel Arteta's team improves on an eighth-place finish but getting back in the Champions League looks a big ask and will require a much more prolific season from striker Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang.

As for Tottenham, under a new manager in Nuno Espirito Santo, it all really hinges on whether Kane stays or goes. Man City will attest to that.

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DAR ES SALAAM

## Simba SC official Mavunga says delighted with Morocco camp

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

SIMBA SC's football performance analyst, Calvin Mavunga, has described the team's pre-season camp in Morocco as important ahead of the side's participation in local and continental games.

The outfit is in Morocco to camp for two weeks and the Zimbabwean performance analyst said the team needs to camp in a country that has high-performance centers, adding Morocco is ideal.

He said he is hopeful that the team will have thorough preparations.

Mavunga reiterated that the team will benefit a lot in terms of tactical and psychological advice from experts.

The official noted: "I'm hopeful that the camp in Morocco will be of great importance to the team, it will help the team to prepare well ahead of the coming domestic and international games."

"To us, it is also important as it will allow us to analyze the players' readiness ahead of the matches," he said.

Simba left for pre-season camp in Morocco on Tuesday and, before the team departure, one of the most influential leaders of the club, Zacharia Hanspope, said the Morocco camp is ideal in ensuring that the team is ready for local and continental tournaments.

"We have tough tournaments that need thorough preparations. It is indeed ideal that the team should camp where there are top-class training facilities," he said.

Hanspope said the coach and his backroom staff will be provided with all the necessary support and resources for the coming season's preparations.

The team has travelled to Morocco with both retained and newly signed players.

# Firm sponsors 2021 Rock City Marathon in 20m/- deal



Rock City Marathon coordinator, Kasara Naftal (L), is presented with a 20m/- dummy cheque by Unilever Tanzania's Managing Director, David Minja, as the company's sponsorship for the 2.5km children's race in the Rock City Marathon to be held in Mwanza on October 24. Looking on (C) is the company's Marketing Manager, Lilian Kibasa. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

By Guardian Reporter

UNILEVER Tanzania has signed a 20m/- one-year deal to become the official sponsor of the 2.5km race, bringing together children, in the Rock City Marathon to be held in Mwanza on October 24 this year.

The move is said to be a continuation of the company's strategy in supporting the community and the government in promoting sports in the country to nurture talent, promote tourism, build a healthy population as well as promote the sports industry in the country.

Speaking at a brief cheque handover ceremony held in Dar es Salaam, Unilever Tanzania Managing Director, David Minja, along with CPI Events Coordinator, Kasara Naftal, said the new partnership is a good sign for the future of sports in line with the growth of the tourism in-

dustry.

"We are so excited to be sponsoring the Rock City Marathon this year," Minja noted. The Rock City Marathon will take place at the Rock City Mall.

The official revealed that the company decided to sponsor the event because it brings people from different classes together including children, who are among the company's biggest products consumers.

According to Minja, the 2.5km race for children will be known as the 'Unilever Rock City Junior Challenge.'

He said the 'Unilever Rock City Junior Challenge' aims to provide opportunities for children who also happen to be among the biggest consumers of the company's household products, including OMO, Sunlight soap, and Vaseline.

Athletes who will emerge winners in the race will receive various prizes including special packages containing such products.

Minja disclosed: "The race is a perfect fit for Unilever and since our products are more family-oriented, I would like to call on par-

ents and family members, in general, to come forward in large numbers while encouraging children to participate in these races to increase competition."

"We assure children's gifts will be sufficient and in abundance. Good luck to all the runners taking part, including our very own team from Unilever," he said.

Naftal appreciated Unilever Company for seeing the importance of partnering with the race's organizers to improve the race.

The official revealed that their presence in the mara-

thon this year is anticipated to make the children's race one of the major attractions among the events expected to take place in the marathon.

Elaborating further on the 'Unilever Rock City Junior Challenge', Naftal said that there will be a search for athletic talents from primary schools in Mwanza city for students aged 5 to 10 where the winners, in addition to receiving various prizes from Unilever, will get free tickets to compete in these races.

He noted: "Since the inception of these races, this is the 12th season involving children's participation in various ways. But this year we believe the children's race is going to make headlines."

"Through the competition, we are looking forward to in this race we now believe that our goal of developing new athletic talents is going to be achieved thanks to Unilever for investing in children," he added.

He also said that the preparations for the race are underway and called on participants to continue registering via mobile phones and Rock City Marathon's website.

The marathon is expected to accommodate more than 3000 participants including international runners, corporate runners, social runners, students, and people with albinism.

## Dar tennis players' preps for Davis Cup in top gear

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TANZANIA has started preparations for Davis Cup which is slated for next year, Tanzania Tennis Association (TTA) disclosed yesterday.

Dennis Makoi, TTA president, stated the early preparations for Davis Cup will keep local players ready for the tennis world's biggest event.

Makoi issued the comments during the clinic and tennis coaches coaching course conducted by the United States of America (USA)-based coach, Micheal Ray Pallares in Dar es Salaam.

At the next year's Davis Cup, Tanzania will be represented by 12 players (four male players that will participate in Davis Cup, and as many female players set for Billie Jean King Cup) while the remaining will make the reserve team.

He said although the International Tennis Federation (ITF) has not informed TTA of the dates for the event, the latter thought it wise to start early preparations.

Makoi said to keep the local players ready for the event, TTA plans to discuss with Pallares the possibility of the coach organizing many clinics and coaching courses regularly.

He hailed Pallares who is also director of the International Tennis Association for volunteering to host a seven-day clinic and coaching course in Dar es Salaam and Dodoma.

The coaches who are attending the course are those who are taking charge of junior teams.

"We thank coach Pallares for volunteering to come into the country and conduct coaching and clinics for seven days. The coaching course will empower our local coaches to acquire modern teaching methods and make our players ready for Davis Cup," he said.

He said Pallares, who is also one of the USA's top tennis professional coaches, will donate tennis equipment to coaches and players in Dar es Salaam on Sunday.

The coaches who attended the coaching course will be awarded

internationally recognized certificates.

Recently, one of the local coaches, Salum Mwamvita, disclosed

that they have started preparations for the Davis Cup which was previously known as the Tennis World Cup.

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Kinondoni Municipal Council (KMC) FC's secretary general, Walter Harison (R), and Level Up Company's Managing Director, Daud Aboud, hold copies of a contract the two parties have entered, aiming at provision of sports equipment to the outfit. The contract signing ceremony took place in Dar es Salaam yesterday. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT JUMANNE JUMA

## Flexibles by David Chikoko

