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# Samia leads gender uplift brainstorming

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President Samia Suluhu Hassan addresses women in Dodoma city yesterday. Combo photo: State House

**By Correspondent James Kandoya**

PRESIDENT Samia Suluhu Hassan yesterday called on gender rights stakeholders to advise the government on what to do so that Tanzania empowers more women economically.

She made the appeal when addressing a special regional convention for women in Dodoma city, saying that the government had done a lot to empower women economically across the country, seeking to ensure they are freed from poverty.

During the past three decades a total of 2.2trn/- has been issued in loans, benefitting around 5.3m women, the president noted, challenging women to assess themselves as to what extent has been durably achieved by the funds.

She told the gathering that in the recent Africa/France conference where she participated by video link, she was honoured to select one area she would act as champion to advise the wider community of participating nations, and she chose the issue

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**'NTAP arrested 33,385 poachers'**

● Cases hampered by weak cooperation among investigation organs, says DCI

**By Guardian Correspondent, Morogoro**

THE National Anti-Poaching Task Force (NTAP) arrested 33,386 poachers and 2,533 weapons including military firearms in the past five years.

In its operations, around 5,253 cases against poaching suspects were opened, with 914 cases finalised and 1,600 suspects sentenced to prison terms ranging from 10 to 30 years.

Ludovick Nduhiye, the Deputy Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Natural

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# Regions to get modern science schools for girls

**By Correspondent James Kandoya**

MODERN science secondary schools for girls are to be built in each region starting next month, President Samia Suluhu Hassan announced yesterday.

Addressing a regional meeting for women with wide ranging national representation in Dodoma, the president said the boarding schools will have good science laboratories and appropriate equipment, noting that the aim is to bridge the wide gap between male and female science learners in the country.

Currently, the proportion between girls and boys from primary level up to higher learning institutions level is almost the same, with primary schools having over 11.2m pupils, among them five million girls.

That proportion is less than 50 percent while in the case of secondary schools, 73,370 are female students out of 160,461 students, also below 50 per cent but not far from it, while in vocational training, there were 75,194 female students out of 157,420 making it 47 percent.

In higher learning institutions, 88,579 students were female out of 200,167 which adds up to 43 percent, with the president affirming that

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# Mzindakaya, veteran top administrator, eulogised

**By Guardian Reporter**

PRESIDENT Samia Suluhu Hassan has eulogised departed retired politician Chrisant Mzindakaya (pictured) as a hardworking and patriotic leader.

Paul Mzindakaya, son of the CCM elder, said the formerly long-serving Kwela MP died on Monday at the Muhimbili National Hospital in Dar es Salaam at 80.

Reacting to the news of his passing, the president wrote on her twitter page of having received with profound sadness the news of the passing on of Dr Chrisant Mzindakaya. "I'll remember his contribution to the leadership of our country, his hard work as well as patriotism."

Mzindakaya was one of the most outspoken lawmakers in the 1990s

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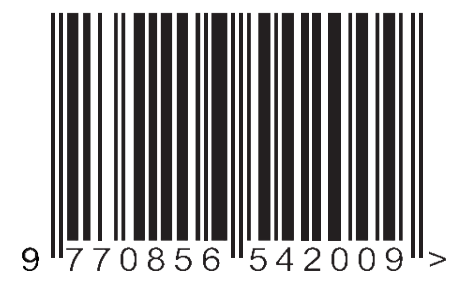
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Zanzibar's Tourism and Heritage minister, Lela Muhamed Mussa (R), has an audience with Equity Bank Tanzania managing director Robert Kiboti at a forum the bank hosted for members of the Zanzibar business community yesterday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## Tanzania cautions telecom companies over disclosure of clients' information

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

THE government has cautioned telecommunication companies in the country to improve on customer care services and protect customers' information, threatening to take serious measures for those who disclose such information.

Minister for Communications and Information Technology, Dr Faustine Ndugulile made the statement here in a meeting with senior executives of telecommunications companies, to discuss key issues towards the sixth phase of the border and regional telecommunications project.

He noted that there is increasing number mobile number comen who seems to know clear details of customers including the amount of money in their mobile money accounts.

"It is not possible for any person who do not have access to customers information to know all the details of the customers" he said, adding that there must be collusion between telecom company workers and comen.

Ndugulile urged the companies to review their administration by identifying employees who have been collaborating with malicious citizens to disclose their customers' details without

official approval.

It is here that the minister informed that, the government was preparing a data protection act aimed to control cyber criminals. In addition, he said during this transitional period, telecommunication companies should put in place a strong system to ensure that no one provides co-operation to criminals.

However, in order to expand the telecommunications scope in the country, the government had built a 7610 km national (ICT) backbone while construction of another 409 km backbone was underway.

Also, 1880 kilometers (national ICT backbone) are expected to be built next year after being approved in the budget of the Ministry of Communications and Information Technology.

"I believe that this will be your main route that will help you get the communication across," said Dr Ndugulile.

He said the government had expanded and successfully connected East and southern Africa to Tanzania, with the exception of Mozambique where in the ongoing 409 km work, it will be connected while feasibility studies continue on how to connect DR Congo.

He said the aim was to ensure that

Tanzania also became a communication hub for the East and Southern African region.

He also used the meeting to remind senior executives of mobile operators that the government had started monitoring the issue of unregistered telephone lines through biometric fingerprints and that those found to be closed will be closed.

At the same time, Dr Ndugulile said the ministry was announcing a sixth phase tender that focused on cross-border communication. This had been a great tragedy and so the government decided to respond.

Following the situation, technical director from Vodacom Tanzania, Andrew Lupembe, said the company was ready to work with the government to ensure that the telecommunications service achieved its goals.

"Communication services are everyone's right so, we are with the Government in achieving this," said Lupembe

The representative of Airtel Tanzania, Dr Prosper Mafole said they were ready to work with the government in improving the telecommunications service in the country and that certain places lacked a source of power, which he termed as a challenge.

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the gender gap exists in higher education. But there are no real problems of access to primary education or secondary school level while the gap accelerates markedly in higher learning institutions, the president underlined.

She explained how she made a point of going through files of the presidency and recovered the Education Fund, noting that it has contributed a lot to increase the number of female students.

The president told the massive gathering both inside and outside the Jakaya Kikwete Convention Centre in the capital, that in the outgoing financial year the government set aside 464bn/- while in the next fiscal plan this allocation will be raised to 500bn/-

The fund is meant to enable students to be enrolled in higher learning institutions, she said, pointing out that it has enabled all eligible qualified students to join

universities.

President Samia told the gathering that tomorrow she expects to lay the foundation stone for the construction of the fifth lot of the Standard Gauge Railway (SGR) from Mwanza to Isaka in Shinyanga region, reiterating that the government will implement strategic developmental projects including the construction of Msalato International Airport in the capital.

She extolled the wider participation of women in higher education as a policy priority in the government, an essential aspect of gender equality and equity which is a focus area in government policy, aimed at encouraging increased registration of female students in higher education.

On the whole gender parity has been achieved in primary and secondary school, while girls' performance in primary school leaving examination results remains lower, the president intoned.

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of empowering women economically.

"During the meeting I selected women's economic rights, knowing that empowerment of women is one of the pillars to bring about gender equality," she said, appealing to professional women in the financial sector to work with the government to spearhead innovations to the efforts made so far.

She pointed at NMB Plc Chief Executive Officer Ruth Zaipuna as one of those who can help in formulating such design, to come up with recommendations on what can be done in Tanzania and Africa at large, "to identify possible gaps in some areas and what type of assistance is needed and to what extent."

The recommendation will show how women's economic rights will be achieved and the part of each actor in the whole process. The recommendation will further be submitted to the Africa/France conference for further deliberations, she stated.

She extended a welcoming hand to international organizations, civil society organizations (CSO) and private institutions to join hands with government efforts to achieve women's economic empowerment.

Everyone should take up responsibilities about it, as outside such a vocation, the 50-50 gender parity set out by United Nations agencies will not be achieved, she stated, pointing at a vital procurement directive stating that a third of district purchases should be procured from productive groups involving women, youth and the disabled.

"As women be confident, creative, be organized and seek for opportunities available through the Procurement Act," she emphasised, urging women to work more on grappling with digital skills to fast track development as habitually boys are better in the sphere compared to girls.

She promised to continue making appointments of eligible women to decision making organs to makes strides towards the 50-50 proportionality objective, but the performance of those who were appointed lately shall affect how things go later.

She reminded the participants that out of 26 new appointed District Administrative Secretaries (DAS), 12 were women, thus being 46 percent of the number, and of 26 judges appointed, 12 were women, equivalent to 43 percent.

In the legislature women presence rose to 143 MPs after last year's polls, from 127 in the previous legislature, she added.

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and upon retirement from active politics, again he occasionally grabbed the headlines after venturing into farming, earning a name as one of the best farmers not only in his native Sumbawanga district and Rukwa Region but in Tanzania as a whole.

Speaking to this paper over the phone yesterday, his younger brother Christopher Mzindakaya said the departed leader succumbed to heart complications. He was first admitted at the Aga Khan Hospital in the city and then transferred to Muhimbili, he explained.

"Burial arrangements are taking place at his residence at Kilimani on the outskirts of Sumbawanga town," he said.

He said his departed brother was the family leader whose counsel was respected "given his wealth of education, wisdom and leadership positions he held."

Mzindakaya was born on 31 December 1940 in Rukwa Region and grew up to leave a mark after hard work in school and later in work, politics and even in retirement. He was a respected traditional leader upon retirement from active politics, the family member underlined.

Enthusiasts said that he goes down in history as a person who, after collecting substantial retirement benefits, did not sit back on a relaxed life but aggressively invested in agriculture "and challenged even established career farmers."

In his early days, he went to Uganda for secondary education

at Bugerere where he completed in 1961, coming back home to enroll at the Tengeru Institute of Community Development, studying there; in 1963 and 1964, graduating with a certificate.

He returned home and was employed as Assistant Community Development Officer in Sumbawanga District, and this laid the basis for his familiarity with administrative functions at various levels.

He became MP and served as deputy minister for Industries while chairing the Board of Internal Trade (BIT) from 1973 to 1975, and from 1975 to 1987 he chaired the board of the Small Industries Development Organisation (SIDO).

Similarly, from 1969 to 1975 he was national chairman of the TANU Youth League and in later years, regional commissioner and thus CCM regional secretary for Rukwa from 1990 to 1992.

In 1992, he went to a college in the Irish capital of Dublin to brush his administration and planning skills, before being elected member of the CCM national executive committee and continuing as Kwela MP for years.

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Namibia's High Commissioner to Tanzania, Lebibus Tangeni Tobias (L), holds talks in Arusha yesterday with the President of the Arusha-based African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights, Lady Justice Imani Daud Aboud. The envoy, who was on a courtesy call, expressed Namibia's commitment to the ratification of the protocols under which the court was established. Photo courtesy of ACHPR

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Resources and Tourism made this observation at the opening of a seminar for investigation officers and prosecutors for anti-poaching cases from arious defence and security organs.

The four-day training session in Morogoro is aimed at assessing TNAP activities, with Nduhiye saying that during the period, NTAP seized trophies including

14,741 elephant tusks, 25 rhino horns, 10 live pangolins, 962 tortoises and 700 rare lizards.

"Following this achievement, poaching has gone down by 90 per cent, and the main indication for this drop is the increase in wildlife populations in the national wildlife reserves," he declared.

The level of achievement is also indicated by the reduction

of arrested poachers from 547 in 2016 to 326 in 2019 and 185 last year, he stated.

The Director of Wildlife, Dr Maurus Msuha for his part said that with the setting up of the task force and execution of its duties in the past five years, the number of elephants increased from 43,521 in 2015 to 60,000 in 2020. There was a sharp drop in the number of trophies seized in

foreign countries between 2016 and 2020, he pointed out.

The Director of Criminal Investigations (DCI) Camillus Wambura, said the training has come at the right time in the wake of current challenges facing investigators and prosecutors not adhering to their duties, leading to many cases failing in courts.

Paulo Kadushi, representing the Director for Public Prosecutions





Finance and Planning minister Dr Mwigulu Nchemba (R) presents a Mount Kilimanjaro souvenir to visiting World Bank Director representing the African countries group, Dr Taufila Nyamadzabo, in Dodoma city yesterday. Photo courtesy of Finance ministry

## Foreign firms urged to invest in fertiliser sector

By Francis Kajubi

THE Tanzania Fertiliser Regulatory Authority (TFRA) has called upon foreign firms to come and invest in the fertiliser production as the government spends millions in importation of the most important agricultural input.

Addressing the press yesterday in Dar es Salaam, TFRA Managing Director Dr Stephan Ngailo, said that currently there are only 13 local and foreign firms that are officially producing the product which its capacity is yet not to meet the required demand.

Dr Ngailo said that from the year 2017 to 2020 the regulatory body has spent 1.6trillion/- in importation of fertilizer. If investments are drawn from both local and foreigners the money spent on the vice will be reduced to a reasonable magnitude.

"We are targeting at attracting more firms and businesses to invest in the fertilizer production so that competitiveness is strengthened and as result there will be reasonable prices on the market that are likely to benefit the final consumers.

Speaking prior to Dr Ngailo, TFRA's Board of Directors Chairperson, Prof Anthony Mshandete said that the minister of Agriculture Prof Adolf Mkenda had visited the authority this Monday and issued a number of directives that must be seriously considered to attract more foreign firms and businessmen take part in the fertilizer production.

Prof Mshandete said the minister had ordered the authority to extend the deadline for opening this year's fertilizer importation and supply tenders to July 8 from the previous that was set for June 18.

The intention of the time extension is to attract more participants from local and foreign countries thus boosting

competitiveness that will lead to affordable prices for the final consumers.

"The minister has directed that the tender advert should be submitted to embassies especially of the countries that are well established in fertilizers production through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and East African Community for the purpose of attracting participants and firms from Russia, China, Saud Arabia, Qatar, Morocco, Ukraine and Turkey," said Dr Mshandete.

According to him, the tender advert should also be submitted to Tanzania's embassies in the countries where fertilizers are produced the most so that ambassadors can take part in convincing new investments to the country. TFRA has also been directed to collaborate with existing firms from its database in attracting bulk procreators.

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

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

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

By Henry Mwangonde, Dodoma

## Singida airport earmarked for major works - ministry

SINGIDA airport is among the infrastructures that have been earmarked for expansion via the World Bank's Transport Sector Support Programme (TSSP), House was told yesterday.

Works and Transport deputy minister Mwita Waitara made the remarks in the national assembly when responding to a question by Singida West Member of Parliament Elibariki Kingu.

The minister asked when was the government beginning the construction of Singida regional airport so that Air Tanzania

Company Limited (ATCL)'s flights begin to land.

In response, the Deputy Minister said Singida airport together with those of Lake Manyara, Musoma, Songea, KilwaMasoko, Tanga, Iringa, Njombe, Lindi Moshi, Njombe and Simiyu have been lined up for expansion through the programme.

Waitara said after feasibility studies and detail designing, the

government is now set for the beginning of the construction process in phases considering that the budget was larger than the money which was budgeted for the same yearly.

The minister further noted that the government through the Tanzania National Roads Agency (TANROADS) will begin construction of the airports including that Iringa and

Singida.

"The construction of the airports will begin when the government will get the funds as of now the government is speaking to the donor community to ensure the projects began," he said.

The minister requested the legislator to remain calm as the government was working on the matter.

## May inflation stagnant at 3.3 per cent - NBS

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

THE annual headline inflation rate for the month of May, 2021 has stagnated at 3.3 percent as it was recorded in April, 2021, the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) said yesterday.

Releasing the statistics, the acting Director of Population Census and Social Statistics, Ruth Minja said, "The stagnation of the headline inflation explains that, the speed of price change for commodities for the year ended May, 2021 has remained constant as that recorded for the year ended April, 2020".

She noted that the overall index went up from 100.85 recorded in May, 2020 to 104.22 in May, 2021, adding that food and non-alcoholic beverages inflation rate for the month of May, 2021 has slightly increased to 4.9 percent from 4.8 percent that was recorded in April, 2021.

Annual inflation rate for unprocessed food has decreased

from 3.4 percent in April, 2021 to 3.0 percent in May, 2021 while inflation rate for all items without unprocessed food has slightly increased from 3.4 percent in April, 2021 to 3.6 percent in May, 2021.

Minja noted that consumer price index(CPI) has shown a relatively stable price movement from May, 2020 to May, 2021. In addition, Annual Headline Inflation Rates over the same period have shown a stable trend that ranges between 3.0% recorded in November, 2020 and 3.5% in January, 2021.

She added that CPI has increased by 0.3 percent between April, 2021 and May, 2021 compared to an increase of 0.5 percent recorded between March, 2021 and April, 2021.

The overall index has increased from 103.95 in April, 2021 to 104.22 in May, 2021. "The increase of the overall index is attributed to price increase for some food and non-food items" she explained.

According to the acting director, some of the food items that contributed to such increase includes, finger millet grains by 4.8 percent, fresh fish (3.6), sunflower oil (9.4) vegetables (1.5) potatoes (1.3) and fresh cassava (2.6) On the other hand, some of non-food items that contributed to an increase of the index are kerosene by 1.9 percent, diesel (.3) and petrol (1.4).

Minja noted that in comparison with other East Africa countries of Kenya and Uganda, the annual headline inflation rate in Kenya for the year ended May, 2021 has increased from 5.76 percent recorded for the year ended April, 2021 to 5.87 percent for the year ended May, 2021.

In Uganda, the rebased annual headline inflation rate for the year ended May, 2021 has decreased from 2.1 percent recorded for the year ended April, 2021 to 1.9 percent for the year ended May, 2021.



Christophe Bazivamo (R), the East African Community's Deputy Secretary General in charge of the Productive and Social Sectors, pictured in Arusha city yesterday addressing experts at a preliminary meeting to lead to the 31st ministerial one slated for Friday. Photo: Correspondent Woinde Shizza

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A WWF monitoring and evaluation official plants a tree at Utosi village in Mufindi District in marking World Environment Day (June 5). Photo: Correspondent Friday Simbaya

By Correspondent Mutayoba Arbogast,

Bukoba

## Ngara farmers to harvest 200 tonnes of sunflower

FARMERS in Ngara District, Kagera Region are expecting to harvest 200 tonnes of sunflower this harvesting season. This comes after 200 targeted sunflower farmers in this region have been allocated with the sum of 50m/- by a sunflower oil refinery company.

The project sponsored by the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Ruhoro Revolving Fund and Member of Parliament Ndaisaba George Ruhoro under Appetana enterprises is intended to fight poverty through sunflower farming.

The manager of Appetana sunflower oil refinery enterprise Baraka Minanago told this paper over the phone that a farmer was

allowed to borrow 200,000/- to 2,000,000/- depending on farmer ability which he will be due to reimburse after the harvest.

"Others opted to borrow seeds, which after harvest will pay back the same amount so that will be given to other farmers in need to make the farming sustainable" he said, adding that through the project agricultural officers who work with farmers oversee modern farming.

Minanago said that the project is expected to yield 200 tons, which will in turn create job

opportunities for many while insisting that this will be the first season of sunflower farming in the district. He reminded that this will only involve farmers who are sponsored by the fund, apart from other farmers who are outside the cycle, but have been motivated by the project.

Reacting to a question as to what will be a reaction if a farmer fails to pay back the loan due to poor harvesting or other parameters, he said the officers are working with farmers to ensure that the project attains the desired goals.

Adding that Appetana enterprises is ready to buy sunflowers from farmers at 700/- per kg.

On their part, farmers from dissimilar wards in this district expressed hope to improve standard of living through the cultivation of the crop as they will have a stable source of income, residue (oil cakes) to feed their animals after seeds have been pressed.

They also salute their lawmaker, Ndaisaba George Ruhoro for his efforts to see Ngara District shine in development aspects

## Govt allocates 400bn/- to state's Rural and Urban Roads Agency

By Henry Mwangonde, Dodoma

THE government has allocated about 400bn/- in the 2021/2022 Financial Year for Tanzania Rural and Urban Roads Agency (TARURA) so as it can implement key development projects pertaining to road infrastructure and bridges, the National Assembly was informed here yesterday.

The budget according to deputy minister of State in the President's Office, Regional Administration and Local Government, David Silinde, had increased by 124.97bn/- from about 275bn/- that was approved during this financial year.

Silinde was responding to a question by Iringa Urban lawmaker, Jesca Msambatavangu (CCM) who had wanted to know the government's plan to have the TARURA budget increased because of the growing towns and district councils.

"Apart from increasing

the budget for TARURA, the government continues to put up proper infrastructure in the growing towns through several plans including the Tanzania Strategic Cities Project (TSCP)," he said.

According to the deputy minister, there was another programme dubbed the Urban Local Government Strengthening Program (ULGSP) which aims at boosting performance in 18 different district councils including Iringa.

Silinde also said there was yet another project aiming at strengthening the Dar es Salaam city called Dar es Salaam Metropolitan Development Project (DMDP).

"The government is also putting everything in order to implement another robust project called Tanzania Cities Transforming Infrastructure and Competitiveness Project (TACTIC)," noted the deputy minister.

## Govt warns teachers against pupils' school contributions

By Henry Mwangonde, Dodoma

THE government has said no pupil should be sent back home because of unnecessary contributions.

It also insisted that contributions should be in the consent of parents themselves and that they should not be forced to do so.

Minister of Education, Science and Technology issued the directive in the National Assembly yesterday when responding to a supplementary question posed by Nkasi North lawmaker Aida Kenani (CHADEMA).

During her main question, the MP said many parents were not able to make a contribution after the government's statement that basic education was free.

"The Honourable minister is ready to tell this House that free basic education had no fee, what changed is only the

procedures on how to make different contributions at the will of parents.

Prof Ndlichako said any contributions were stated in an official government directive that was issued in 2016.

The minister asked parents to collaborate with the government in improving the learning environment at schools.

Earlier, when responding to her main question, deputy minister of State in the President's Office, Regional Administration and Local government David Silinde, said that the directive that was issued by the government in 2015 was clear that free basic education was free.

"We are doing a great assessment on improving our education sector in the country and now we have everything to have our kids having access to education," he noted.

## Traders happy as business resumes across the border

By Guardian Correspondent,

Ngorongoro

RESIDENTS of Ngorongoro District in Arusha Region have said trade agreement recently reached between President Samia Suluhu Hassan and her Kenya counterpart Uhuru Kenyatta has opened doors for economic opportunities for the area after they sold 80 per cent in volume of their livestock and maize.

The volume was in regard for Ngorongoro District alone.

This is contained in the report of the Ngorongoro District Commissioner, Rashid Taka as he was welcoming the newly appointed Arusha Regional Commissioner, John Mongela who visited the district for introduction.

"After the discussions by the two presidents, all trade barriers have been removed and the trade misapprehensions that existed have been solved. My residents have sold their maize crops and livestock to Kenya without any hindrances.

"In truth, trade opportunities

have been improved in this district that borders Kenya. The price for a bag of maize is now between 30,000/- and 40,000/- while the livestock is sold between 70,000/- and 100,000/- per head.

He added that aside from these opportunities, they still appeal to the government to construct a highway at tarmac level from Butiama, Serengeti, Ngorongoro to Arusha that will open more trade opportunities and investments.

"I believe that if we have such a highway, the people will be certain of speedy transport of their crops without any hindrances due to poor roads as it is for now," he said.

He further said that Tanzania and Kenya will continue to work together by investing in various economic fields for the benefit of the two countries in the East African Community (EAC).

*"I believe that if we have such a highway, the people will be certain of speedy transport of their crops without any hindrances due to poor roads as it is for now"*



A technician with the Iringa Urban Water and Sanitation Authority installs prepaid meters for its customers, as found along Magereza Street in Iringa municipality yesterday. Photo: Correspondent Friday Simbaya

By Guardian Correspondent, Handeni

## DC declares crackdown on Handeni street lenders

HANDENI district commissioner Toba Nguvula has imposed a ban on small financial institutions and loans firms to go directly to the people to provide loans, without being sanctioned by his office.

Nguvula announced the ban here on Monday and called for all these institutions to be cleared by

his office or that of the Executive Director, or other concerned government authorities.

He slapped the ban following reports that on firm - Gsa Sisal and General Enterprises, based in Dar es Salaam has prepared loan agreements of 1m/- to each

individual seeking loans on condition of paying 4,100/- as charges for self-portraits.

"I will immensely be surprised if I will again hear a person contributing money to have his picture taken to qualify for a loan, without the DC office knowing.

"The firm wants you to pay money, just to increase the owners to amass more money while you are in need. There is no such thing as easy as that, even during sisal season we also provide loans, but through laid down procedures," he added.

Before the ban, Kwamagome Ward Councillor, who is also the Handeni District Council Chairman Mussa Mkombati, had called on the residents not to enter into any loan contracts with the firm. "I have personally refused the hard conditions. Such

contributions are hazardous. We have resolved that the photographing exercise should stop at once," he said.

Following the ban, the people have been refunded the money and thanked the government for prompt intervention.





Singida regional commissioner Dr Binilith Mahenge has a word on Monday with fishmongers at an open market with mudfish aplenty at Hlamoto village in Mkalama District. Photo: Correspondent Dotto Mwaibale

## Ensure prompt payment of council's loans, DEDs told

By Henry Mwangonde, Dodoma

THE government is set to come up with an audit system to ensure that money set aside for loans to youth and women groups is recollected and circulated to benefit more.

The Deputy Minister of State in the President's Office (Regional Administration and Local Government), Dr Festo Ndugange, made the remarks when responding to a question by Maswa East legislator Stanslaus Nyongo.

In his preliminary question, the MP said the money which has been set aside by municipal and district councils is being issued to various groups of the needy by there has no system to track down on their recollection.

The MP asked for the government plan and strategies to ensure the money was recollected and given to other groups so that it benefits many.

In response, the deputy minister Dr Ndugange called upon district and municipal executive directors to administer the recollection of the money so that it is circulated as stipulated in various policies.

"It is true that these loans have been

issued to entrepreneurs and other groups in district and municipal councils through internal revenues where according to the law, a 10 percent of funds has to be set aside for loans to special groups," he said.

He however, said there have been complaints about the way the money was being recollected to help the needy adding that the law has now set aside a system in which the groups are required to have an account where the recollected money will be returned.

"Let me call upon the DEDs to ensure they work on the matter because the government will soon begin an audit to see how the money was loaned and recollected in municipal councils," he said.

In his preliminary question the legislator asked when the government will begin offering entrepreneurship education to youth and women.

In response the minister said according to rules and guidelines number 23, municipal and district councils are required to offer education on entrepreneurship to special needs groups.

The minister said the government has already started offering education on entrepreneurship for the year 2019/2020.

## DC orders construction of council headquarters suspended over 'laxity'

By Guardian Correspondent, Geita

GEITA district commissioner Mwalimu Fadhili Juma has directed Council officials to suspend the contract agreement for the construction of Geita Council headquarters under supervision of SUMA JKT due to slow work pace.

He issued the directives here on Monday during his visit to the Council offices to inspect the implementation of 2020/21 CCM Manifesto.

He said it was inconceivable for the council to go on with the contract agreement for the project while the work pace was slow.

He said the project begun a long time ago, hence he ordered it to stop and instructed the council not to channel any more funds to it.

"I once said the work should be done day and night but so far the contractor was dilly dallying, probably because SUMA JKT have many contracts going on at the same time, so I have stopped it to save the government from accumulating more loss," he added.

Geita District CCM Chairman Barfnabas Mhoja Mapande said the contract should be investigated and if possible it should be revoked to avoid loss of public funds, and if there were any instances of embezzlement, it should be investigated and legal steps taken.

For his part, the council chairman Charles Kazungu said the project's construction begun in February this year and was to cost 2.5bn/- upon completion and so far the council has dished out 43m/- towards the project.

For his part, the project supervisor, Mgetha Kabaya from SUMA JKT said the main reason for the slow pace was the delay for the arrival of building equipment and shortage of funds.

## DED appeals to farmers to buy insurance cover

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

RESIDENTS of Chunya District in Mbeya Region have been advised to spend some of the funds they acquire as income from their mining and farming activities to register with the improved Community Health Fund (iCHF) for medical treatment when they become ill.

The advice was given on Monday by the District's Executive Director, Sophia Kumbuli during a meeting at Mbugani Ward called to listen to problems facing the residents, adding that the cost to join the Fund was only 30,000/- per household.

He said the people in the district earn a lot of money especially during harvest season, hence it was important to register with the fund at this time than when they have no money.

He said one's health was the basic requisite for productive work, as a sick person one cannot engage himself well in economic activities.

Report from the Mbeya Regional Medical Officer, Dr Salum Manyatta states that as of December 2020 only 2.2 per cent of all residents of the Region were members of iCHF.

Dr Manyatta said the fund was officially launched in April 2019 and that the number of households registered was 8,949 with 37,528 individual members.

He said Busokelo District was leading in registration - at 3.39 per cent of the households followed by Rungwe District with 3.15 per cent and Chunya with 3.1 per cent.

He added that Mbeya City was fourth with 2.52 per cent, followed by Mbeya District with 1.76 per cent while Mbarali was last at 0.62 per cent.

He said the exercise to mobilise new people to register with the fund was continuing in all districts of the region.

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## Adhere to standards, safety, producers of food ingredients told

By Correspondent Felix Andrew

Producers of food ingredients have been asked to produce more while sticking to standards and safety to enable their goods to penetrate into local and foreign markets.

This was said in Dar es Salaam by Ilala District Commissioner, Ng'wilabuzu Ludigija when opening a training for entrepreneurs, processors and distributors of food ingredients that was organised by the Tanzania Bureau of Standards (TBS).

Ludigija said various food ingredients that are produced locally are highly needed in many markets within Tanzania and abroad, hence insisting producers adhere to quality and safety.

He said more efforts were needed to increase production so as to enable the country to build a strong and sustainable economy which can compete.

He said the government wants to see the country has enough production of various goods including food ingredients which can satisfy local and foreign markets.

He said production of food ingredients should go the same way with standards and safety for protecting the health of a consumer and increasing the market to nearby countries.

"Regional authorities believe that this training is the right way to bring more productivity for nation development according to the opportunities available in industrial, agriculture, trade, fishing industry," he said.

He added that the training has come at a time when the government has decided to improve industries in order

to provide more employment opportunities and enable products to compete in local, zonal and international markets.

Either, he said entrepreneurs including producers, sellers, distributors of food ingredients have played a big part in growing the economy and employment creation.

For his part the TBS Director of Testing and Metrology Services, Eng Johannes Maganga, said that the training has attracted a total of 100 participants from different parts of Dar es Salaam who are dealing with processing, packaging and selling of food ingredients.

He said through training participants get education on TBS and other topics such as good production regulations, standards requirements and safe preservation, packaging technology and primary information that is needed to be on the label.

"They will be told on the procedures to register food and premises which earlier was conducted by the former Tanzania Food and Drugs Authority (TFDA)," he said.

Earlier the Training and Research Manager at TBS, Hamis Mwanasala, said the training is sustainable and would be provided to others in various regions countrywide.

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Information and Communication Technology minister Dr Faustine Ndugulile addresses CEOs of mobile phone companies in Dodoma city yesterday. Right is his deputy, Kundo Mathew. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## Tanga residents encouraged to visit business exhibitions

By Guardian Correspondent

RESIDENTS of northern regions particularly traders in Tanga have been called upon to visit the trade exhibitions in order to get various services including digital harmonizing of their businesses.

This was said in Tanga by Robert Mashika who is the License Officer at the Business Registration and Licensing Agency (BRELA) at the just ended 8th Tanga Trade

Exhibition.

He said the trade exhibition plays a crucial role for traders and the community to understand and access various services within short time.

Citing he said it took not less than half an hour for a trader who want to register business license at the exhibition.

Mashika said BRELA brought many services to the traders who visited the pavilion during the whole period of exhibition.

They include trade mark license, companies registration, granting of patent, industrial licence, business licence class A, and harmonise and update of various company's information online.

He appealed to Tanga entrepreneurs to use the trade fair as an opportunity to showcase their products and expand their market reach.

He said that the exhibition would enable participants to identify and effectively use

various opportunities available at national, zonal and international levels.

Earlier opening the exhibition, the Deputy Minister for Industry and Trade Exaud Kigahe, urged SMEs and residents in Tanga to visit various pavilions and become aware of their services.

He said the exhibition would enable them to learn various marketing strategies hence increase their income hence benefit the country.



Special Seats legislator Dr Pauline Nahato (C) speaks at the Babati Town Council offices on Monday during the launch of an environmental hygiene campaign. Photo: Correspondent Gift Thadey

## THRDC urges govt to create police oversight body

By Alima Nkwong, HMC

TANZANIA Human Rights Defenders Coalition (THRDC) have urged the government to create police oversight body as a means of promoting and ensuring accountability in law.

Saying this will help to hold accountable police officers who conduct torture, arbitrary arrest and detaining suspects without taking them to the court within the legally specified period (24hours)

Speaking during an engagement meeting with Minister for Constitutional and Legal Affairs in Dodoma, THRDC chairman Onesmo Olungurumwa mentioned that the criminal justice system has been operating through the old and colonial legal principles that need

comprehensive reforms.

"The rights of some accused persons is hindered by issues including coercion, misuse of power due to the leverage enjoyed by the prosecutors, reduction of the role and influence of the magistrates and judges, denial of bail and the risk of accused persons pleading guilty for crimes they did not commit" he said

Adding, he said that some of the reforms in the criminal justice system has dramatically posed serious challenges on human rights and access of justice.

Olungurumwa also said that the oversight body will also be instrumental in holding accountable police officers engaged in corruption when investigating cases of child murder and mutilation of body parts of persons with albinism.

He also recounted the murder and mutilation of a child with albinism in Uyui, Tabora last month, adding that no actual buyer has been unmasked since 2006 when these acts started being reported.

He further outlined shortage of judiciary staff as a big challenge to access to justice which leads to delay in granting copies of judgment.

"According to availed information there is a shortage of 4,404 workers in the judiciary, which equals to 4.2 percent delays in granting copies and delays in conducting police investigation and constant adjournment of cases," he complained.

The president advised the government to grant powers to deny bail under exceptional circumstances to the court for

example in cases where the accused person has skipped bail before.

"Rights to bail stems from the presumption of innocence of human right specially right to liberty and personal security, it should thus be protected to the biggest event and court of laws should make final determination over bail in line with international standards, best practices and circumstances of a particular case."

He further advised the government to amend Basic Rights and Duties Enforcement Act (BRADEA) provisions that arbitrarily restrict fundamental human rights, including the right to equality before the law. Allow human right defenders and individuals to pursue justice through public interest.

## Mugabe's children rush to court as tussle over exhumation deepens

NAIROBI

The children of Former Zimbabwean President Robert Mugabe have gone to court seeking to block the exhumation of his remains from a grave in his rural village of Kutama following a recent controversial ruling by a traditional court.

Chief Zvimba last month hauled Mugabe's widow, Grace, before his village court on accusations of breaking local customs by burying her late husband in the courtyard of their rural home.

The former first lady was ordered to facilitate exhumation of the long serving ruler's remains for reburial at a national shrine in Harare set aside for luminaries of the country's 1970s liberation war.

She was fined five cows and two goats. Mugabe, who is said to be indisposed and seeking treatment in Singapore, was tried in absentia.

The traditional leader said he was "giving powers to those who are permitted by law to exhume the late Robert Mugabe's remains from Kutama and rebury them at the National Heroes Acre in Harare before July 1, 2021."

But Mugabe's three children - Bona, Bellarmine Chatunga and Tinotenda Robert - have filed an appeal at a local magistrate court arguing that "Chief Zvimba erred at law by making an order that overturns a burial order in respect of the burial of the late Robert Mugabe when the chief had no judicial authority to interpret legal acts from superior legislation to his jurisdiction."

The siblings say the chief made a mistake by "making an order that affects property rights of a party that is not part of the proceedings."

They accused the chief of making a "false finding of fact, which amounts to an error at

law when he found that the late Robert Mugabe was buried inside a house."

"The misdirection nullifies the ration decidendi (the reason) of his judgment," they said in their appeal papers dated June 4.

"Chief Zvimba erred at law in granting an incompetent order for the exhumation of the body of the late Robert Mugabe, thereby usurping the lawful bounds of his judicial authority. The chief further erred at law by imposing himself with territorial jurisdiction to the affairs of an area that he does not have any territorial jurisdiction over."

Some of Mugabe's relatives, including former Cabinet minister Patrick Zhuwao, accuse President Emmerson Mnangagwa of being behind the bizarre push to exhume Mugabe's remains for ritual purposes. The government denies the allegations.

Following the late strongman's death in Singapore in 2019, there was a standoff between the government and his family that stretched for nearly three weeks over where his final resting place would be.

The family argued that Mugabe made it clear on his deathbed that he did not want to be buried at the National Heroes Acre because he did not want erstwhile colleagues that staged a coup against him in 2017 to preside over his funeral.

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Dar es Salaam Water and Sanitation Authority technicians rehabilitate a major pipe near the city's Victoria commuter bus stand yesterday to end days of an acute shortage of water in the neighbourhood. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## Adopt the use of alternative, clean cooking energy to save ecosystem, UNIDO tells govt

By Correspondent Crispin Gerald

THE United Nations Industrial Development Organisation (UNIDO) has suggested the need for the government to adopt the use of alternative and clean cooking energy as a means to improve environmental conservation.

"The use of alternative cooking energy prevents overdependence on wood fuel and charcoal which is contributing to the rapid forest degradation and deforestation in the country," said Victor Akim national project coordinator for UNIDO.

Globally, around 3 billion people lack access to clean cooking solutions, while 70 percent of Sub-Saharan Africa still depend heavily on fuelwood, charcoal, and other solid biomass residues, which are used to with inefficient cooking technologies, resulting in the rapid rate of deforestation and in a wide range of adverse social, economic and climate outcomes.

Indoor Air Pollution (IAP) including carbon particulate matter is a direct consequence of poor combustion and mostly affects women and children who are exposed to emissions.

Akim made the remarks over the weekend in Dodoma during World Environment Day (WED) where UNIDO participated in the commemorations.

He said the clean cooking sector which is still battling to shift this reality, is fragmented and dispersed. Greater effort and resources are required to achieve the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) targets on clean cooking.

"Together, we commend the initiative taken by the government of Tanzania through the Vice President's Office Environment and the Ministry of Energy who have been implementing various

mitigation measures including nationwide awareness-raising campaigns amongst the general public, tree planting campaigns, and conservation measures to protect forests and ecosystems," said Akim.

The government has also undertaken measures to promote clean and sustainable energy alternatives for cooking to reduce over-dependence on fuelwood and charcoal. "We highly commend the government for marking the World Environment Day under the theme of 'Use Alternative Energy to restore our Ecosystem', the commemoration which took place last week in Dodoma," he said.

The theme echoed the United Nations General Assembly declared that the year 2021-2030 will be the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration.

"There has never been a more urgent need to restore damaged ecosystems than now, this is because ecosystems support all life on Earth. The healthier our ecosystems are, the healthier the planet and its people," he explained.

The UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration aims to prevent, halt and reverse the degradation of ecosystems. It can help to end poverty, combat climate change and prevent mass extinction, it will only succeed if everyone plays a part.

Without additional ecosystem restoration initiatives like growing trees, rewetting peatlands, or enhancing agricultural soils, the global climate, biodiversity, and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) can no longer be met. Conservation or curbing emissions alone is not enough.

The UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration is an opportunity to help turn the tide and give people and nature a sustainable future.

## Use environmentally friendly devices to save environs, Tanzanians advised

By Guardian Correspondent

TANZANIANS were yesterday challenged to use environmentally friendly electronic devices to save the country's environment, which is threatened by anthropogenic factors.

The call was made in Dar es Salaam during the official launch of the second electronic shop of the South Korean firm, LG.

"Tanzania faces a number of environmental challenges, that is why it is important for Tanzanians to be very careful," said Fatema Dewji, Mohammed Enterprises Tanzania Limited Group (METL) marketing director.

She called on Tanzanians to use electronic devices which are environmentally friendly.

According to her, MeTL is partnering with LG in the distribution of electronics from LG within the country which includes televisions, washing machines, refrigerators, and other electronic equipment.

"These devices are of high quality but also they are made of new technology which uses less electricity and is environmentally friendly. This is why most Tanzanians are now using LG products and they are satisfied, this means that Tanzania is a big market," she said.

MeTL's director of sales, Hussein Dewji also called on Tanzanians to visit LG Stores in Dar es Salaam to see for themselves the best products and make the right decisions in purchasing home

goods. LG Electronics East Africa executive director, SaNyong Kim said the store is the second in Tanzania after yesterday launching the first store at the city center near The Watch Tower in Dar es Salaam.

"Posta and Mlimani City are ideal places because many customers visit these places and we have seen how the business environment in Tanzania is vibrant. We promise to provide our customers with quality services and products so that they can feel proud when they make purchases as they will be served by our highly skilled staff. "In the last few years, we have been expanding our scope and presence in the East African region. We plan to continue to

promote premium status products and provide our customers with the products they expect as a business is based on the most advanced first-class technology.

"We will give Tanzanian businessmen a great opportunity to work with us, a good example being MeTL who is the main distributor of our LG products here in Tanzania as well as dealers like F&S who is the first trader in our valuable Tanzanite Club Tanzania Programme," said Kim.

Henry Chami, a representative of F&S, a company that specializes in the sale and distribution of electronic goods said within a month Tanzanians will have the opportunity to buy LG products at the Mlimani City Store at a discount of up to 25 percent.

## Foundation supports YST science exhibition

By Guardian Reporter

THE Karimjee Jivanjee Foundation, a philanthropic arm of the Karimjee Group is proud to announce its support to Young Scientists Tanzania (YST), a programme that empowers young students with practical skills in science and technology to contribute to the country's economy.

Yusuf Karimjee, Chairman of Karimjee Jivanjee Foundation (KJF) said that the KJF believes in long term and sustainable action to tackle the social challenges facing the country and its communities.

The KJF, a family - owned business founded by Karimjee Jivanjee, has been a proud sponsor to YST for 11 consecutive years providing scholarships to overall YST student winners and to the winners of the special education category, to undertake and complete their university studies after the completion of their high school education.

"Our foundation is committed to creating a bright future for young Tanzanians through education and empowerment and we are visioning to develop the next generation of leaders, change makers and innovators that have the potential to change Tanzania and the world," said Karimjee in an interview recently in Dar es Salaam.

"We are delighted to see this fantastic expansion of schools, projects and reach across Tanzania," he added.

According to Karimjee, the Institute provides educational scholarships, empower reading and learning, support local communities and healthcare infrastructure, advocate science, technology and social entrepreneurship and promote wildlife conservation.

"We have made a tangible difference to the lives of thousands of young Tanzanians, through our own scholarship programmes and support to a select group of education centered NGOs and philanthropic networks," he said.

Also the global energy company and operator of two offshore blocks 1 and 4 in the Southern region of Tanzania Shell Tanzania has joined the Karimjee Jivanjee Foundation (KJF) to support Young Scientists Tanzania.

For his part the incoming Vice President

and Country Chair for Shell Tanzania Jared Kuehl said that the company support is dedicated to encourage and develop science and innovation to youth under the Young Scientists Tanzania programme (YST).

YST is a grassroots STEM capacity building initiative which encourages academic ambition and provides much needed scientific research opportunities for secondary school students in Tanzania.

The program (YST) serves as a unique platform giving opportunity to young people across the country to demonstrate their scientific and innovative talents through their projects.

"We have been pleased to support the Young Scientist Tanzania (YST) project since 2013 helping to improve science in secondary schools," we are thrilled to have had the opportunity to support the YST exhibitions in 2021 as one of the main sponsors," Kuehl said when addressing the media during the press conference.

The president said that the company believes that youth are energetic enough to influence changes in the society, therefore empowering them with scientific and innovative skills is the potential seed which will yield positive results.

He added that, YST programme has got the model for making science easier to students, and since the beginning of the programme, the students have been so enthusiastic and dedicated to practicing science practically.

"At Shell Tanzania, we believe science works for life, and we are highly encouraging the young students to generate science creativity so that they can be supportive to their country," he explained.

YST exhibitions continue to be consistent with our commitment to promote Science Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Education in the secondary schools.

"The methodology used in the YST project supports students to be innovative, curious and dedicated as well as fosters a science culture," he said.

"Over the year we have seen an increase in the number of students participating in the YST exhibitions, the turn up which shows that the program is successful," Kuehl added.



Liwale legislator Zuberi Kuchauka (L) hands over an ambulance to Liwale district executive director Luiza Mielwa at the weekend for use at the constituency's Kibutuka health centre. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

By Correspondent Marc Nkwame

IN marking the World Environment Day, observed over the weekend, Kilombero District of Morogoro has reported to have restored over 2770 hectares of lost green cover, in the area, through massive tree-planting initiatives.

Residents of the district, which happens to be among the country's leading bread baskets, boasted to have planted more than 600,000 trees and restored 2765 hectares of farmland and riverbanks as well as conserving the Ruipa Wildlife Corridor, which is now a protected area of great importance.

The Ruipa Mammals' Corridor, which is also being protected by members of the local communities, happens to be an active corridor for movements of elephants and other large mammals between the Udzungwa Mountains National Park and the Selous Game Reserve, via the Kilombero Valley.

"We are also mobilizing schools and community organisations to clean up the Udzungwa Mountain National Park, as well as plant trees in degraded

## Kilombero residents join forces to safeguard Ruipa Wildlife Corridor

areas within the region," explained Pastor Magingi, the African Wildlife Fund's Programme Manager.

Apparently the government in the area had joined forces with the African Wildlife Foundation (AWF), other Non-governmental organisations and local schools to spearhead the weeklong celebrations in Kilombero District, with the AWF spearheading tree planting exercises, forest clean ups and exhibitions on the biodiversity protection work currently underway in the district.

"We held an exhibition at Mang'ula Primary School to showcase conservation initiatives. This helps to develop community appreciation of the environment, getting everyone together to participate in taking care of natural resources," added the AWF Programme manager.

Last month the Minister of State in the Vice President's office, Union and

Environment, Selemani Jafo revealed the country's plans to plant 1.5 million trees every year to fight deforestation, adding that the initiative targets to compensate the 48 million acres of forests that get annihilated annually.

Now, to highlight the pressing challenge of tree cutting for charcoal fuels, Tanzania has chosen to mark the day with a special theme: "The use of Alternative Sources of Energy for Ecosystem Restoration."

The African Wildlife Foundation has been working in Kilombero District to support community initiatives including the use of sustainable fuel from rice husks in order to reduce tree cutting for charcoal, as well as providing farmers with high-yield drought resistant seeds to improve their rice, cocoa and sugarcane harvests through 'climate smart' agriculture as well as encouraging reforestation efforts across the district.



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## Making World Bank's concessional loan fast-track development awaited

**N**EWSPAPERS in the country were nearly unanimous on Monday as to the most important news item around, namely the 2.3 trillion shillings loan that the World Bank - by which is usually meant the International Development Association (IDA) its soft loan window has extended to Tanzania. Finance minister Dr Mwigulu Nchemba said the money will be used for rural roads, electricity supply both on the Mainland and in Zanzibar, as well for revamping the country's higher education system so that it may produce competent and employable graduates. The payment duration of the loan wasn't given but it can be taken for granted, as such loans mature slowly, with Tanzania still paying some 1970s strategic loans.

While the government has set out perfectly how the loan will be used, and it is this breakdown which was adopted by the World Bank (IDA board of directors) to okay the loan application, it would be helpful if the loan extension is linked with other policy visions the minister was setting out in a news conference on Sunday. He said the government was reviewing financial sector policies to bring the private sector closer to its own operations and strike public-private partnerships in implementing the second five year development plan. The new loan accord can be used to cement this vision, without shedding public goals.

The minister said government financing was limited in meeting development projects, and if excessive emphasis is given in that direction, social services can suffer, thus the need to bring the private sector more into the focus. What Dr Nchemba did not realise was that with a little effort, this intention (to bring the private sector to the

second FYP) can be facilitated by using the loan, to place it in the central bank where different banks borrow chunks of it on long term revolving loan basis, so that at the end of the day they return the cash to BoT and it repays it to the World Bank. And bank assets would rapidly increase.

Mid-2017 or thereabouts, the fifth phase government noticed that parastatal organizations had placed large amounts of term deposits (700bn/-) with commercial banks where they obtained interest on an annual basis. What galled the rather puritanical administrators was that much of this gain was used in ways deemed fit for those boards, which effectively turned the board members and top management into shareholders, enjoying dividends out of public money. It isn't surprising that the large deposits were removed and formed the backbone of huge projects.

But as economics isn't altogether synonymous with ethics, there was payback time to that move; during 2017 to 2018 Tanzania's agro-exports abroad especially in horticulture fell by over two thirds, two years before the COVID-19 restrictions, etc. Banks had to scramble to find fixed or term deposits from which they could safely borrow for relatively risky lending without impairing their cash flow ability, as once customers get wind that cash points are posing trouble, there is danger of a run-in, to costly implications. The BoT can 'build back better' and restore the fixed or term deposits, or twice as much, say with half the loan. The banks become far more dynamic in lending, making Tanzanian firms more capable of striking partnerships with foreign firms. Banks later repay such deposits and remain strong, and BoT gets the gain.

## There's every need to protect oceans or we'll discover that it is all too late

**A**LTHOUGH human beings live on land, we shouldn't forget that oceans are the still the biggest ecosystems on Earth. Water makes up over 90 per cent of the habitable space on this planet and, according to researchers, around 50-80 per cent of life is found underwater some yet to be discovered.

World Oceans Day takes place annually on the 8th of June. The theme selected by the United Nations for last year's United Nations International Day was 'Innovation for a Sustainable Ocean'.

The day is marked in a variety of ways, including launching new campaigns and initiatives, special events at aquariums and zoos, outdoor explorations, aquatic and beach cleanups, educational and conservation action programs, art contests, film festivals, and sustainable seafood events.

People need air to breathe, water to drink, food to eat, new medicines, a climate we can live in, beauty, inspiration and recreation. We need to know that we belong to something bigger than ourselves. We want a better future for those we care about. To survive and prosper, we need healthy oceans.

The ocean is the largest ecosystem on Earth, it is the planet's life support system. Oceans generate half of the oxygen we breathe and, at any given moment, they contain more than 97 per cent of the world's water. Oceans provide at least a sixth of the animal protein people eat. Living oceans absorb carbon dioxide from the atmosphere and reduce climate change impacts.

The diversity and productivity of the world's oceans is a vital interest for humankind. Our security, our economy, our very survival all require healthy oceans.

Whether you live on the coast or far from it, whether you eat seafood or not, you and the future of all those you love depends on healthy oceans.

An ocean is a body of water that composes much of a planet's hydrosphere. On Earth, an ocean is one of the major conventional divisions of the World Ocean. These are, in descending order by area, the Pacific, Atlantic, Indian, Southern (Antarctic), and Arctic Oceans. The ocean contains 97 per cent of Earth's water, and oceanographers have stated that less than 20 per cent of the World Ocean has been mapped.

As the world ocean is the principal component of Earth's hydrosphere, it is integral to life, forms part of the carbon cycle, and influences climate and weather patterns. The World Ocean is the habitat of 230,000 known species, but because much of it is unexplored, the number of species that exist in the ocean is much larger, possibly over two million. The origin of Earth's oceans is unknown; oceans are thought to have formed in the Hadean eon and may have been the cause for the emergence of life.

Early in their geologic histories, Mars and Venus are theorized to have had large water oceans. The Mars ocean hypothesis suggests that nearly a third of the surface of Mars was once covered by water, and a runaway greenhouse effect may have boiled away the global ocean of Venus.

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## Learning leadership: Trust truly most essential ingredient of social cohesion

By Jay Naidoo

**I**T'S the glue that holds society together. The magic of solidarity and interconnectedness that leads to a caring society. It's fallen apart. And so will we, as a democracy, if we don't act now. How do we build trust? What is the leadership we need in a country turned upside down by the cancer of State Capture and corruption?

"The political class only thinks about itself. They don't care about the people. Look at the ANC today. Most of those guys only feed themselves. And it's no different with any political party," says Alpheus Khumalo. He was driving a truck delivering cool drinks.

"I understand this truck belongs to you. How is it going?" I asked at a local service station. And the door opens a litany of woes, "It's a scam. We were sold a story of being independent entrepreneurs. We still work for the company. Our contracts are exploitative and unfair. It's a way to drive down costs, take away transporting risk and avoiding paying us benefits. We are cheap outsourced employees. I have to pay truck insurance, my truck repayments, maintenance costs, product insurance. I barely cover my expenses. Who can we trust today," he asks. "No one," he answers.

Trust - the essential ingredient of social cohesion. The glue that holds society together. The magic of solidarity and interconnectedness that leads to a caring society. It's fallen apart. And so will we as a democracy if we don't act now.

How do we build that? What is the leadership we need in a country turned upside down by the cancer of State Capture and corruption? The role of leadership is not to pretend that we are some exceptional society with some unique role in the world. We are ordinary. A messy, noisy democracy that is still a toddler with leaders throwing their toys out of the cot like delinquent children.

How does a wounded society deal with this delinquency?

Why not learn from our past? We have stood at the edge of the precipice before. At a crossroads. In 1994, we had the courage of leaders who rose above the vested interests of their narrow

constituencies and found common ground. We agreed upon a constitutional democracy that enshrined our hopes, aspirations and dreams, in negotiations led by our current president, Cyril Ramaphosa.

We had leaders who we trusted. Today, how do we support leaders who want to do the right thing and send an unequivocal message to the predatory elites that we have had enough?

In the current Covid-19 pandemic, physical distancing is required to save lives. But distancing and alienation between leaders and people now threaten the foundations of our democracy.

The goal of building trust is to solve the multiple challenges we face in an increasingly more complex and volatile world. And to build the norms and rules and of governance that we can all be accountable to. Where there is the rule of law. Where we have transparency. Where we understand that politics is about servant leadership and the delivery of the public goods and services that our people have a birthright to.

How do we do that?

The Mandela generation showed us the way. In our founding father's first speech on his release from prison 27 years ago he said, "Fellow South Africans, I greet you all in the name of peace, democracy and freedom for all. I stand here before you not as a prophet, but as a humble servant of you, the people. Your tireless and heroic sacrifices have made it possible for me to be here today. I, therefore, place the remaining years of my life in your hands."

There is no divine right to rule. Leadership has to be earned daily. It is the Mandela humility and vulnerability that bridged the chasms of a wounded society that began our journey of reconstruction and development. That allowed us to start to listen to each other.

To see each other. To start a process of reconciliation and forgiveness. Not as a passive acceptance of the past. But a bold ambition to address the painful apartheid legacy of the exclusion of the black majority.

In 1994, everything was under the microscope: Land redistribution; economic transformation; equity; training; right to quality education and

health; healing the wounds of our past - of superiority and inferiority. It's the same wound. We created a safe space of a Constitution as our framework and laboratory.

Where did we go wrong?

The leadership transformed. Not our country. Across the society we jettisoned the "Mandela values" and became a society that bred arrogance and contempt. In politics, we became governed by a small group of leaders who mostly saw state power as part of a career in personal enrichment and the sole goal of staying in power. In business, a nexus of corrupt corporate interests and public officials looted the state and undermined governance in once-strong public institutions. Our path of transformation faltered and our dreams and hopes were deferred.

We don't need any more corporatist deals in air-conditioned boardrooms and luxury hotels. We need an authentic intergenerational conversation on how to bring us back to a transformation agenda we can all buy into. One that spans the deep feelings of resentment, not just in the ranks of the white population but increasing across society, as expressed by Alpheus Khumalo. And the growing anger and resistance to the repressive and exclusionary status quo that traps the majority of black people in poverty, hunger and joblessness.

There is no alternative. We must recognise that trust in the political and economic class has broken down. And this applies equally to the unions and civil society which have often become the conveyor belt of powerful vested interests. We don't have to look very far to see how rapidly social cohesion collapses and visible cracks start to manifest in governance. State Capture, xenophobia, interracial tension and further afield, Zimbabwe, South Sudan or the Balkans as failing states.

What is to be done?

Now is the time for great humility. A time of integrity. A time to reimagine our shared future. To explore without anger our differences. And to be bold in how we propose solutions. What do we have to share now, to have a future together in our beautiful country? And do we start it in the home we share with those who work for us, to the streets

we share as communities to the corridors of state and corporate power from local to national? To think intergenerationally. How to level the playing field and shift the goalposts of rank, privilege and power in our country?

We don't need any messiahs. As Tata Madiba said at the crossroads of choice in 1990, we need to be "humble servants of you, the people". Today we are at another crossroads. In the failing fields of hope, people grab at straws. Many even in the globally mobile black middle class feel that the politically connected "glass ceiling" leaves them no options but to leave our country, or drift towards the politics of political demagoguery or the evangelising "miracle prophets".

Our enemy has nothing to do with an "external invasion" or foreign interference or partisan politics. It's within us. We need a leadership language that reflects the covenant we had at the advent of our democracy. To strive always to unify. To build a shared national identity. To repair our differences not simply through an acknowledgement or apology. But for 58-million South Africans to reach out to those who are left behind, who are invisible.

In doing that we don't need grandiose ideas. We need millions of small acts of kindness that recognise our interconnectedness and indivisibility as a nation. Those millions of little boats will guide us all out of despair and take us on a shared journey of Hope and Opportunity.

That is my prayer for South Africa, with which I rise every morning wanting to reach out especially to the younger generation. To listen patiently with my heart.

To refrain from throwing my history of the Struggle into their faces. To accept that youth and many in our country are deeply disappointed with the crisis of leadership that has been so compounded by the coronavirus pandemic. And to build an authentic intergenerational dialogue with youth leaders who don't want to be the cannon fodder of someone else's political agenda.

Then we close the gap in the social distance between leadership and our people. And build the miracle of transformation we wanted to be in the world.



# The ocean's silent killer: Breaking down overfishing

SCRANTON, USA

You don't have to look too hard to find some news network or media outlet talking about water pollution, plastic waste, CO2 emissions, and climate change.

Yes, of course, our plastic bottles are blowing into the ocean and it's all our fault. We need to start using paper straws and paper cups because we're to blame for our polluted and uninhabitable waters.

The reason you see and hear about these factors all the time is because it puts it on your back. Media tells you, it's your fault, you need to do better, you need to make a change.

While I sit here casting my ultra-light spinning reel, they're pumping billions of dollars down the throats of commercial fishermen all over the world.

The biggest threat to our oceans is the very people put in place to protect them. It's believed that globally, more than \$30 billion goes to the commercial fishing industry per year.

This money is intended to offset the costs of operating their megaships and paying their deckhands in an industry that has been hit hard by climate change and regulation.

But, what does that money actually do? It supports overfishing by giving the large ships the ability to outfish the little guy. The offshore communities that rely on fish for commerce and food can't keep up with the mega ships that have advanced technology, massive trawling nets, and a team of 25 people aboard.

Some might say that this is just a natural reaction to the need for more fish. We're consuming nearly twice as many fish as we were 50 years ago, so it's classic supply and demand paired with the dog eat dog nature of commercial fishing.

I say that it's not all about the fishing and even the communities that rely on it, it's about the quality of our oceans and the impact overfishing has on them. The reason you don't hear about these types of things is because it's the governments of the world fanning the flames behind the scenes.

More than 60% of the world's fish stocks are fished out of existence. That's 60% of our fish population, completely gone, never to return. How can you recover from something like that? Once it's gone, it's gone.

That said, while I have spoken primarily of the United States as the main offender, they pale in comparison to the People's Republic of China. China is above and beyond the biggest culprit of overfishing in the East and the West.

Many times, overfishing, water pollution, and plastic waste are all seen as a lapse of judgment or a "miscalculation."

This isn't the case with China. They're not simply failing to control their fishermen, they're promoting overfishing and spending an astronomical sum of money to make it happen. In fact, in 2018, they spent \$7.2 billion to support the crime of overfishing. This country alone makes up 21% of the entire world's subsidies.

This country and many others are fishing at biologically unsustainable levels. Take the Pacific bluefin tuna for example. This species alone has seen a 97% drop in population. You're probably thinking, "who cares if that tuna population dies off, what's the big deal?"

It's not just about the fish population, it's about the landscape of the sea as a whole. Overfishing causes a ripple effect that impacts not only the water but everyone who feeds off the water.

China has as many as 800,000 fishing vessels fishing illegally all over the world. Who is likely fishing on these ships? I doubt they're paying living wages and providing comfortable conditions and accommodations for the people onboard.

They're likely living in extremely cramped quarters, being fed the bare minimum, and forced to work around the clock for next to no money.

But I digress, it's not all about China and it's not all about the United States



The UN commemorates World Oceans Day on Tuesday June 8. And on June 5, the UN commemorated the International Day for the "Fight Against Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing". According to the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing activities represent up to 26 million tonnes of fish caught annually. File photo

either. It's not all about politics and not everyone is out to fish the waters into extinction. In many cases, it's policy and procedure. There are additional specific reasons behind overfishing:

Regulation - Many countries including the United States have regulations in place to prevent overfishing. The problem is, these regulations are loosely put together and don't apply across international borders so other countries can come into our water and fish however they please. Even with the regulations, the agencies put in place to enforce them don't have the time, money, or resources to do so.

Unreported Fishing - Fishing is not an easy industry and it gets more and more difficult for commercial fishermen to make a living. As a result, they do what I would probably do as well. They fudge the numbers and cook the books to turn a profit. This happens most frequently in developing nations and among small fishing communities.

Mobile Processing - A large portion of fish go in a can to be preserved and shelved for years. This process actually happens at sea which means that the fish will never even see land. It's difficult for enforcement agencies to identify the amount of fish caught because of this process.

So, what are the solutions or alternatives? What can be done to stop overfishing so we can save marine life from extinction? Awareness comes at a premium when the media controls everything you see and hear.

The good news is that there are plenty of organizations out there putting technology in place to help combat overfishing. Fishtek Marine is a great example of this. Bycatch is a huge issue as well which happens when fish and sea mammals are caught in giant mile long trawling nets that commercial fishermen use to save time and money.

Dolphins, seals, and other creatures get caught in the net and many of them will die trying to get out.

Fishtek created a small device that is placed in fishing nets. The device emits a sound that only larger sea mammals can hear so it deters them from swimming near the nets. This is such a simple concept with the potential to make a tremendous difference.

Shared catch is a strategy with potential. The way fishing seasons are structured now promotes rushing and corruption because it's like an all you can eat buffet for a certain amount of months.

Instead, putting catch limits in place and sharing the water based on seasonal fishing will provide more structure while limiting the need to chase as many fish as possible in a short amount of time.

An American/British Columbian study focused on this and noted that shared catch actually increased the total catch while reducing bycatch by 66%. This will reduce the amount of waste and even though fishermen are catching more fish, it won't have an adverse effect on the ocean.

There are many opinions in the overfishing debate and with more than three billion people relying on fish as their primary protein source, it's a discussion we need to have. No one country is to blame and no specific agency is to blame but awareness is key. We need to do something before it's too late.

The best way to solve the problem is by getting as many people as possible talking about it.

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## INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – PREQUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS FOR PROVISION OF CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR ASSESSMENT OF AIRPORT RUNWAY PERFORMANCE AND DESIGNING OF PERIODIC MAINTENANCE PROGRAMME BY GEITA GOLD MINING LIMITED (GGML), TANZANIA

### I. INTRODUCTION

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

The Company is in the process of procuring consultancy services for assessment of airport runway performance and designing of periodic maintenance programme and is, therefore, inviting interested eligible service providers to submit Expression of Interest for the provision of the below service.

#### Scope of work:

REFERENCE NUMBER	SERVICE DESCRIPTION
GGME01222	CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR ASSESSMENT OF AIRPORT RUNWAY PERFORMANCE AND DESIGNING OF PERIODIC MAINTENANCE PROGRAMME FOR GEITA GOLD MINING LIMITED AT GEITA MINE

### 1. INFORMATION REQUIRED

PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS	10%
<b>COMMERCIAL</b>	
Company Profile	1.25%
Copy of registration/Incorporation Certificate	1.25%
Copy of Valid Tax Clearance Certificate (TCC)	1.25%
Copy of TIN Certificate of Firm/company and VRN	1.25%
Copy of Current Business Permit/Trade license.	1.25%
Company Shareholding Structure/Share structure of the company (ownership of shares in percentage (%))	1.25%
List of Directors	1.25%
Compliance with the Mining (Local Content) Regulations, 2018 by having Local Content plan - Approved by mining Commission	1.25%
<b>FINANCIAL POSITION &amp; TERMS OF TRADE</b>	<b>5%</b>
Audited & certified financial statements (2018-2019)	2.5%
At least 1 reference from the applicant's banker regarding supplier's credit position	2.5%
<b>SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS</b>	<b>5%</b>
OSHA Compliance Certificate	1.7%
Workers Compensation Fund Certificate/ any proof of compliance	1.7%
Safety and Environmental Policies	1.7%
<b>PAST EXPERIENCE</b>	<b>5%</b>
At least 3 names of the applicant's clients, value and duration of the contracts entered into with the clients in the past two years (must be listed)	1.7%
Signed contracts/LPOs (proof of the above)	1.7%
Provide at least 3 recommendation letters from different clients	1.7%
<b>TECHNICAL CRITERIA (GGME01222)</b>	<b>75%</b>
Experience in Runway Engineering Design.	25%
Experience in Highway Engineering Design.	20%
Experience of Engineering assessment of flexible pavements.	20%
Experience of working in Mining Environment.	10%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>

Interested bidders must submit their expression Letters of Interest ("LOI") by quoting the **SERVICE DESCRIPTION AND REFERENCE NUMBER** of the service they intend to express interest on THE SUBJECT OF THE EMAIL together with supporting information to GGML, which states the full name, address, telephone and e-mail address of the bidder, name of the principal contact, and signed by an authorized representative. The LOI must outline a statement of firm capability to provide the relevant Services, including similar contracts undertaken over the past three years. All LOIs and support documentation must be received by the GGML Office via e-mail at [geita.eoi@anglogoldashanti.com](mailto:geita.eoi@anglogoldashanti.com) not later than 0830 A.M **16<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2021** (the "LOI" Submission Deadline). EOI submissions should not exceed 10MB per email. In case the size of the email exceeds 10MB, please split the submissions into more than one email.

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### I. INTRODUCTION

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

The Company is in the process of Procuring Fire Detection Systems for Geita Gold Mining Ltd and is, therefore, inviting interested eligible service providers to submit Expression of Interest for the provision of the below service.

#### Scope of work:

REFERENCE NUMBER	SERVICE DESCRIPTION
GGME01221	SUPPLY, INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF FIRE DETECTION SYSTEMS FOR GEITA GOLD MINING LTD AT GEITA MINE

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# Gains from Africa’s single market must be equitable

BY TAYO TAYO

Trading commenced under the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) agreement in January. However the journey to increased intra-African trade will be a long one, and some key protocols are still being negotiated. As Africa pursues trade-driven industrialisation, the process must be as inclusive as possible.

One of the major criticisms levied against the deal is that gains will accrue disproportionately across Africa. This could happen between countries, within countries, between firms and among people. Pre-existing inequalities mean that more advanced countries, cities, manufacturing firms and the African economic elite could benefit the most from the trade increase.

There are several reasons for this. The AfCFTA arguably has the highest income disparities between its member countries than other continental free trade agreements. Together, Nigeria, South Africa and Egypt - three out of 54 countries - account for about 50% of Africa’s GDP. So the African single market brings together unequal economies with varying production capacities.

South Africa, as the continent’s most industrialised economy, is at an advantage. Trade Map reports that in 2020 Africa imported US\$20 billion worth of goods from South Africa. It’s the sixth-largest supplier of African imports, after China, India, France, the United States and Germany.

AfCFTA arguably has the highest income disparities between its members than other free trade agreements. South Africa also dominates trade within the Southern African Customs Union. Trade benefits may be disproportionately attained by its economy, thus enriching its producers and government more than other countries in the region.

Another issue is the documented link between import exposure and a rise in protectionism and xenophobia. An eventual flooding of African markets with South African goods could harm local industries and affect employment. This could grow resentment against the AfCFTA and negative sentiments about its promised gains.

Within countries, cities and urban areas are often better integrated into trade value chains, and research shows that supra-national trade if poorly managed, can increase uneven development. This could widen income gaps between cities and rural areas - especially when trade leads to a move away from commodity exports, leaving commodity-producing rural areas behind.

A similar situation can be found on the firm level. Al-



AfCFTA’s biggest challenge now may be too little trade, but down the line it could be uneven development. File photo

though there has been some talk and efforts to make it easier for small and medium enterprises (SMEs) to trade under the agreement, economies of scale mean that large manufacturing companies have the advantage because they are more competitive.

There is a documented link between import exposure and a rise in protectionism and xenophobia

The high cost of transporting goods within Africa means that higher trade volumes will reduce the unit cost of transportation. Large firms like the Dangote Group of Companies could more affordably expand production and export their goods across the continent. SMEs may also find it harder to meet the AfCFTA’s rules of origin requirements.

Imbalances on the firm level are linked to income disparities between rich and poor in some African countries. Profits from increased intra-Africa trade can disproportionately accrue to African industrial elites, expanding the wealth gap. Africa is already home to some of the world’s most unequal societies. Increased continental trade will increase the demand for manufactured goods. Economic elites with higher ownership of the means of production are better placed to reap the profits from trade.

In Nigeria, this applies to its industrial elites. A 2016 Oxfam report states that the income Nigeria’s richest man could earn annually was sufficient to lift two million people out of poverty. In South Africa, high racialised income inequality means that a small portion of its population with more production capital and assets may disproportionately benefit from trade.

In most African countries, economic power is closely linked to political power. Economic elites can co-opt production policies in their favour and perpetuate their dominance. The tendency to retain reduced production costs as profits, threatens the potential for more affordable goods for consumers.

An AfCFTA-driven increase in inequality could lead to more civil unrest, which is already high

If the trade deal fails to bring tangible benefits to the average African, populist elements may seek to mobilise people against the agreement. Its overarching objective is to bring prosperity to all Africans. An AfCFTA-driven increase in inequality could lead to more civil un-

rest in Africa, which is already at high levels.

The agreement has attempted to put some measures - such as delaying full trade liberalisation - in place to protect Africa’s less developed economies, but these may be insufficient. Restrictions on labour mobility across Africa are a stumbling block for income redistribution, as workers marginalised by import exposure in poorer countries cannot simply move to richer ones.

A more pragmatic approach is to map out the short-, medium- and long-term ‘winners’ of the agreement as it’s currently designed and to find ways to mitigate the losses of the others. Several AfCFTA signatories have either produced national and regional implementation strategies or are now doing so.

The AfCFTA Secretariat should evaluate these strategies and identify opportunities for creating complementary regional value chains that include smaller economies. Collaboration with the African Development Bank to identify and finance critical infrastructure will help improve the production competitiveness of less advantaged economies and their attractiveness for investment.

National AfCFTA implementation strategies must also integrate rural economies into national trade economies and not focus only on cities. Large firms should be encouraged to integrate SMEs into their supply chains to increase the distributive effects of trade, with women-owned SMEs given particular attention. Taxation structures in some countries could be reformed to redistribute wealth and capabilities, but without suffocating the productivity of industrial elites.

National governments should lower financing barriers to entering key manufacturing sub-sectors to increase the economic actors in these spaces. Tracking indicators of prosperity like job creation in tradable sectors and poverty reduction can provide critical data for measuring and improving trade returns.

While there’s a real threat of too little trade under the agreement, tackling these issues will ensure sustainable progress. The AfCFTA could be a game-changer for African economies. It should be viewed as an opportunity to solve the continent’s production puzzle alongside its distribution dilemma.

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# MPs unhappy with wanton tree felling, call for swift measures to avert the trend

By Correspondent Gerald Kitabu, Dodoma

MEMBERS of Parliament from two committees—Lands, Natural Resource and Tourism and Industries, Trade and Environment have expressed concern over current swift rate of natural forest deforestation, promising to advise the government act by taking concrete measures to stop it.

They made the promise in Dodoma over the weekend after the discussion with the natural resource conservators at a meeting aimed at raising awareness so that the two parties could have common understanding and advise the government on the best ways of conserving and managing the swift disappearing natural forests.

In their concluding remarks, Land, Natural Resource and Tourism Parliamentary Committee Chairman Aloyce Kwezi and Industries, Trade and Environment Chairman David Kihenzile explained that their committees have understood the concept, causes of deforestation and proposed plans and strategies to conserve the natural forests.

“We have received the recommendations and on behalf of the two committees we shall advise the government to borrow a leaf from you so that together we can effectively and efficiently conserve the disappearing natural forests,” said Kwezi.

Earlier on, the natural forests conservators from Tanzania Forest Conservation Group (TFCG), Mpingo Conservation Development Initiative (MCDI) and Tanzanian

Community Forest Conservation Network (MJUMITA) took less than one hour to present their research findings on the causes and concrete measures to curb the ongoing swift deforestation of natural forests on the village land across Tanzania.

Presenting the measures that should be taken to rescue the natural forests on behalf of other forest conservators, Project Manager from TFCG Charles Leonard said laws, policies and regulation governing the forest resource are conflicting with others from other sectors such as agriculture, energy and water.

Therefore, he said, they should be reviewed. “We are requesting you members of Parliament to advise the government to examine these laws, policies and regulations governing natural forest resource, agriculture, energy and water resource and harmonize them so that they can’t conflict each other,” he said.

Leonard further outlined that in order to govern the forest well, the government should promote and invest in CBFM and community forests conservation through sustainable forest based enterprise support (Co-ForEST) in every village across the country.

“The main goal of this project is to promote Sustainable pro-community natural forest management in ways that transforms the economics and governance of forest product value chains and contributes to climate change mitigation and adaptation,” he said.

He also proposed the government to protect community rights to manage their forests, includ-



MPs from two committees: Lands, Natural Resource and Tourism and Industries, Trade and Environment chairmen Aloyce Kwezi and David Kihenzile making their remarks at the meeting that involved their committees and the natural forest conservators in Dodoma over the weekend. Photo: Correspondent Gerald Kitabu

ing deciding on forest harvesting, as set out in the Forest Act and Village Land Act.

He also recommended that the government should maintain favorable policy environment for CBFM, including removal of the policy barrier imposed through GN 417 of 2019. The government need to develop and implement national CBFM strategy. There is also a need to develop partners to support the government of Tanzania and local communities through International climate financing to implement CBFM

For her part, Executive director of Tanzanian Community Forest Conservation Network (MJUMITA), Rahima Njaidi said the new policies and laws like the GN 417 which takes away the powers of the community in terms

of the whole harvesting issue, it takes away the powers of the communities to decide who are the buyers, who are the harvesters.

“We know that policies and laws are there but in any given communities, to engage the communities in forest management is very important. So, the issue is how to we enforce these laws to make sure that communities are real participating and benefiting from these forest resources?,” she said.

She said it is important to give the local communities their rights to participate and benefit from the forest for sustainable management of the forests.

We have the forest Act of 2002, the village land Act of 1999, we also have the local government authorities Act of 1982 which all give the communities

in the village powers and ownership of the resources. So, the only thing we have to do as a nation is to implement these laws as they are.

MCDI Executive director Jasper Makala pointed out the need for using modern technology so that the communities could go into value chain for more benefits.

Citing an example of Kilwa villages, he explained that when the local communities are engaged in the forest value chain can enhanced socioeconomic development in rural areas.

“Kilwa villagers have stopped from selling logs, now they are selling forest value chains and the harvesting is conducted sustainably using machines with high technology that also adds to recovery rate,” he said.

“From the experience,

agriculture, a situation which has accelerated rapid deforestation.

He said Tanzania basically has 48.1million hectares of forests of which about 45 percent is on the village land that is about 22 million hectares. “Out of these 22 million hectares, it is only five million hectares that are under community based forest management (CBFM), the rest which is 17 million is not under any kind of CBFM,” he said.

“With increase of population, these forests are likely to disappear within 50 years to come or less, he said.

He said there are several challenges that has caused rapid deforestation, citing competing land use which are very necessary in terms of development. This include agriculture, he said.

“When you increase production of crops, it is in the expense of clearing the forests. The other challenge is not recognizing the value of the natural forests. In most cases the law under the land Act does not give value to the natural forests, normally the compensation is zero percent, however general perception is on land. So, this discourages communities to conserve these natural forests. So, the law has to look at natural forests as part of development, he said.

Another challenge is the competing interests between sectors and this is related to the law, citing the GN 417 of 2019, he said this acts like a stumbling block as it does not create incentives for the communities already have CBFM.

So, one of the solutions that we have seen is to build capacity for the communities so that

they can implement community based forest management (CBFM) which means they can set aside some of these forests, become the owner and harvest them sustainably.

Contributing to the discussion, a member of Parliamentary committee member for Land, Natural Resource and Tourism Soud Mohamed Jumah advised the natural forest conservators and advised that they should write a short Executive summary like a policy brief analyzing research findings, policy implications and recommendations to help them advise the government well.

“This Executive summary will be helpful to all of us. But I would also advise you to go further and add value to the forest products which means instead of selling timbers, the community can start selling tables and chairs,” he said.

A Member of Parliament for Kawe who is also Parliamentary committee member for the Industries, Trade and Environment Bishop Josephat Gwajima welcomed the forest conservators to his Constituency particularly Mabwepande where there are forests to support CBFM and community forests conservation through sustainable forest based enterprise

A Parliamentary committee member for the Industries, Trade and Environment Charles Kimei commended CBFM initiatives being taken by the natural forest conservators and asked the government to borrow a leaf and implement the same in Kilimanjaro to protect the forests around Mount Kilimanjaro and other parts of region.

## It’s time to empower women to play a key role in mining sector

By Guardian Reporter

HISTORICALLY, gender imbalance has adversely affected the labour market. Women were not considered for some positions and largely stereotyped as incapable of performing some roles.

Mining in particular for decades has been a male dominated industry. However, a shift is in place. Due to global advocacy movements, gender parity and women empowerment is now firmly a strategic agenda item for businesses, government, community organizations and multilateral institutions.

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development has 17 development goals and 169 targets with 247 indicators to measure the progress towards achieving agenda 2030, in which Goal 5 envisions ‘achieving gender equality and empowering all women and girls.’ In summation: without the equal inclusion of half of the world’s talent, it will be difficult to grow economies for greater shared prosperity or achieve the UN Sustainable Development Goals. Therefore, the push for gender parity and inclusivity in the mining industry was inevitable. Although the ratio of women in the mining sector is nowhere near where it should be, companies around the world are striving to undo this

legacy.

There are now more women making waves in the industry. Waves which are evident at Anglo Gold Ashanti - Geita Gold Mining Limited. In the Open Pit Mining Department at Geita Gold Mining Limited are Dynes, Mary and Lydia; amongst 11 women in the department of just over 300 employees.

These three women have worked for the company for more than 10 years. They reveal that the secret behind their longevity at GGML is ‘self-belief.’

Dynes Banne, who is a Rompad Supervisor at GGML with 16 years of experience as a mining employee believes that both men and women are born equal. “Gender roles should not define the abilities of a person. There’s no such thing as women’s work or men’s work,” she exclaims.

“History may have been unkind, but the possibilities are endless. There is not any task at the mine a woman cannot do, I am a mother and a leader at work. Striking a balance and taking responsibility is key,” Dynes shares. Dynes urges women to believe in themselves more to unleash their potential. “If you don’t believe in yourself, then it’s going to be nearly impossible to make others believe in you too,” she concludes.

Mary Muna on the other hand



collects data in the Open Pit Mining Department. “Working in the mining industry for 13 years has built my confidence. Being part and parcel of a male dominated field is challenging sometimes. We have opportunities to learn every day, to become better. These opportunities are for all and are not based on gender. I started off as a dump truck operator whereas I am now capturing data. It’s growth for me,” expresses Mary.

Lydia Deus who works as a dispatcher at GGML looks at the glass half full. She states, “Women

are making significant impact in fields they were previously restricted to participate.” Her being a long serving employee at GGML proves a woman can work in a male dominated field as long as they meet personal and company goals.

GGML Dispatcher, Lydia Deus encourages other women to challenge themselves in the traditionally male dominated fields of work.

Earlier this year, AngloGold Ashanti - Geita Gold Mining Limited participated as a partner in the first season of Mwananchi

Communications Limited’s Rising Woman Initiative, a platform to empower women in the workplace in commemoration of International Women’s Day on 8th March and in support of women’s historical month centered on the Choose to Challenge campaign. Not only was this in support of a great cause but also in acknowledgement and recognition that gender empowerment is strongly emphasized from our Company core values, to policies and even work procedures.

The Company continues to

demonstrate its role as a leader in responsible mining and an equal opportunity employer actively investing in initiatives that promote women at the workplace. One of these initiatives by GGML is sponsoring its female employees to participate in the Female Future Program, that prepares them to take up leadership roles within and outside the Company. GGML emerged as the first runners up and best employer of the year in 2018 and 2019 respectively, under the Association of Tanzania (ATE) annual employers’ awards.



# G7 Summit: Time to put women at front, centre of global economic recovery

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The leaders of the G7 group of nations will soon gather in Cornwall, United Kingdom, (June 11-13) to devise plans to 'build back better' from the COVID-19 pandemic. The summit takes place in the wake of a crisis that has both revealed and further exacerbated existing economic and social inequalities, including gender inequalities.

This meeting and the run-up to the United Nations Climate Conference (COP26) in November 2021 provide an opportunity to put women front and centre of global economic plans.

This crisis should be used as a wake-up call to evolve from business-as-usual. It is time for governments and the international community to embrace measures to level the playing field for women entrepreneurs and ensure their knowledge, experience and great untapped potential are at the forefront of national economic recovery plans, including for sustainable, green and inclusive economies and societies.

Impact of COVID-19 on women entrepreneurs

For women entrepreneurs, the pandemic has meant reduced incomes, temporary and permanent business closures, the dismissal of employees, missed business opportunities and reduced access to often already limited finance and capital.

Women-owned enterprises are overrepresented in sectors most vulnerable to the detrimental impacts of COVID-19 - such as retail, hospitality and tourism, and services, as well as manufacturing such as in the textile industry.

With children being home-schooled and heightened care needs for older people, there is also an increasing amount of unpaid care work which is disproportionately carried out by women. (Even before the pandemic, most women-owned businesses were on average smaller and had less capital than those owned by men - which results in limited resilience to the economic hit created by the pandemic.)

Data analyzed by the COVID-19 Gender and Development Initiative suggests that in every region of the world women are more likely to have been forced to close their businesses be-



Nurses greet visitors at a clinic set up at a hospital in Thailand to treat people with suspected Covid-19 symptoms. File photo

cause of the pandemic.

Recent research by the Cherie Blair Foundation for Women, based on responses from 125 women entrepreneurs in 32 low- and middle-income countries, provides critical insights into women entrepreneurs' experiences and challenges in 2020.

Most women entrepreneurs responding to the survey reported that the pandemic has had a negative impact on their businesses, and nearly four in ten responded that their business may have to close as a result.

Over a third of these women reported they would struggle to afford necessities like food if their business closed down, and almost half of them reported that they have lost out on formal financial investment opportunities due to the pandemic.

With regard to the type of support required, a UNIDO survey on the impact of the COVID-19 outbreak on women and youth entrepreneurs in the manufacturing sector and manufacturing-related services recorded responses of more than 1100 entrepreneurs (759 of them women) from 34 countries.

It showed that access to finance, customer retention, market diversification and product development are the areas where women entrepreneurs need the most assistance to recover from the economic repercussions of the pandemic. Also, women entrepreneurs indicated more need for support than men entrepreneurs, again suggesting that the pandemic has had a disproportionately negative impact.

Investing in women entrepreneurs critical

The playing field for women entrepreneurs already needed levelling before the pandemic. The World Bank's Women, Business and the Law 2021 report shows that laws and restrictions continue to prevent women from entering the workforce and starting businesses.

Around the world, women still have only three-quarters of the legal rights afforded to men on average.2 Women entrepreneurs are also less likely to have access to human, financial and social capital, and globally, only one in three businesses are owned by women.3

In addition, women are less like-

ly than men to start and operate a business, both in OECD4 and low-and middle-income countries.5.

While investing in women entrepreneurs is first and foremost a critical issue of economic justice and women's rights, there is also a strong economic incentive. Joint research by the Boston Consulting Group and the Cherie Blair Foundation from 2019 found that if women and men participated equally as entrepreneurs, global GDP could rise by 3-6%, boosting the global economy by USD 2.5-5 trillion.

Unlocking the untapped potential of women entrepreneurs to boost the world economy should therefore be a priority in the post-pandemic recovery.

Time to step up commitments to support women entrepreneurs

Gender-neutral macroeconomic policies and recovery packages will not reach those most in need. In fact, they continue to reinforce existing gender inequalities and contribute to the discrimination against women in economic participation and entrepreneurship. This will leave women - and their families,

communities and wider societies - worse off.

Since the Leaders Declaration of the G7 Summit of 7-8 June 2015 identified women's entrepreneurship as a key driver of innovation, growth and jobs, and respective commitments were formulated in the G7 Roadmap for a Gender-Responsive Economic Environment in 2017, successive G7 Presidencies have continued to advance this cause.

The meeting in Cornwall is an opportune moment to further strengthen these commitments and adopt concrete measures for a green economic recovery that empowers women and benefits all. Both national policies and international cooperation should prioritize building more gender-responsive, just and resilient economies, with policies and fiscal packages that ad-

dress deeply-ingrained inequalities.

In particular, we call on leaders at the upcoming G7 Summit to ensure that post-COVID-19 recovery efforts and fiscal packages support sectors where women are strongly represented and that have been hit hard by the pandemic, such as hospitality and tourism, manufacturing, retail, health and social care. We need concrete budgetary commitments. In addition, measures need to be put in place so that women entrepreneurs have equal access to market opportunities, such as through public procurement, as well as access to finance.

Yet, even these actions will not be enough if structural inequalities persist and discriminatory social norms and legal barriers are not tackled through transformative policies. There is a further need to ensure more gender-targeted and universal social protection mechanisms which are missing in so many countries around the world, and to ensure that macroeconomic policies recognize and address the gender inequalities in unpaid care and other domestic responsibilities.

It is also essential that the voices of women entrepreneurs and their organizations are heard by the international community, including the G7, and that women entrepreneurs are involved in any policy negotiations seeking to 'build back better'.

Today, women make up only 24% of governmental COVID-19 task forces globally,6 thus creating the risk of perpetuating gender inequalities and leaving women's needs unattended.7

The international community faces a unique opportunity to shape a post-COVID-19 economy to which women and men have equal access and can equally contribute to through their businesses. Our organizations stand ready to collaborate on this endeavour.

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KQ chief executive officer Allan Kilavuka.

## BAILOUT

## Kenya Airways picks British company for its turnaround plans

NAIROBI

National carrier Kenya Airways has picked a UK consultancy firm, Steer Group, to guide it on the most viable turnaround strategy options in the face of deepening financial losses and depressed passenger numbers.

KQ chief executive officer Allan Kilavuka said the London-based firm took up the assignment in May and will be retained for three months. "Kenya Airways has come up with short, medium, and long-term strategies to help in realising two main objectives. The first is to survive the current depressed market, and the second is to implement strategies that will make the business more sustainable in the long term.

Steer Group is to validate these strategies and recommend any additional supportive, or different strategies to help achieve the goals," he told Business Daily. Crafting a viable turnaround strategy for KQ was one of the conditions for the Sh255 billion loan to the Kenya government from the International Monetary Fund (IMF) in March. In the loan deal, Kenya committed to audit and reform the operations of nine key State-Owned Enterprises (SOEs) to ensure their viability.

These include Kenya Airways, Kenya Airports Authority, Kenya Railways Corporation, Kenya Power and Lighting Company, Kenya Electricity Generating Company, Kenya Ports Authority, and three of the largest universities. For Kenya Airways, the government committed to hiring an independent consultant to audit the airline and find the cheapest way of restructuring it.

"We can confirm that the government is progressing well with the implementation of their staged approach to assess, monitor, and address vulnerabilities in the State-Owned Enterprises. Given the special circumstances and uncertainty facing the global airline industry, Kenya Airways has retained an international aviation expert to assist in defining a set of strategies for its future", an IMF spokesperson told the Business Daily.

KQ's net loss nearly tripled to Sh36.2 billion in the year ended December 2020, the worst ever in the history of

the airline in the wake of the economic fallout of the Covid-19 pandemic—extending a chain of losses for close to a decade.

Steer Group is expected to review and propose options with the least cost and which are most effective in steering Kenya Airways back to sound financial footing. The group's mandate also includes advising on a supportive framework, structure, and operational setup which will support the airline's recovery.

Steer Group beat eight other firms in the race for the job. "The final evaluation stage had four bidders, which included Knighthood, Sabre, Seabury, and Steer Group. Steer Group scored highest during the evaluation because of exhibiting best understanding of the task and the group's previous experience in the regional and also the financial proposal", Mr Kilavuka said.

He declined to reveal the cost of the consultancy, citing confidentiality. In the IMF loan deal, the Treasury disclosed that Kenya will spend Sh36 billion to bail out key parastatals that have sunk into losses as a result of Covid-19 economic fallout — including KQ, Kenya Power, and several universities after their revenues dropped sharply.

KQ already took an Sh11 billion loan from the government in the year ended December to fund its operations at a time the Covid-19 pandemic had hurt its cash flows. The airline took the debt in two tranches of Sh5 billion followed by Sh6 billion. "The first loan of Sh5 billion was to facilitate E-190 aircraft fleet engine overhauls that were due in 2020," the carrier says in its latest annual report.

Apart from KQ, another key State enterprise Kenya Power remains in distress after its half-year net profit declined 80 percent to Sh138 million in December 2020 from Sh692 million in 2019 on higher financing costs as a result of unrealised foreign exchange losses occasioned by the depreciation of the shilling against major foreign currencies. It, however, posted a net loss of Sh939 million for the year ending June 2020 after getting a Sh6.1 billion tax credit, lifting the company from a pre-tax loss of Sh7 billion.

## COLLABORATION

## NMB, NHIF forge partnership to provide farmers with health insurance coverage



NMB Bank Plc chief of retail banking Filbert Mponzi (2nd L) and National Health Insurance Fund director general Bernard Konga (2nd R) brandish contract documents soon after the signing ceremony in Dar es Salaam earlier this week. Photo courtesy of NMB.

By Guardian Reporter

OVER 300,000 smallholder farmers will benefit from an 'Ushirika Afya' health insurance cover in the next three years thanks to a partnership forged between NMB Bank Plc and National Health Insurance Fund this week. NMB's Chief of Retail Banking, Filbert Mponzi and NHIF's Director General, Bernard Konga said in Dar es Salaam after signing a memorandum of understanding that the majority of the targeted beneficiaries are rural based smallholder farmers who will pay a modest fee as premium.

"The ultimate goal of our partnership and support to the farmers is to jack up efforts of the government to achieve its goal of universal health coverage. Going by the number of targeted farmers, this scheme is going to have an impact in society both social and economic," Mponzi said.

He pointed out that the two organisations formalised their collaboration which will allow the farmers access quality NHIF health

services through a special interest-free health insurance scheme dubbed 'Ushirika Afya' financed by NMB.

Mponzi said both customers and non-customers of NMB in the country who are members of a cooperative society, qualify for the scheme. "To start with, beneficiaries of the medical empowerment scheme will be coffee, cashew nuts, sisal, cotton and maize farmers across Tanzania," the NMB Chief of Retail Banking noted.

Under the scheme, the bank will give the farmers through their cooperatives loans to cover NHIF premium payment. "NMB will pay the required premiums and recover the money later once the farmers have sold their produce. The good part of this setup is that the loans will be interest free which is going to be a big relief to the farmers," he added.

The 'Ushirika Afya' scheme will be available in four packages whose premium payment will depend on the size of the farmers' families. The highest premium will be 76,800/- per annum covering the eligible farmer only while each child will pay 50,400/- . A farmer with spouse

and two children will pay 254,400/- while a family with four children will pay 355,200/-.

"We are grateful to join hands with NMB on this and for them not taking it commercially which is a big boost in dealing with challenges of medical expenses facing our farmers," said Konga while noting that the scheme was introduced in 2018 targeting strategic crops but had been sluggish in delivering the desired results hence the partnerships with NMB to reboot it.

"This agreement is a continuation of our partnerships with NMB and we are working together as part of implementing the government's directive on universal health coverage," the NHIF chief noted.

Deputy Registrar of Tanzania Cooperative Development Commission and Cooperative Unions, Collins Nyakunga commended NMB and NHIF for the innovative product which will enable his members who currently number over six million belonging to 9,000 cooperative societies countrywide. "We hope that by this scheme will cover all our members by 2025," Nyakunga said.

## RECORD

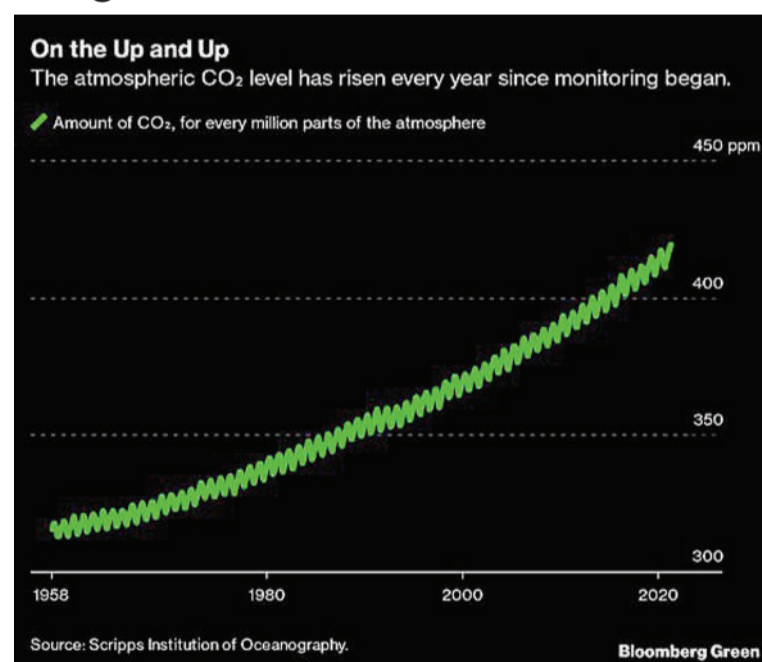
## CO reaches its highest level in more than four million years

PARIS

As surely as the rains fall and flowers blossom, the Northern Hemisphere awakens every June to another, less inspiring rite of spring—a new peak level for global atmospheric carbon dioxide. This year, that number is 419 CO molecules for every million molecules of air, a.k.a. parts per million.

Based on geological evidence collected over the six decades scientists have been tracking atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub>, this year's peak appears to be the highest in as long as 4.5 million years. This continued accumulation of greenhouse gas is driving dangerous global heating around the world.

In 1958, when modern measurements began, atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> was at 316 ppm. Three centuries ago, before the beginning of the industrial age, geological records show that number was 280 ppm. In other words, by burning fossil fuels in generators and cars, humanity has



A graph depicting an increase in carbon dioxide emissions in the world.

increased concentrations of the most important greenhouse gas by 50%.

Two organisations have kept the historical record over the past six decades. The Scripps Institution of Oceanography pioneered the prac-

tice when climate scientist Charles David Keeling set up his equipment on Hawaii's Mauna Loa volcano. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration followed in 1974.

Pandemic-related economic dis-

ruptions that drastically reduced emissions had practically no effect on the trajectory of CO<sub>2</sub>, a finding researchers predicted as early as April 2020. The May average rose by 1.8 ppm over May 2020, slightly less than the annual growth rate for 2017 and 2011. Atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> concentrations fluctuate year by year, and averaged about 2.5 ppm a year from 2010 to 2019.

The numbers aren't determined solely by pollution, but also depend on variations in the rate that oceans and plants soak up CO<sub>2</sub>. The atmospheric concentration follows a seasonal cycle, peaking typically in May, when plants in the Northern Hemisphere—where most of them live—begin drawing CO<sub>2</sub> into tissue.

"The ultimate control knob on atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> is fossil-fuel emissions," said Ralph Keeling, a geochemist at Scripps and son of the scientist who launched measurements in 1958, "but we still have a long way to go to halt the rise, as each year more CO<sub>2</sub> piles up in the atmosphere. We ultimately need cuts that are much larger and sustained longer than the Covid-related shutdowns of 2020."

## WINDFALL

## De Beers raises diamond prices again

LONDON

De Beers has raised some rough-diamond prices by about 10%, as the world's top producer cashes in on rampant demand from cutters and polishers.

The diamond industry roared back to life in the past six months, after stalling at the start of the pandemic last year. Cutting

centers in India and Antwerp have been replenishing supplies after they'd been unable to buy during the worst of the crisis. At the same time, demand jumped amid surprisingly good festive sales.

That's created an opportunity for the biggest producers to rapidly escalate prices. De Beers has been increasing since the end of last year and was already back to pre-cor-

onavirus levels. It sold more than \$1.6 billion in rough gems in its first three sales of 2021, the most since 2018.

The increase at this week's sale is unusually sharp for De Beers. The miner this week increased the prices for some rough diamonds bigger than 2 carats by about 10%, with other expensive goods rising in high single digits, according to people familiar with the matter,

who asked not to be identified discussing private information. The company also raised the prices of some categories of smaller goods. A De Beers spokesperson declined to comment.

So far, the higher prices haven't dampened buying from the major cutting centers, whose trades-people are benefiting in turn from strong consumer demand in the key

markets of the US and China.

The speed and strength of the recovery caught many in the industry by surprise. The two biggest diamond miners, De Beers and Russia's Alrosa PJSC started the year with billions of dollars in surplus stock that they couldn't sell last year, yet sold nearly all of those stones — as well as the ones they mined — in the first quarter.



## RELIEF

# Serengeti residents salute SBL for over 200m/- water supply project

By Guardian Reporter, Serengeti

OVER 12,000 residents of Machochwe Ward in Serengeti District of Mara Region are heaving a sigh of relief after their years of struggle to get clean tap water ended recently.

"It has been a night mare to us for many years, especially to us women and girls," said Bhoke Nyamisi, a resident of Machochwe who attended the official handing over ceremony of a borehole valued at over 220m/- financed by Serengeti Breweries Limited.

Nyamisi said women and girls bore the brunt of perennial water shortages in Machochwe which forced them to walk long distance, sometimes spending the whole day looking for not so safe water from rivers and natural wells.

"We were walking up to six kilometres a day to get water from unclean natural sources where sometimes we faced threats from wild animals," said Nyamisi while paying tribute to SBL's management for the valuable borehole investment saying girls will now focus on school activities while women engage in income generating activities involving water.

Her excitement was equally shared by Serengeti District Commissioner, Nurdin Babu who officiated the handing over event. "We thank Serengeti Breweries because this is a major step in the development of our district which has serious clean water supply shortage," Babu



Serengeti district commissioner, Nurdin Babu assists a resident of Machochwe in the district, Martha Marwa put a bucket of water on her head during the launch of a 220m/- borehole water supply sponsored by Serengeti Breweries Limited recently. Photo: Guardian Correspondent.

said while noting that the brewer has been at the forefront in promoting development projects in the country that lead to a healthy and productive society.

The Serengeti DC further stated that companies such as SBL are important partners to the government which is investing heavily in social services including clean water supply to the public especially those living in rural areas. "SBL is helping the government to speed up the campaign to provide clean safe water to more Tanzanians especially

those living in rural areas such as Machochwe," he added.

The state targets to increase the population with access to clean safe water in rural to 85 percent by 2025 from 72.3 percent last year, according to Minister of Water, Juma Aweso's 2021/22 budget speech delivered in parliament recently. Aweso said the urban target is over 90 percent for the same period.

In order to achieve such a feat, the Minister said the government is working in partnership with various players including private com-

panies and development partners. SBL is one of the companies that have significantly contributed to support such state efforts to supply clean safe water to more Tanzanians.

Since 2010, the brewer has invested over 1.1bn/- to drill 18 boreholes all over the country through its Water of Life (WoL) programme. SBL Corporate Relations Director, John Wanyancha said through the WoL programme, the brewer has provided water to residents in Iringa, Kilimanjaro,

Mwanza, Tanga, Ruvuma, Dar es Salaam, Coast and Dodoma Regions with an estimated one million beneficiaries in all.

"SBL takes pride in enabling the people of Machochwe access safe and clean water closer to their homes. We believe that the project will not only boost their health but also lead to improved economic productivity as people, particularly women and girls, will no longer walk long distances to fetch water," Wanyancha said.

Machochwe's project which was implemented in partnership with a UK based not for charity organization, WaterAid has capacity to produce 7,500 litres of water per hour.

"SBL has a policy commitment to ensure the wellbeing of communities in the country with Water of Life being one of our four initiatives to deliver on its objective to provide social support and improve the wellbeing of Tanzanians," Wanyancha added while stressing that the brewer remains committed to continue supporting state efforts to realize its ambition to supply clean and safe water to more people by 2025.

He named other areas of focus in SBL corporate social investments as provision of Skills for Life; Environmental Sustainability; and Promotion of Responsible Drinking. "Accomplishing activities in all these areas will definitely have a spill-over effect on other contemporary areas in the lives of the majority low income Tanzanians," he noted while naming some of the areas as literacy improvement among girls, better sanitation, nutrition, health and women empowerment.

## CONFIDENCE

## South African Breweries turns its investment taps back on for home market

JOHANNESBURG

South African Breweries (SAB), part of Anheuser-Busch InBev, has reinstated its investment programme that was cancelled last year, allocating R2 billion (\$148.12 million) for its home operations, the company said on Monday.

The maker of Carling Black Label and Castle Lager beer had cancelled R2.5 billion for the 2020 financial year and in January cancelled a further R2.5 billion of investment earmarked for 2021 due to a challenging operating environment, regulatory uncertainty and a third local ban on alcohol sales in the country.

South Africa had banned alcohol sales as part of efforts to free up space in hospitals burdened with alcohol-related injuries for Covid-19 patients. In its latest move to curb the third-wave of infections, alcohol sales were not banned but gatherings have been reduced.

The capital injection is earmarked for projects to be completed in the financial year 2022. Projects include upgrades to operating facilities, installation of new equipment at selected plants, product innovations and other necessary operating systems, SAB said in a statement.

"The move to implement reasonable measures, as we continue to navigate the pandemic, is a welcomed signal that we can expect to see more consultation in the future and that blanket bans will be a thing of the past," SAB VP Finance and Legal, Richard Rivett-Carnac said. "Further collaboration will provide the required confidence boost needed in order to attract further investment to the country."

will be charged as well as Sh100,000 as an annual fee and transfer fee with Sh10,000 payable as an application or renewal fee. A totalisator means a machine or a scheme for enabling any number of persons to make bets on any event.

For a public lottery licence, the grant fee will be charged at Sh4 million per lottery with another Sh1 million as an application or renewal fee. Another Sh500,000 will be required as an annual permit fee and Sh25,000 as a transfer application fee. An investigation fee of Sh500,000 will apply for a local applicant while a foreign applicant will have to fork out Sh1 million.

## TAXATION

## Nairobi targets jackpot in new casino, gaming fees

NAIROBI

The cost of operating gaming and betting services in Nairobi is set to rise further after a new law came into effect, handing City Hall the leeway to charge higher fees. The new levies, contained in the Nairobi City County Betting, Lotteries and Gaming Act, 2021 will see casino operators dig deeper into their pockets to operate their gaming premises.

Under the new law which came into effect on May 6 after approval by the Nairobi County Assembly, public lotteries will pay up to Sh7 million, betting premises up to Sh1 million while casinos will pay up to Sh2.2 million for various licences.

The new law also introduces several charges as part of measures by the county government to get a piece of the pie from the Kenyan gambling

industry which has rapidly become a multibillion-shilling business. Betting, lotteries, and gaming draw permit will be charged at Sh5,000 per draw; entertainment tax of 10 percent will be charged on winning revenue for the same.

For bingo games, Sh30,000 will be charged per bingo for three-month permit while the county will levy 15 percent of proceeds from the lottery to go to the County Lottery Distribution Trust Fund within 14 days after such draw for distribution to "good causes." According to the new law, a grant fee of Sh600,000 will be charged for a betting premise as well as an application fee of Sh10,000. Investors will pay the same at renewal.

The owners will then have to pay the Sh30,000 annual fee per premise as well as Sh10,000 as transfer (location fee) per premise. For gaming



City Casino in Nairobi.

(casino) premises, a grant fee of Sh100,000 will be charged with another Sh10,000 payable as an

application or renewal fee. An annual fee of Sh300,000 will be applied as well as Sh200,000 as a

transfer fee.

For the totalisator premises licence, a grant fee of Sh200,000

## OPTIMISM

## Africa's service providers eye opportunity in microfinance growth



Enos Banda, Letshego Board Chairman.

GABORONE

Pan-Africa financial services group Letshego believes technology advances will positively influence further adoption of innovative microfinance services.

The company says the microfinance market is anticipated to steadily grow over the next few years, as a rapid rise in the number of micro, small and medium enterprises is anticipated. "This creates a clear opportunity for mobile money services," said Enos Banda, Letshego Board Chairman. He cited that the development could leverage the increasing availability of 4G, encouraging the rapid uptake of smartphones on the continent.

"Ours is one of the least penetrated continents in the world, with just forty-five percent of the population owning one or more SIM cards. The result is a highly attractive sector - in which a strong vision and outstanding execution are key to success," said Banda. Banda's observation comes after Letshego adopted a digital transformation strategy in 2020, whose resilience was aggressively tested due to global COVID-19 measures and impacts.

"COVID-19 pandemic led to our acceleration of a digitalisation strategy, proving that our future planning, as visualised in 2019, was well on point," said Banda. According to the company, the first phase of the trans-

formation strategy was characterised by digitising of customer access channels.

"Our success was truly phenomenal, from just 2% volumes in online applications at the start of 2020, to 69% by year end. Our success grew exponentially with the help of our 'Digital Eagles', an initiative to leverage our existing front-line talent to personally guide and empower our customers to transition from traditional to digital access channels," said Banda.

He also highlighted that for micro and small entrepreneurs (MSE), automation helped improve credit decisions, collections and recovery efforts. Meanwhile Letshego

has launched its LetsGo mobile digital platform to provide customers with an entry point for everyday transaction and saving needs at a cost-effective rate, with pay-as-you-use fees.

Banda said although initial launches bring existing customers up to par with the convenience of accessing loans and their accounts via mobile devices, ongoing evolutions will mean LetsGo will enable customers to pay, get paid, save, borrow and access newer options such as insurance. "This 'digital mall' of interoperable and shared services will increase customer 'stickiness' and transaction volumes, while creating new business opportunities," said Banda.







## WORLD

## 'America Is Back': Brussels upbeat on eve of Biden's Europe trip

BRUSSELS

U.S. President Joe Biden's trip to Europe this week will signal that multilateralism has survived the Trump years, and set the stage for transatlantic cooperation on challenges from China and Russia to climate change, the chairman of EU summits said.

"America is back," European Council President Charles Michel said, using the motto Biden has adopted after former President Donald Trump pulled Washington out of several multilateral institutions and at one point threatened to walk out of NATO.

"It means that we have again a very strong partner to promote the multilateral approach ... a big difference with the Trump administration," Michel told a group of reporters in Brussels late on Monday.

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Michel and the chief of the European Union's executive, Ursula von der Leyen, will meet Biden on June 15. That will follow a summit of G7 rich democracies in Britain and a meeting of NATO nation leaders in Brussels on June 14.

Michel said the idea that "multilateralism is back" was more than a slogan, it was a recognition that a global approach is needed to resolve issues, whether they be supply chains for COVID-19 vaccines or fairer corporate taxes in the digital age.

He said the three-day G7 meeting in Cornwall, England, could be an "important turning point" that shows serious political commitment behind governments' pledges to "build back better" following the economic devast-



US President Joe Biden

tion of the coronavirus pandemic.

It would also be an opportunity to address pressure felt by liberal democracies, said Michel, who expects a discussion at the G7 on the need for the West to take a more proactive approach to defending its values in the face of China's rise and Russian assertiveness.

Michel said he spoke for 90 minutes with Russian President Vladimir Putin on Monday, telling him Moscow must change its behaviour if it wants better relations with the 27-nation EU.

The EU and Russia disagree on a wide range of issues including human rights, Russia's intervention in Ukraine and Moscow's treatment of jailed Kremlin critic Alexei Navalny, and Michel said that relations between them had reached a low point.

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## Too early to talk about victory over pandemic, time to think about its lessons, says Putin

MOSCOW

RUSSIAN President Vladimir Putin believes that the international community needs to think about the lessons to be learned from the coronavirus pandemic.

"Although it is too early to talk about the victory over the coronavirus, we need to reflect on the lessons to be learned from that disaster, and how to act in the future if such situations arise," the head of state noted in his welcoming address to the participants in the Primakov Readings forum read out by Kremlin Aide Yuri Ushakov yesterday.

Putin stressed that the coronavirus pandemic had added to the existing challenges to the world order, with "more than 3.5 million people having fallen victim to it so far." "Its far-reaching social and economic impact is felt everywhere too," he stressed.

According to the Russian leader, "the fight against such a dangerous infection requires joint efforts by the whole global community, honest and equal cooperation." "However, unfortunately, far from everyone was ready for that," he added.

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## CPC brings about China's development, plays greater role in int'l arenas, says Cambodian party official

PHNOM PENH

THE Communist Party of China (CPC) has brought about China's enormous development and played a greater role in international arenas, said Khoun Sodary, second vice-president of the Cambodian National Assembly and a member of the standing committee of the Cambodian People's Party.

In a recent interview ahead of the CPC's centenary on July 1, Sodary said under the CPC's leadership, China has achieved great successes in such areas as economy, diplomacy, social security, science, technology and innovation.

She said the CPC has led China to become the world's second largest economy and during the COVID-19 pandemic last year,

China's economy still achieved positive growth.

"Under the CPC's leadership, China has greatly contributed to socio-economic progress for all mankind," she said. "China will continue to play an important role in building global peace, promoting global development and maintaining international order."

Sodary (pictured) noted that the CPC has gained strong support from the Chinese people thanks to its visionary leadership, a people-centered policy, governance, and successful fight against corruption and poverty.

Under the CPC's leadership, more than 700 million people have been lifted out of poverty, accounting for more than 70 percent of the global total poor population, which is one of the



greatest achievements in the world's history, Sodary said.

China has achieved the goal of eliminating extreme poverty in February this year. Its success in poverty reduction is a "miracle" and its experience should serve as a model for other developing countries, said Sodary.

"This success has clearly re-

flected the CPC's goal that has prioritized the Chinese people's wellbeing and livelihoods," she said.

"This achievement has not only brought prosperity to the Chinese people but also benefited the people in the region and the world," she added.

Sodary also expressed appreciation of China's contribution to the global fight against the COVID-19 pandemic.

"The Chinese government has provided medical equipment and vaccines in a timely way to many countries around the world, including Cambodia, to combat the COVID-19 pandemic," she said, praising China for offering its COVID-19 vaccines as a global public good.

As regards the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), Sodary cited a

World Bank's report, saying that the BRI would contribute to global economy recovery during and after the pandemic, and help lift tens of millions of people in the world out of poverty.

Moreover, China has actively participated in the United Nations peacekeeping operations, sending its peacekeepers to join operations in many war-torn countries, she said.

"These activities clearly underline the noble and historic role of China and its people in assisting countries around the world to achieve a long-term peace, stability and development," she said.

"In sum, China has played an active role in enhancing world order, promoting multilateralism, and tackling key global challenges," Sodary noted. *Xinhua*

## WHO studies evidence of virus antibodies found in Italy in 2019

ROME

THE World Health Organization (WHO) is evaluating evidence from Italy that the coronavirus or a similar virus may have been circulating in Italy months earlier than generally believed, a researcher told *Xinhua* on Monday.

Italy's National Cancer Institute (INT) reported in November last year that it found evidence of coronavirus antibodies in the blood of four Italian cancer test subjects in early October 2019, meaning they would have been infected by the virus in September, three months before China reported its first case of COVID-19, and five months before the first confirmed case in Italy.

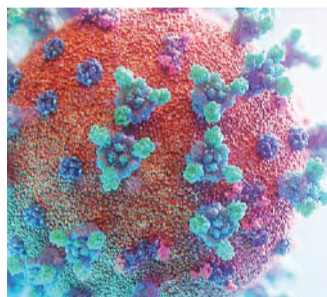
Emanuele Montomoli, co-author of the original study and a professor of public health at the University of Siena, said

the WHO was informed of the study's findings soon after they were revealed.

Soon after, researchers sent 30 biological samples -- all from the period between October and December in 2019 before the coronavirus was widely known -- to Erasmus University Rotterdam in the Netherlands which was selected by the WHO for further testing, according to Montomoli.

Though Erasmus University Rotterdam did not immediately reply to a request for comments, Montomoli told *Xinhua* the university lab's conclusions "were very similar to what (Italy's National Cancer Institute) discovered, though there were some small differences."

Montomoli said the combined results "made a very convincing case" that the coronavirus or a similar virus was



in circulation in Italy months earlier than the country's first officially recorded COVID-19 case in February 2020.

"We did not find evidence of the virus but rather of the antibodies an infection leaves behind," Montomoli said. "The only way for that to be the case was for the coronavirus or something very similar to have infected these people in late 2019. It's possible it was the same virus that had been found in Wuhan in December (2019) or perhaps it was a less

serious and less transmissible variant." At the time the results of the study were released, Giovanni Apolone, scientific director of the institute, said the findings did not cast doubt on the origins of the virus but do call into question the timing.

Montomoli said the findings are important because they "help create a more accurate picture" of the virus' evolution, something he said both help confront the current pandemic and respond to a future pandemic more effectively.

"What we discovered does not prove anything on its own, but it is an important piece of a puzzle," he said.

A press official from the WHO only confirmed it was studying the findings from the INT when contacted by *Xinhua*.

There has been speculation

in the Italian media that the presence of the coronavirus so much earlier could help explain reports of a particularly severe flu season in Milan between October and December 2019.

In a bulletin dated Dec. 24, 2019, Italy's Health Ministry reported high levels of "unusual" strains of flu and pneumonia concentrated in the area around Milan and appearing in 17 of Italy's 20 regions.

On Jan 7, 2020, Italian newspaper *Corriere della Sera* ran an article about inflammation in patients apparently caused by the "Pneumococcus bacterium," but noted that some cases seemed to be caused by a virus. The article said some hospitals in Milan had to use extra beds to accommodate the unusually high number of patients.

*Xinhua*

ON May 27, Hungary inaugurated the country's largest solar power plant, the 100-megawatt (MW) photovoltaic power plant project built by China National Machinery Import and Export Corporation (CMC) near the southwestern city of Kaposvar.

The plant, whose construction kicked off in June 2019, is expected to produce 130 million kWh of electricity annually after it is connected to the grid, and help Hungary save 45,000 tons of standard coal and reduce the country's carbon dioxide emissions by about 120,000 tons each year. It's believed that the project bears great significance for improving Hungary's energy structure and clean energy development.

As a key project in the cooperation between China and Hungary under the framework of the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) and a representative of a great number of BRI projects, the Kaposvar solar power plant has fully demonstrated the philosophy of peaceful cooperation and win-win results upheld by the BRI.

As a result of the active participation and support of various parties, the BRI has become the world's largest platform for international cooperation and a well-received global public

## Belt and Road cooperation a path of hope for countries

good.

As of January 2021, China had signed 205 cooperation documents on jointly building the Belt and Road with 140 countries and 31 international organizations.

From 2013 to 2020, the volume of trade in goods between China and countries along the routes of the BRI totaled \$9.2 trillion. In the meantime, China has invested \$136 billion in countries along the BRI routes and attracted nearly \$60 billion of investment from these countries.

In spite of the severe challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, economic and trade cooperation between China and countries along the Belt and Road has shown strong resilience and vitality.

In the face of the current complex international situation and mounting global challenges, countries around the world can only achieve peaceful development and common prosperity by strengthening cooperation and overcoming challenges hand in hand.

By promoting cooperation under the frame-

work of the BRI, China hopes to pursue development, uphold the idea of win-win results, and spread hope together with other countries.

The Chinese-built Addis Ababa-Djibouti railway connecting the two East African countries of Ethiopia and Djibouti is the first cross-border electrified railroad in Africa, and hailed as the lifeline of transportation in Ethiopia.

Since the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Addis Ababa-Djibouti railway has played a vital role in guaranteeing people's livelihood. Thanks to the railway, more than 1.5 million tons of cargos including daily necessities, anti-epidemic supplies, and industrial raw materials have been transported from the Port of Djibouti to the hinterland of Ethiopia. Last year, while improving the efficiency in the transfer of important goods and materials in the East African region, the railway saw its annual volume of freight climb 35 percent year on year.

Ethiopia has planned to build 13 industrial parks along the Addis Ababa-Djibouti railway,

among which ten have been completed, creating more than 100,000 jobs and effectively driving economic development for areas near the railway.

If a country participates in the BRI, it can see hope and harvest tangible benefits, said Melaku Mululem from Ethiopian International Institute for Peace and Development.

With the help of China, the East African region has become a role model of connectivity and rapid development on the African continent. The connectivity will also benefit the construction of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA).

In pursuing Belt and Road cooperation, China focuses on the fundamental issue of development, and aims to release the growth potential of participating countries and achieve economic integration and coordinated development to the benefit of all participants.

Such ideas and corresponding efforts have yielded fruitful results. Gwadar, once a small fishing village in Pakistan, is now a modern

port. Greece's Piraeus Port, where even the bridge cranes of the container terminal were too rusty to function normally, has seen its world ranking in terms of container throughput rise constantly. While continuously attracting investment, the China-Egypt TEDA Suez Economic and Trade Cooperation Zone in Egypt serves as a good example of resuming work and production and boosting employment amid the COVID-19.

Belt and Road cooperation binds countries together for the long haul, and forms ties that are extremely difficult to cut, which is perhaps what Chinese President Xi Jinping means when he speaks of the "Community of the Same Destiny," said an article published on the website of U.S. magazine *Forbes*.

As countries around the world are eagerly longing for green recovery and a path to sustainable development, China launched a number of green action initiatives covering wide-ranging efforts in green infrastructure, green energy, green transport and green finance, which have received active responses from people of various countries.

*People's Daily*



# Vaccine hesitancy holds back Africa in virus battle

NAIROBI

FESTUS Mutisya, a farmer in Kenya's eastern county of Machakos, passed up on the chance to get vaccinated against COVID-19 out of fear of possible side effects.

"Maybe I will consider taking a shot in three years' time after seeing the effect on those who have been vaccinated," he said. "For now, I will strictly stick to adhering to the health measures of wearing face masks in public places as well as observing hand hygiene and social distancing."

Mutisya said most of his friends, especially those living in rural areas, take a similar view. He blames the vaccine hesitancy on negative information on social media.

In addition to factors such as shortages of the vaccines and the medical workers to administer them, concerns over the jabs have become a major obstacle to efforts to boost vaccination rates in Kenya and many other African countries.

According to the World Health Organization, less than 2 percent of Africans have been vaccinated, compared with a global average of 24 percent.

With low take-up of the vaccines available, some countries have even been forced to destroy stocks that have gone past their use-by dates.

On May 19, the health authorities in Malawi incinerated almost 20,000 expired doses of a vaccine from AstraZeneca. South Sudan has announced plans to discard 59,000 doses for the same reason.

African leaders are calling for united efforts to fight vaccination hesitancy.

## Safety reassured

John Nkengasong, the director of Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention, urged the authorities in African Union member states to engage with communities in a bid to reassure people of the vaccines' safety.

He also called on governments to work in partnership with the AU healthcare agency for vaccine uptake



A nurse prepares to administer a COVID-19 shot in Nairobi, Kenya, on March 5. (XINHUA)

once the rollout of doses procured through the African Vaccine Acquisition Task Team begins in the first week of August.

"The time to prepare the population is now. We should engage the population, clarify

as much as possible and demonstrate that those who have been vaccinated so far have not fallen ill," Nkengasong said.

"That is a continuous battle we have to engage in. We cannot allow misinformation and dis-

information to derail our vaccination program in the continent."

Sarah Kinyanjui, the founder of Sheerah the City Builders, an inter-denominational women's ministry, said there has been poor communication to the public by the vaccine makers and health ministries.

She said many people are concerned about technical issues to do with the vaccines that have been developed with mRNA formulations, noting that many fear there could be unknown side effects that will manifest months or years later.

According to the University of Missouri Health Care in Columbia in the United States, researchers have been studying and working with mRNA vaccines for decades.

The mRNA vaccines have been studied for use in combating influenza, Zika and rabies. Cancer research has also used mRNA to trigger the immune system to target specific cancer cells.

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# Moscow condemns bill that doesn't recognize Russians as Ukraine's native peoples

MOSCOW

RUSSIA'S State Duma (lower house of parliament) yesterday unanimously adopted a draft statement, condemning Ukrainian President Vladimir Zelensky's bill, which reads that Russians cannot be considered native peoples of the country and calling on inter-parliamentary institutions and EU member parliaments to oppose this initiative.

"The State Duma views the bill submitted by the Ukrainian president as an insult to historical memory and a new attempt to drive a wedge between Russians, Ukrainians and other native peoples of Ukraine," the statement reads.

Moreover, lawmakers reaffirmed all the previous statements made by the chamber about "the malignancy of the ethnic policy of the Ukrainian authorities who continue to undermine the foundations of their own constitution, laws and Ukraine's international obligations."

The lower chamber also appeals to the Inter-Parliamentary Assembly of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS), parliamentary assemblies of the Collective Security Treaty Organization (CSTO), OSCE and Council of Europe as well as parliaments of EU member states "with a call to castigate the attempt made in Ukraine to split its population into 'native' and 'non-native' which can have the most serious consequences for the very existence of Ukraine as a state."

On May 18, Zelensky announced that he submitted a bill on native peoples to the national parliament to ensure that rights of certain ethnicities are protected. The bill would not grant this status to Russians in Ukraine.

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# UK police officer pleads guilty to woman's rape and kidnap - BBC

A POLICE officer has admitted the rape and kidnap of Sarah Everard whose killing sparked anger and soul-searching across Britain about what police, government and society can do to stop male violence against women, the BBC reported yesterday.

Wayne Couzens, 48, a London officer who guarded diplomatic premises, also accepted responsibility for killing Everard

but did not enter a plea while medical reports were being prepared, the BBC said.

Everard, 33, was abducted as she walked home from a friend's house in south London on March 3. Her body was later found in woodland around 81 km away in southeast England.

A post-mortem concluded earlier this month that she had died as a result of compression of the neck.



Couzens had been due to enter a plea next month but at a hearing at London's Old Bailey Court he pleaded guilty to both the rape and kidnap charges, media said.

Everard's murder provoked outpourings of anger from women who have recounted their own experiences and fears of walking the streets on their own at night.

Prime Minister Boris Johnson promised ac-

tion including money for better street lighting and pilot schemes for plain clothes officers to visit pubs and clubs to "identify predatory and suspicious offenders".

The police also came under fire for their handling of a vigil for Everard when officers were criticised for dragging mourners away. An independent watchdog later cleared the London force of wrongdoing.

Agencies

# Highways become a fantastic window on China's development, vitality

AS of the end of 2020, China's total mileage of highways reached 160,000 kilometers. Highways in China, which have been built from scratch and developed rapidly over the past three decades, have become a great window on the development, changes, and achievements of China.

China's highway network has witnessed the country's resolve and strength to build highways wherever possible.

Since the implementation of the country's reform and opening-up policy, especially since the 18th National Congress of the Communist Party of China (CPC) held in 2012, the construction of highways in China has experienced leapfrog development. By the end of 2020, almost all the Chinese cities with a population of over 200,000 had been covered by the country's highway network.

The Beijing-Urumqi Expressway, which stretches from China's capital city Beijing all the way west to Urumqi in Xinjiang Uygur autonomous region and spans the vast Gobi Desert, has reduced the road distance between Beijing and Urumqi by more than 1,300 kilometers.

The Ya'an-Xichang Expressway in southwest China's Sichuan province, where half of the sections are rampways, winds along and passes through mountains and crosses over rivers, turning deep chasm into thoroughfare.



Photo taken on April 25, 2021 shows vehicles running on an 848-kilometer-long expressway connecting southwest China's Chongqing municipality and Changsha, capital of central China's Hunan province. The expressway links two major impoverished regions, the southeastern region of Chongqing and the western region of Hunan province. (File photo)

The Ningbo-Zhoushan Expressway in east China's Zhejiang province connects islands through towering cross-sea bridges and opens up a lifeline for the islands in Zhoushan city of Zhejiang.

By prevailing over whatever challenges that lie ahead, unclogging bottlenecks, reconnecting disrupted links, and overcoming challenges, China has formed a highway network that links the eastern and western regions and runs through the northern and southern parts of the country.

Drive through China's highway network, one can see the secret behind the country's success in development. The country's highways extending in all directions have generated opportunities for development.

The Guangzhou-Shenzhen Expressway, one of the busiest highways in the country, links China's Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) and three cities of south China's Guangdong province, namely Guangzhou, Dongguan, and Shenzhen.

With an average daily traffic flow of 650,000 vehicles, the expressway accelerates the integrated development of Guangdong and HKSAR, drives improvement in the layout of industries and economic restructuring of cities along the route, and facilitates the emergence of a world-class city cluster.

In more than ten provinces, autonomous regions, and municipalities of China, all the countries have been covered by highway network, thus

smoothing the channel for promoting industrial products in the countryside and bringing farm produce to urban areas and offering a powerful driving force for rural vitalization.

Like a special bond between different parts of China, highways have formed a network that facilitates the flow of resources and sharing of opportunities, and allows different areas to complement each other's advantages. Such a network has laid a solid foundation for the coordinated development of various regions and unimpeded circulation on the domestic market.

The highway network of China has mirrored the evolving development philosophy of the country.

Since 2012, many Chinese cities have attached more attention to old revolutionary base areas, areas inhabited by ethnic minority groups, border areas, and poor areas in the construction of highways. Relevant endeavors have not only helped these areas sell agricultural products throughout the country, but brought to these places talents, technologies, and other resources, providing strong support for building a moderately prosperous society in all respects. This is one of the best examples of the idea of shared development in the country's new development philosophy.

People's Daily

# Calls to cancel Canada Day increase after discovery of 215 indigenous children's remains

OTTAWA

THE call to cancel the 2021 Canada Day holiday is gaining momentum after the discovery of the remains of 215 indigenous children at the site of a former indigenous residential school in southern British Columbia.

"We will not celebrate stolen indigenous land and stolen indigenous lives," said the hashtag #CancelCanadaDay, which is gaining increased support on social media. Many argue that it should be a day to reflect on the injustices inflicted on indigenous people, including the lives lost at residential schools.

"The recent discovery at Kamloops residential school has reminded us that Canada remains a country that has built its foundation on the erasure and genocide of Indigenous nations, including children. We refuse to sit idle while Canada's violent history is celebrated," says indigenous rights group Idle No More on the Facebook event page.

It was announced last month that the remains of 215 children were discovered at the site of the Kamloops school formerly run by the Catholic Church.

Since then, there have been calls from indigenous leaders, human rights advocates and opposition politicians for accountability and support at all levels of government, as well as cooperation by the church to find answers.

Between 1831 and 1996, Canada's residential school system forcibly separated about 150,000 children from their homes, with many subjected to abuse, rape, and malnutrition. Most schools were run by the Catholic Church and the Canadian government.

Last week, retired Canadian senator and former Truth and Reconciliation Commission Chair Murray Sinclair (pictured) warned that



there will likely be similar discoveries as searches continue at other former school sites.

An event page titled "#HaltTransCanada for our stolen & murdered children" asked people to join in a five-hour protest on July 1 to block the Trans-Canada highway.

"One hour for every hundred years of occupation, colonization and resistance from our people," it said. "I believe every single day that we need to focus on reconciliation, that reconciliation has to be a priority," Canada's opposition New Democratic Party leader Jagmeet Singh said.

The Liberal government has said a lot ... has not followed those words up with action and in doing so has hurt the Indigenous community," he added, blaming the Trudeau government for inaction.

On Sunday, the statue of Egerton Ryerson, who was one of the key designers of Canada's residential school system, was toppled by demonstrators outside Ryerson University in downtown Toronto. The university that bears his name said on Monday that it will not restore or replace the toppled statue.

Last week, more than a dozen lawyers from across Canada formally requested that the International Criminal Court (ICC) investigate the Canadian government and the Vatican for crimes against humanity, according to the CBC.

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# Hundreds caught thanks to spy phones 'in gangsters' back pockets'

CANBERRA/AMSTERDAM

A GLOBAL sting in which organized crime gangs were sold encrypted phones that law enforcement officials could monitor has led to more than 800 arrests in 18 countries, officials said yesterday.

The operation by the US Federal Bureau of Investigation, Australian and European police ensnared suspects in Australia, Asia, Europe, South America and the Middle East involved in the global narcotics trade, the officials said.

More than 800 suspected members of organized crime gangs and US\$148 million in cash were seized in raids around the world, along with tonnes of drugs, cryp-

tocurrencies, weapons and luxury cars.

Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison said the operation had "struck a heavy blow against organized crime - not just in this country, but that will echo ... around the world".

Operation Greenlight/Trojan Shield, conceived by Australian police and the FBI in 2018, was one of the biggest infiltrations and takeovers of a specialized encrypted network.

It began when US officials got involved in the development of AnOm, a supposedly secure encrypted messaging app,

which was then sold to organized crime networks.

The FBI helped to infiltrate the phones into 300 criminal groups in more than 100 countries, Calvin Shivers of the FBI's Criminal Investigative Division told reporters in The Hague.

In a pattern repeated elsewhere, one Australian underworld figure began distributing phones containing the app to his associates, believing their communications were secure because the phones had been customized to remove all capabilities, including voice and cam-

era functions, apart from AnOm.

As a result, there was no attempt to conceal or code the details of the messages - which police were reading.

## Cocaine In Fruit

"It was there to be seen, including 'we'll have a speedboat meet you at this point', 'this is who will do this' and so on," Australian Federal Police Commissioner Reece Kershaw said.

"We have been in the back pockets of organized crime ... All they talk about is drugs, violence, hits on

each other, innocent people who are going to be murdered."

Shivers said the FBI had been able to see photographs of "hundreds of tons of cocaine that were concealed in shipments of fruit".

Australian police said they had arrested 224 people, including members of outlawed motorcycle gangs.

On Monday alone, they seized 104 firearms, including a military-grade sniper rifle, as well as almost A\$45 million (US\$35 million) in cash, including A\$7 million from a safe buried under a

garden shed in a suburb of Sydney.

In Europe, there were 49 arrests in the Netherlands, 75 in Sweden and over 70 in Germany, where authorities seized hundreds of kilograms of drugs, more than 20 weapons and over 30 luxury cars and cash.

The raids in Germany on Monday, focused in the western state of Hesse and in cooperation with Europol, were part of an investigation initiated by US law enforcement authorities that started in 2018, Frankfurt public prosecutors office said.

Authorities seized hun-

dreds of kilograms of drugs, more than 20 weapons, over 30 luxury cars and cash worth 250,000 euros, as well as IT equipment.

The operation also revealed that gangs were being tipped off about police actions, which prompted "numerous high-level public corruption cases in several countries", according to an affidavit from an FBI agent.

Kershaw said the Australian underworld figure, who had absconded, had "essentially set up his own colleagues" by distributing the phones, and was now a marked man.

"The sooner he hands himself in, the better for him and his family," he said.

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Maurice Michael

## Former Serengeti Boys' skipper joins Serbian side

By Correspondent Ismail Tano

FORMER Tanzania U-17 football team 'Serengeti Boys' skipper, Maurice Michael, is expected to start serving Spartak Subotika, which is participating in the Serbian Premier League, on a four-year contract.

The midfielder who is under Samaplayer Management has been in Serbia since February this year in the team's youth squad.

The company that manages him is led by Tanzania's national team 'Taifa Stars' skipper, Mbwana Samatta, and through Samatta's Instagram page he posted one of Michael's clips as the youngster featured in training with the team in Serbia.

Michael started playing in Spartak Subotika U-19 team and in August he will start serving in the senior team.

Samatta wrote on his page that after retiring from football he has many dreams that he wants to achieve but he cannot mention them all because he is likely to change his mind.

He noted: "I know a lot of people want me to help young people get to at least where I came from, that's my dream to help talented Tanzanian children achieve their dreams, that's what I will do."

Samatta, who plays for Turkey outfit, Fenerbahçe, is currently in Dar es Salaam following the culmination of the league.

The attacker is at 'Taifa Stars' training to prepare for an international friendly match against Malawi.

In another development, Kinondoni Municipal Council FC's assistant coach Habibu Kondo has said that his team is continuing with training in preparation for the Vodacom Premier League match against Dodoma Jiji FC slated for June 17 this year at Jamhuri Stadium in Dodoma.

Kondo said they are still working on strategies, seeking to improve.

According to the coach, they are not only setting sight on the clash against Dodoma Jiji FC but also shaping up for the remaining five games so far.

He added that despite the competition KMC FC is expected to experience, he still believes that the team will do well and notch maximum points.

Kondo stated KMC FC is out to see to it ends in one of the top four spots in the Premier League.

He noted: "We've spent a lot of time without taking part in matches, but the strategy we set for ourselves as a team is to prepare well before the June 17 game, so we've played friendly matches, but also attend practice, and this week we'll have two more friendly matches before the clash against Dodoma Jiji FC."

The KMC FC leadership has also made it clear that ending in the top four is what they need for the 2020/21 season.

Mara's Biashara United is as well in contention for one of the spots.

The KMC FC is positioned fifth with 41 points from 29 matches, whilst Biashara United sits fourth with 45 points after playing 30 matches.

Speaking recently, KMC FC information officer, Christina Mwangala, said that they need to finish fourth.

Christina noted: "The players know and so is the management, when the league resumes we will fight to collect three points and finish fourth in the Premier League, the preparations are well underway."

She stated: "The competition is fierce and we have already started preparations considering that there is a long time left without participating in a match."

"We will play friendly matches as well as continue to prepare more as our goals must be achieved and it is possible," the official disclosed.

KMC FC is currently preparing for its five matches to conclude the Premier League season.

The Kinondoni Municipal Council-owned outfit is expected to confront Dodoma Jiji FC, Mtibwa Sugar, JKT Tanzania, Simba, and Ihefu SC.

## Annadil Burhani Tanga edge Amboni Stars in TCA T20 Tanga League

By Guardian Reporter

ANNADIL Burhani Tanga cricketers have kept on pushing for success in the 2021 Tanzania Cricket Association (TCA) T20 Tanga League, commanding a two-wicket win over Amboni Stars in the region on Sunday.

The youthful Amboni Stars had the opportunity to start batting, posting 73 runs and dropping nine wickets in 20 overs.

They struggled to repel Annadil Burhani Tanga's challenge, dropping their first wicket after 2.1 overs when opener Mohammed Yunus was dismissed after notching 27 runs which included two fours and three sixes.

Yunus left with 29 runs, leaving room for Hamza Ally, who came at number three, Ally experienced a short stint, exiting without a run to his name.

Fellow opener Seif Athuman had mere six runs, he was sent back to the pavilion by Adnan Abid in the eighth over, leaving Amboni Stars with 48 runs.

Skipper Alhaj Sadick that helped Amboni Stars come out victorious in their previous tie had a frustrating day with the



Annadil Burhani Tanga cricket squad.

bat last weekend, exiting with two runs.

The squad continued dropping wickets in the latter stages, with the inexperienced players failing to chip in handsomely.

Ally Mohamed ended three runs short of a two-digit figure, Hussein Hemedi and Ramadhani Twahiru posted two runs and two runs not out respectively.

Annadil Burhani Tanga's Abdeil Seifuddin and Adnan Abid ripped through Amboni Stars' batsmen, ending with three wickets apiece.

It was surprisingly not plain sailing for Annadil Burhani Tanga, given they were compelled to deploy all skills at their disposal and came out

victorious.

The now second-placed Annadil Burhani Tanga went on to post 74 runs, dropping eight wickets in 12.4 overs.

Opener Huzeifa Khanbhai showcased match-winning displays with the bat, scoring 30 runs which included three fours and a six.

The opening batsman had Annadil Burhani Tanga enjoying a good start, playing careful knocks.

Khanbhai's presence at the crease was ended by Amboni Stars' Hemedi after 8.6 overs, with Annadil Burhani Tanga scoring 53 runs and dropping two wickets.

Yusuf Nagri that stepped at the crease after Khanbhai's dismissal scored 17 runs nailing

two fours in his stint.

The outfit later dropped wickets at regular intervals, they nevertheless hung on to post the victory.

Abdutayyeb Mustafa and Murtaza Qaid saw to it the squad live up to its expectations with unbeaten spells.

Mustafa ended with nine runs not out, Qaid scored one run not out.

Sadick was Amboni Stars' most impressive bowler after he had ended with four wickets in his stint which saw him notch a hat-trick of wickets.

He, in the process, made up for his impressive displays at the crease but he could not prevent Annadil Burhani Tanga from getting down to a successful chase.

## Kagere's manager welcomes Yanga officials for negotiations

By Correspondent Ismail Tano

SIMBA SC striker Meddie Kagere's agent, Patrick Gakumba, has stated he is ready to see his player leave the club and head to rivals, Yanga.

Kagere is this season experiencing difficulties securing a place in Simba SC's first team.

Gakumba has therefore come out and asked Yanga officials to be clear if they need the services of his player.

The agent was two weeks ago embroiled in a dispute with some of Simba SC fans and members following allegations against head coach Didier Gomes.

Gakumba claimed Gomes failed to use his player during this season's CAF Champions League's last eight return leg between Simba and Kaizer Chiefs in Dar es Salaam.

The agent was recently quoted as saying: "Come on, let's talk."

The statement means he is not ready to see Kagere continue to serve Simba SC for next season, even if the club's management will show interest in signing a new contract with the Rwandan striker.



Meddie Kagere.

He noted: "As for his contract with Simba SC, it will come to an end after the end of this season's Premier League after which he will be a free agent. If Yanga needs his services we invite them to speak."

Kagere signed for Simba SC two seasons ago from Kenya's Gor Mahia, and has always been a threat to opponents in the Premier League.

The forward laid his hands on the Premier League top goal scorer's

prize in two seasons in a row.

In this season Kagere ranks third in the list of goalscorers with 11 goals.

He trails striking partner, John Bocco, that has netted 13 goals, while Azam FC's striker Prince Dube leads with 14 goals.

In another development, Simba SC disciplinary committee, chaired by Suleiman Kova, has instructed the club's management to undergo medical tests on its midfielder Jonas

Mkude, before handing down a sentence immediately after the midfielder's charges of misconduct.

The committee met on June 5 to hear Mkude's case, which claimed the midfielder did not report to the camp and appeared in practice on May 18, 2021.

The committee has decided to temporarily put the sentence, which was to be handed down on June 7, on hold and make such recommendations.

In a statement, the committee, in all respects, made a recommendation to the club's management, requesting that the player should be taken to Muhimbili National Hospital for medical tests, for a medical report, due to the player's repeated misconduct.

The committee made the recommendations, as soon as it found out that the charges against Mkude are recurring, despite being convicted and given various punishments.

Mkude was represented by advocate Jonas Mfinanga, while Simba was represented by advocate Michael Mhina.

This is the second time Mkude has been suspended by Simba for disciplinary offenses, despite apologizing.

He was first suspended on December 28, 2020, when the club's management said it had suspended him due to misconduct and other issues.

The club's management reached that stage so that the disciplinary committee could investigate the allegations against the midfielder.

## Simba SC, Yanga in pursuit of AS Vita Club defender's signature

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

MAINLAND Tanzania Premier League giants, Simba SC, and Yanga, are set to clash over the signing of the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)'s AS Vita right-back Djuma Shaaban.

Simba SC was the first side to be linked with the fullback after he impressed during a CAF Champions League Group A fixture in Kinshasa.

Although Simba won 1-0, Shaaban's performance caught the

eyes of the Tanzanian soccer giants.

It was later reported that Simba opted out of the race to sign him when he was injured during a training session with the DRC national team.

As Simba's interest waned, Yanga came along to enquire about his availability and started talks that reached an advanced stage.

When Simba learned of Yanga's move, it is said they rekindled their interest, although Yanga, under the watchful eye of the side's

registration committee member Hersi Said, who usually leads the club's transfer deals, had been in direct contact with Shaaban.

A Simba official, who is close to the team's Board of Directors' Chairman Mohamed Dewji, made numerous calls to AS Vita to find out how far Yanga have gone in their talks.

Simba's latest pursuit of the defender is said to have the blessing of head coach Didier Gomes Da Rosa, who is believed to have been impressed by Shaaban.

The outfit is keen on roping in another right-back to ensure Shomari Kapombe - who has played most games for Simba - has a dependable cover.

David Kameta, signed from Lipuli FC before the current season began, has not done enough to challenge Kapombe, who is as well senior national team 'Taifa Stars' full-back.

"Da Rosa has made the recommendation to the club that signing a full-back is his priority. This is in order not to have a lot of pressure

on that position that Kapombe has dominated," the source said.

"Simba indeed expressed interest while I was already in talks with Yanga, but I haven't made a decision yet," Shaaban is quoted as saying.

He disclosed: "We were almost done with Yanga after we had agreed on most parts of the deal."

He stated: "Simba inquired as to whether I had signed with Yanga, and I informed them that I had not, but that we are in advanced talks."

"I directed them to my manager as my duty as a player is to play. Both Yanga and Simba are big teams and I have friends on both sides, which means I will be ready to play for the side that seals the deal with me."

In the last transfer window, Simba signed one attacker from DRC, Chris Mugalu, who has been the preferred center-forward while Yanga brought on board winger Tuisila Kisinda and midfielder Mukoko Tonombe both of whom have been regulars as well.



# Euro memories: From Ronaldo's final, Balotelli's celebration to the original Panenka

ESPN

AHEAD of the Euros, which begin this Friday, ESPN's experts have selected the most iconic moments from tournaments past as we wait to see what the 2021 edition has in store.

## Cristiano Ronaldo's final (2016)

The Portuguese legend had dragged his side through to face hosts France in the final, but in the 17th minute he was on the wrong end of a clumsy tackle from Dimitri Payet. The camera ignored the ongoing play and just focused on him, stumbling around and trying to walk off the pain. He fell to the ground -- and was attacked by a giant moth -- and limped off, finally admitting he couldn't continue in the 22nd minute and calling for a stretcher.

What followed was a bizarre split-focus experience. You had the drama on the field, locked at 0-0 after a fairly dire final, but with the camera constantly panning to an increasingly agitated Ronaldo. Once Eder scored what proved to be the winning goal in the 109th minute, Ronaldo went into de-facto coach mode, barking orders from the touchline alongside manager Fernando Santos. After the final whistle, he slumped to the floor and then hugged anything moving in a crimson shirt.

It was an incredible, theatrical performance from Ronaldo, who had been superb throughout the tournament only to be forced into a spectator role for the crucial game. Lifting the trophy further added to his legend, redemption for their heartbreak against Greece 12 years earlier. "I have been looking for this for a long time, since 2004," Ronaldo said. "I asked God for another chance at this because we deserved it. Today I was unfortunate, I was injured but I always believed that these players, together with the strategy, would be strong enough to beat France. This is one of the happiest moments in my career." -- Tom Hamilton

## Spain win their third consecutive major title (2012)

Spain's Euro 2012 win was historic for all sorts of reasons. No team had won two European Championships in a row before, nor three consecutive international tournaments. Spain's 2008/2010/2012 hat-trick was completed with the biggest winning margin ever seen in a final in this competition, a 4-0 demolition of Italy that silenced any earlier criticism of their trademark possession football as "boring."

Nobody who watched that final -- in which David Silva, Jordi Alba, Fernando Torres and Juan Mata scored -- had any complaints about the entertainment.

## Greece shock the world (2004)

Otto Rehhagel's Greece side went into the tournament as 80-1 outsiders, but they pulled off one of the greatest displays of football skulduggery to storm Euro 2004 and come away as champions.

rival, and if those ghosts had been exorcised with a nail-biting penalty shootout quarterfinal win over them in Euro 2008, they were truly buried here.

Spain had gone into this tournament under enormous pressure to perform as overwhelming favourites. There had been bumps along the way -- an opening 1-1 draw with Italy, a late 1-0 group stage win over Croatia, the penalties needed to beat Portugal in the semifinals -- but the emphatic nature of their final display left no room for arguments. This was Spain's era, and the Euro 2012 final was both its apex and its end. -- Alex Kirkland

Balotelli smashes Germany with two great goals and an unforgettable celebration (2012)

Germany had sailed through to the semifinals winning four of four games; Italy had won just once and needed penalties to beat England in the quarterfinal. Then again, this is one of the game's classic rivalries and there was a sense anything could happen. Italy had taken the lead when Antonio Cassano's cross set up Mario Balotelli's header after 20 minutes, but Germany were pushing forward, tightening the screws towards the end of the first half. Suddenly, Riccardo Montolivo seized upon a loose ball, noticed Philip Lahm playing Balotelli inside and curled a ball over the top into the path of the Italian center-forward.

Balotelli lets the ball bounce, turns, takes a touch and then smacks the ball from the edge of the box straight into the top corner. Manuel Neuer, in the Germany goal, is posterized. He doesn't move, save for his left arm meekly outstretched, as if he was discreetly summoning a waiter.

Balotelli rips off his shirt and flexes, arms low, biceps bulging, face scowling. He was 21 years old, he was the Azurri's first Black superstar, he had the world at his feet. Knowing what we do now, it's all the more poignant. He never lived up to his potential for myriad reasons, from injuries to his personal life, though he'll still retire with three Serie A titles, a Champions League crown and the knowledge that he set up Sergio Aguero at 93:20 for Manchester City's historic first ever Premier League win.

The celebration was iconic, the stage was special and the adversaries too. Neuer was arguably the best keeper in the world at the time, Lahm possibly one of the most cerebral defenders ever. Seeing the former helpless and the latter making the mental error that led to the goal made it all the more special. Unless, of course, you're a Germany fan... -- Gab Marcotti

First was Sylvain Wiltord's equaliser, deep into added time, cancelling out Marco Delvecchio's second-half finish. Then came the David Trezeguet masterpiece, like a Vivaldi concerto or masterpiece by Michelangelo.

The cross from Robert Pires was inch-perfect and Trezeguet hit the sweetest of half-volleys with his left foot, the ball flying into Francesco



As the story goes, the Danes weren't even supposed to play at Euro 92... and then they went on to win it. (Agencies)

They were set up to be defensive and belligerent, but it paid off as they were clinical in front of goal, and watertight at the back. From the quarterfinals through to the final, they scored three goals via headers and won each match 1-0.

After opening with a 2-1 win over hosts Portugal -- their first ever victory in a major tournament -- they battled to a 1-1 draw with Spain and a 2-1 defeat to Russia, but they went through on four points thanks to scoring two more goals than third-place Spain. Then came a 1-0 win over France thanks to the head of Andreas Charisteads, Trainos Dalas' extra-time "silver goal" (the only one in Euros history) against the Czech Republic in the semis, and Charisteads headed winner in the final against Luiz Felipe Scolari's Portugal, a side which included Cristiano Ronaldo, Luis Figo, Deco and Rui Costa.

The pundits hated Greece's anti-football style, but this was tactical mastery from Rehhagel. "It was an unusual achievement for Greek football and especially for European football," Rehhagel said shortly after the final. "The opponent was technically better than us, but we took advantage of our chances. The Greeks have made football history. It's a sensation." -- Hamilton

## Trezeguet's golden goal (2000)

France were the defending World Cup champions going into the 2000 European Championships, but they were a much better team than when they beat Brazil in Paris. Their 1998 trophy was won on the back of their defensive strength; they'd win Euro 2000 with their midfield control and attacking flair. However, they also needed a miracle in the final to fend off Italy.

Denmark do the impossible (1992)

Denmark should not even have taken part in Euro 92, staged in neighbouring Sweden, having finished second in their qualifying group to Yugoslavia. But with United Nations sanctions forcing all Yugoslav athletes to be banned from international competition due to the escalating

conflict in the Balkans, the Danes were called in just nine days before the opening game following Yugoslavia's expulsion. Less than a month later, they returned home as European champions after a remarkable tournament saw Richard Moller-Nielsen's team beat 1990 World Cup winners Germany in the final.

## Paul Gascoigne's goal, England vs. Scotland (1996)

It was the moment that left England daring to dream once more. With the tournament on home soil and build-up hooked upon delivering a first international title since the 1966 World Cup. England's preparations were far from ideal, with controversy from their trip to Hong Kong -- framed as a trip to "forge a strong team spirit" -- focused on pictures emerging of the players engaging in a drinking game called the "dentist's chair." In some sense, watching manager Terry Venables' side was just like pulling teeth: star striker Alan Shearer had gone 12 international games without a goal before scoring in the opening 1-1 draw against Switzerland.

The Scotland game was in the balance too, with England's 1-0 lead only preserved by David Seaman saving Gary McAllister's penalty. Then, Gascoigne received the ball in the 78th minute.

A delicate lob over defender Colin Hendry preceded a sumptuous volley thrashed past Andy Goram. Few goals are actually improved by the subsequent celebration, but this one was: Gascoigne lay down on the turf and recreated the "dentist's chair" pose as his teammates squirted water into his mouth.

Victory was assured, England were up and running. Britpop had conquered the world... maybe this England team could too? For a minute, it felt like football really was coming home. -- James Olley

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It's a goal that defies belief, even 33 years after it was scored. Just imagine how good Marco van Basten's volley for the Netherlands against the Soviet Union, in the Euro 88 final, would look had it been filmed by the multitude of cameras with which we get every possible angle of goals scored in the modern day.

Prior to the final in Munich's Olympiastadion, Van Basten had already emerged as one of the stars of the tournament. At just 23, Van Basten arrived at the tournament after an injury-hit first season with AC Milan, and there were doubts in Italy as to his ability to succeed in Serie A. But a hat-trick in a 3-1 group stage win against England in Dusseldorf showcased the Dutch forward's all-round ability, and Van Basten then added to his tally with an 88th minute winner in the semifinal victory against West Germany in Hamburg. Van Basten saved his best for the final, though, and his goal, following Ruud Gullit's headed opener, remains one of the best in European Championship history.

Arnold Muhren's arching cross from the left found Van Basten deep in the opposition penalty area, approaching the right side of the box. But from a seemingly impossible angle, Van Basten struck a right-foot volley that looped over goalkeeper Rinat Dasaev -- at the time, one of the world's best -- and into the far corner of the net.

Dutch coach Rinus Michels reacted by putting his palm to his face, laughing in disbelief, while Van Basten raced away to celebrate the goal that would define a career, albeit one cruelly cut short by injury at the

## Van Basten's iconic volley (1988)

Not many players have owned a big competition like Platini did in 1984. With his nine goals (coming in the form of three "perfect" hat-tricks, goals scored with left foot, right foot and head) in five games, he joined the likes of Diego Maradona in 1986, Ronaldo in 2002 and Pele in 1958 on the shortlist of players who made a big tournament their own.

## Houghton gets Ireland a win over England (1988)

Some goals and victories carry much more significance than the points at stake at the end of the 90 minutes, and Ray Houghton's headed winner for the Republic of Ireland against England at Euro 88 is considered a cultural turning point for the Irish, both as a football team and as a nation.

Managed by Jack Charlton, a member of England's 1966 World Cup winning team, Ireland arrived in Germany as rank outsiders at their first major tournament. They had only ever beaten England once, in 1949, and in order to make Ireland competitive in football, Charlton had exploited the so-called "Granny rule" by selecting English and Scottish-born players with Irish ancestry to bolster his squad. Against England, six of Charlton's team had been born in England and one -- Houghton -- was born and raised in Glasgow, Scotland. The game was billed as a David vs. Goliath clash, but after Houghton headed Ireland into a sixth minute lead, England tried in vain to haul themselves level to salvage the game.

Ultimately, both England and Ireland failed to qualify from the group, but Houghton's goal in Stuttgart has been credited in Ireland as being one of the factors that sparked the country's growth in the 1990s. It also helped turn a nation of Gaelic games into a football-obsessed country, but most importantly for the "Boys in green," it was Ireland beating England at their own game. -- Ogden

## Platini vs. Portugal (1984)

People living in the Marseille area still say that on that night -- June 23, 1984 -- you could hear the crowd celebrating Michel Platini's goal against Portugal a hundred miles away. That's how loud and noisy the Stade Velodrome got that night.

Approaching the end of extra time against a talented Portugal team, in the Euros semifinal on home soil, the score was locked at 2-2. First was the incredible run and cross from Jean Tigana, the never-tired N'Golo Kante of the 1980s and local lad who grew up in Marseille. Then, the Platini finish. His first touch is perfect, as it always was, and he buried his shot to give France the win and a place in the Euros final.

Platini was the king of decisive goals for France, and the one against Portugal will stay forever in the hearts and minds of Les Bleus fans. -- Laurens

West Germany were the World and European champions at the time, and Bayern Munich had won three straight European Cups, but it was Czechoslovakia that raced out to a 2-0 lead in the 1976 final. Then, as so often happens, the Germans buckled down, pulled one back and grabbed a dramatic equaliser with a minute to go in the second half. As the game went into extra-time, you sensed the momentum was shifting; it felt as if the underdogs, having come so close, were being pushed back by the uber-favorites, but Czechoslovakia held on to take it to penalties: the first time a European or World Cup final had gone to spot-kicks.

The first seven were duly converted. Up stepped Uli Hoernes, Germany's emotional leader, who shocked everyone by blasting his kick way over the cross bar. This gave Antonin Panenka -- long-haired, moustachioed and slightly portly with an insouciant, bohemian demeanour -- the chance to win it for Czechoslovakia.

## The original Panenka (1976)

Panenka stared down Sepp Meier, the legendary German keeper, and began his run-up straight and at speed. His body language and approach suggested that he would blast it to one side or the other: the keeper would have to guess which way it was going to go and dive accordingly. In the end, it didn't matter which side picked; it only mattered that he picked a side because, rather than drilling it left or right, Panenka gently dinked the ball straight down the middle of the goal, leaving a prone Meier to watch it settle into the net.

It was a moment of misdirection. It was a moment of outside-the-box creativity. It was the work of a genius, and a move that's been emulated both brilliantly, and horrifically, in the years since. -- Marcotti

Gwiji by David Chikoko





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## Yanga: Simba SC players use our name to get contract extensions

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

YANGA has accused Mainland Premier League rivals Simba SC's players of using the former's name to get contract extensions.

In a shocking statement, Yanga information officer Hassan Bumbuli has claimed most Simba players who are running down contracts always use Yanga with claims they will be signed by the team, forcing Simba to renew their deals.

Yanga and Simba have been rivals for over a decade and whenever a player moves across clubs, it becomes a big transfer topic in the country.

According to Bumbuli, Simba players with contracts coming to an end always 'lie' that Yanga is interested in their services.

The decision thus forces the Msimbazi Street club to tie them down quickly to a new deal to avoid losing them to their rivals.

"It has been a norm that whenever players from Simba are ending their contracts, they start talking about Yanga being interested in their services so they can be given contract extensions," Bumbuli said via Yanga TV.

He stated: "We have known that very well, and we want to tell them they should continue using our name, we don't have any problem and if possible they can also say their boss is coming to invest in Yanga, we don't care, we know it."

Some of the players currently being linked with a transfer move from Simba to Yanga are midfielders Jonas Mkude and Ibrahim Ajibu, and striker Meddie Kagere.

The three players have at least two months left on their respective contracts.

Before Simba assistant captain Hussein Mohamed penned a contract extension with the outfit a month ago, the player was also being linked with a move to Yanga, as was the case of striker John Bocco.

Simba and Yanga are both chasing the league and domestic cup titles with the former looking likely to defend the league title as they have opened a six-point gap on the 18-team table.

The Msimbazi Street club has amassed 67 points from 27 matches, while Yanga is second with 61 points from 29 matches and Azam FC sits third with 60 points from 30 matches.

On the domestic cup front, both teams are in the semi-final stage with Simba set to face Azam FC while Yanga will confront Biashara United.

## Shree Kutchi Leva cricketers cruise to DC Gymkhana Cup Div A quarterfinals



Shree Kutchi Leva Patel SC (SKLPSC) players pose for a photo before taking part in a past 50-over clash against Aga Khan SC at Leaders Club's oval in Dar es Salaam. PHOTO: COURTESY OF SHREE KUTCHI LEVA PATEL SPORTS CENTER

By Guardian Reporter

SHREE Kutchi Leva Patel SC (SKLPSC) B outfit has booked a place in the 2021 Dar es Salaam Cricket (DC) Gymkhana Cup Division A's last eight, cruising to a three-wicket win over Pak Stars in the city on Saturday.

Upanga Sports Club, K&P Constructions team, and Alaf Aces are the other sides, which emerged victorious in their knockout stage fixtures, which took place the same weekend.

Top order batsman, Basit Raza, was in good form at the crease once Pak Stars had secured the opportunity to start batting and notch 128 for seven wickets in 20 overs.

Raza, deployed at number three, enjoyed a not-out stint and ended two runs short of a half-century, with his stint consisting of three fours and a six.

The batsman's contribution came in handy after the openers, Muzamil Hussain, and Nisar Ahmed, were sent

back to the pavilion in the early stages.

He took the crease once Hussain was dismissed by SKLPSC B's Vipul Pindoria and left the squad with 21 runs after 3.6 overs.

Hussain managed to notch six runs, clearing the boundary once and Ahmed ended with 11 runs, cracking two fours.

Two other top order players, Abdullah Jabir and Kashif Adnan, had good stints which boosted the side's total.

Adnan registered 26 runs, which included two fours and a six, Jabir ended with 15 runs and cracked two fours.

The top order batsmen's contribution by far made it

easy for the squad to record the convincing total.

Th SKLPSC B team's Pindoria and captain Naran Vekariya had notched two wickets apiece in their respective four-over stints.

The SKLPSC B team later confidently mounted a successful chase after scoring 130 for seven wickets in 18.5 overs.

The opener, Vekariya, made his presence felt with a series of solid knocks, notching 58 runs which included five fours.

Dinesh Rabadiya that opened the inning with Vekariya had a brief stint, which saw the former score 10 runs and cracks one four.

There were then three quick dismissals, which left

the SKLPSC B squad with 80 runs after 12.6 overs, and four wickets were taken.

It nevertheless did not weaken the SKLPSC B team's resoluteness, as Dabasiya made his presence count with good knocks.

The middle order batsman who took the crease after Ghanshyam Gondaliya's dismissal, posted 24 runs, cracking a four.

Ramesh Dabasiya and Manish Hirani ultimately had the SKLPSC B side having the last laugh with unbeaten stints.

Ramesh notched six runs not out, which consisted of a six.

Nisar Ahmed recorded two wickets in 3.5 overs as Pak Stars sought to defend

their total against a determined SKLPSC B squad's batting unit.

The showdown, hosted by DC, brought together 20 sides which were placed in groups A, B, C, and D.

The top two outfits from the four groups progressed to the last eight.

The SKLPSC B squad and Caravans progressed to the quarterfinals from Group A, Upanga Sports Club, and Union Sports Club ended as Group B quarterfinalists.

Annadil Burhani and K&P Constructions squad were Group C's quarterfinals contenders.

Group D teams that booked a place in the knockouts, were Gymkhana and Pak Stars.

## Simba SC midfielder set for medical check-up



Jonas Mkude

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

SIMBA SC midfielder Jonas Mkude will be undergoing a medical examination to ascertain his health before possible action is taken against him for skipping training.

The midfielder, who is also a senior national side 'Taifa Star' member, was suspended as a result and he was recently summoned by Simba disciplinary committee.

"After two reported accounts of indiscipline against Jonas Mkude regarding his absence from training on May 18, the disciplinary committee met over the same," read a statement from the club.

"It heard the evidence presented by the club led by Michael Mhina while Mkude's side was led by Tumaini Mfinanga."

"After extensive consultation, it was realized the accusations against Mkude have been recurring, and in initial situations, he had been found guilty of the offenses leveled against

him."

"The disciplinary committee decided to deal with the issue differently to ensure an amicable solution is reached. As a result, a ruling has been postponed until a medical examination is done. After the examination, the committee will submit its ruling."

In January, Mkude was fined 200, 000/- by his side after he pleaded for forgiveness after he was found culpable for three offenses.

The first offense was his decision to skip the club's seminar which was held to discuss the team's targets for the season.

The midfielder's second mistake was reporting late to training ahead of their Mainland Premier League match against Coastal Union.

Failure to report to camp on December 26, 2020, without permission was Mkude's third mistake.

Meanwhile, Simba SC and their age-old rivals Yanga are set to clash over

the signing of DR Congo's AS Vita right-back Djuma Shaaban.

Simba SC were the first side to be linked with the Democratic Republic of Congo defender after he impressed during a CAF Champions League Group A fixture in Kinshasa.

Although Simba recorded a 1-0 win over AS Vita, Shaaban's performance caught the eye of the Tanzanian giants.

It was later reported that Simba opted out of the race to sign him when he was injured during a training session with the national team.

As Simba's interest waned, Yanga came along to enquire about his availability and started talks that reached an advanced stage.

When Simba learned of Yanga's move, it is said they rekindled their interest, although Yanga, under the watchful eye of Hersi Said- who usually leads the club's transfer deals- had been in direct contact with Shaaban.

## Flexibles by David Chikoko

