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Nigeria praises Africa court on peoples' rights

By Guardian Correspondent, Arusha

NIGERIAN Vice President, Prof Yemi Osinbajo, has appealed for more support for the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights to enable it enhance justice on the continent.

Visiting the court here at the weekend, he expressed concern that this important legal institution is yet to get the support it needs.

The VP said that African Union member states need more sensitization on the role of the Arusha-based court, especially as an alternative resort in guaranteeing justice to people from various African states.

During his meeting with judges of the court led by Lady Justice Imani Daud Aboud, Prof Osinbajo asserted that one among critical issues is sensitization among AU member-states.

More countries would be more willing to identify as required with the court, but governments need more assurance on their exercise of sovereignty, which amounts to compartmentalization, he elaborated.

Expressing his strong faith in the international and regional court system regarding the respect and protection of human rights, he said that there will always be tensions and challenges as states will always be mindful of their sovereignty.

In May 2019, a court delegation visited Prof. Osinbajo in Abuja for a courtesy call, to discuss Nigeria's support for the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights, as a continental court established by member states of the African Union by virtue of Article I of the Protocol to the Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights.

It came into operation in November 2006 to enhance the protection of human and

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Samia on tanzanite: Cut supply to boost its value



Vice President Dr Philip Mpango pictured in Dodoma city at the weekend presenting to Dodoma regional commissioner Anthony Mtaka (L) a consignment of 1,500 reams of photocopying paper alongside sanitary pads shortly after receiving the NMB Bank PLC donation. The items are meant for Standard Seven in Dodoma Region now busy preparing for upcoming national examinations. Looking on are NMB Bank board chairman Dr Edwin Mhede (2nd-R) and CEO Ruth Zaipuna (R). Photo: Guardian Correspondent

■ President to appear in travel documentary to highlight tanzanite source

By Correspondent Marc Nkwame, Mirerani

PRESIDENT Samia Suluhu Hassan has called for restraint on the offloading of newly mined tanzanite, urging dealers to control the supply of the rare mineral so as to boost its demand and value in international markets.

She was visiting Mirerani township in Simanjiro District, Manyara Region, yesterday, her tour billed to feature in another episode of 'The Royal Tour' TV series.

"We are the only ones who have tanzanite, why do we hurry? Let's sell them in calculated installments so as to increase the gemstones' value in international markets," she urged, addressing town residents outside the sprawling walled compound housing tanzanite quarries.

The area in which the tanzanite ores are found is just here, a rather small location which needs to be treated sensitively to safeguard the valuable deposits, she stated. The gemstones will not last forever so it is important to handle it with utmost care, she urged.

Government intention to construct a market and business center in the area was afoot, in reaction to which Simanjiro MP Christopher ole Sendeka assured the president that a 250 hectare area to house the project has already been secured.

'Royal Tour' is a travel documentary programme based in New York, initiated by award winning journalist Peter Greenberg which in 2018 started off in East Africa with a premier on Rwanda, covering a series of visits and public interactions featuring President Paul Kagame.

President Samia told Mirerani residents that the travel oriented TV programme will also showcase mineral operations in Simanjiro so that the entire world learns that the blue gemstones are obtained legally only from

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Ministry urges higher turnout in vaccination

■ Deputy Speaker wants monitoring supply of oxygen cylinders countrywide

By Guardian Reporter, Dodoma

A HIGHER turnout is needed in the nationwide Covid-19 vaccination drive,

as just over 300,000 people have turned up and taken the jab.

Dr Leonard Subi, the Director of Preventive Services in the Health

ministry said at a sensitization seminar for members of Parliament here yesterday, that the government still has more than 700,000 out of the 1.2m doses of the Janssen Covid-19 vaccines donated by the United States around six weeks ago.

In late July, President Samia Suluhu

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SADC hands 600m/- for upkeep of elders

By Guardian Reporter

THE Southern Africa Development Community (SADC) has provided Tanzania with more than 600m/- as social services assistance for caring of elders.

The money is part of a project to assist services to elders living in difficult conditions in Tanzania, Malawi and Mozambique.

SADC has provided the funds to Tanzania through the HelpAge Programme that focuses on assistance for elderly, including the provision of health services.

Speaking to reporters at the opening yesterday of a two-day seminar for elderly care institutions in the three countries, HelpAge programme coordinator Dr Edwin Mung'ongo said the funds will be directed to assisting elders. The targeted programme is based in Handeni and Lushoto districts in Tanga region.

Elders face many challenges in their day to day lives, like the lack of friendly health services, personal income and social security. SADC recognized these challenges and decided to assist, he said.

The programme runs for two years, with Tanzania receiving the funds for the second consecutive year, he stated.

The project was established in Tanzania, South Africa and Zimbabwe and now in its second phase, with Tanzania included in both phases, he further noted.

"HelpAge is closely collaborating with TACAIDS as elders have been skipped in health outreach including protection against HIV/Aids," he said, pointing out that there are

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Zanzibar President Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi cuts the ribbon at Gombani Chake Chake on Pemba Island at the weekend to launch the Zanzibar Revenue Board's 10.5bn/- building. Photo: Guardian Correspondent





Finance and Planning minister Dr Mwigulu Nchemba (2nd-R) presents a certificate of competence to Winifrida Gombe at a ceremony held in Iringa municipality on Saturday for 250 pilot census clerks who had just completed induction training. Looking on are Census commissioner Anne Makinda (R) and Iringa regional commissioner Queen Sendiga (3rd-R). Photo: Correspondent Friday Simbaya

Nigeria VP praises peoples' rights court

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peoples' rights on the continent, where individuals and civil organizations can appeal on actions taken by governments, and for which there are no clear remedies in the judicial system of the member state concerned.

The VP hailed achievements of the court in spite of many challenges it faces, especially what he described as the landmark rulings of the court, underlining that there is consensus that "the court's handling of these cases has generally pointed in the right direction."

He affirmed that rulings of international and regional courts will rise in stature in the years to come as consensus grows around the protection of individual and collective rights.

Justice Imani informed the VP that

one of the big challenges the court faces is that scores of African States are yet to ratify the protocol and make the declaration of adherence under Article 34 (6), noting that the court was doing its best in the circumstances.

The 62nd session of the court would be starting next week to deliberate on cases before it, she remarked.

Others present at the meeting include ACHPR Vice President Justice Blaise Tchikay, the Registrar, Dr Robert Eno, while the resident Nigerian High Commissioner, Hamisu Umaru Takalmawa accompanied the VP.

ACHPR complements and reinforces the functions of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights, with eleven judges from among AU member states.

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Tanzania.

"No other country in the world can shoot a program about tanzanite, only Tanzania so this segment of the TV series is important and challenging," she stated.

The president appealed to

mineral dealers in Simanjiro to add value on the minerals after they are mined, through polishing, shaping and a special packaging process. The entire consignment can then be termed as originating from the source instead of exporting raw or semi-processed minerals, she added.

Ministry urges higher turnout for vaccination

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Hassan got vaccinated against the coronavirus to kick off the nationwide vaccination campaign, using the event to instill confidence in the job.

She said that as a mother, grandmother, wife and Commander-in-Chief of the armed forces, she could not have endangered her life by taking a jab if she was not convinced that it is safe.

The drive initially prioritised healthcare workers, people living with underlying conditions and those aged 50 and above but was later extended to all those aged 18 and above.

Amid the campaign, the government has been battling

vaccine hesitancy fueled by unsubstantiated reports of vaccine risks spread mainly on social media by vaccine and science skeptics based abroad and even locally.

The most pronounced case is that of independent church leader and Kawe MP Josephat Gwajima who has been using his Ubungo pulpit in Dar es Salaam to churn out anti-vaccine harangues.

He has repeated claims, without providing matching evidence, that available Covid-19 jabs did not follow a proper timeline for vaccine development and that some of it could interfere with recipients' DNA.

National Assembly Deputy Speaker Dr Tulia Ackson called on lawmakers to participate in providing education and to

encourage citizens to go for Covid-19 vaccination.

She said that there was a problem with vaccinated people who see non-vaccinated ones as adversaries, saying further that the responsible minister needs to monitor countrywide availability of oxygen cylinders so that areas in short supply are quickly served so as to save lives.

Bishop Gwajima was grilled by the Privileges, Ethics and Powers Committee of the legislature which resolved that he was guilty of putting the House into disrepute by his anti-vaccination rhetoric.

He was penalized not to attend two parliamentary sittings, the current one and the next, in November.

He told his Glory of Christ Church

in Dar es Salaam that government officials had been given money so that Tanzania accepts the Covid-19 vaccines, but later told the parliamentary committee that he meant they were promised funds for development projects.

Moving a motion to suspend Gwajima for two sittings, committee chairman Emmanuel Mwakasaka (Tabora Urban), said that the committee was satisfied that the Kawe MP had indeed put the House into disrepute.

The committee resulted to that security organs follow up on the cleric's utterances, underlining that some of his utterances had criminal overtones and could potentially jeopardize peace and national security.



Youths from Moshi District pictured at the weekend discussing factors hindering participation of young people in leadership. This was shortly after they had attended a capacity building workshop organised by the Kilimanjaro Women Information Exchange and Consultancy Organisation with sponsorship from Women Fund Tanzania. Photo: Godfrey Mushi

Govt signs treaty to establish aquaculture centre in Kagera

By Guardian Reporter, Kagera

THE government through the fishing sector has entered into agreement with Nelson Mandela University, Tanzania Agricultural Catalyst Fund (TACT) and Kagera regional government to build a fishing aquaculture centre aimed to solve challenges in research, extension services and innovation in the country's fishing sector.

Speaking here late last week at the opening of a short signing event of the agreement, Kagera Regional Commissioner Major General

Charles Mbuge called on regional officials to usher in the project saying it was a blessing coming to the region.

"Our local councils' officials are here, I would like you to treat the issue with the importance it deserves, if this investment becomes successful, it will raise individual incomes and that of the nation in general," he said.

He said the officials should work together to oversee the project in order to stir benefits to the community, especially the youth, through fishing activities.

For his part, Agriculture and

Fisheries (Fishing Division) Permanent Secretary Dr Rashid Tamatamah said the establishment of the centre will assist in solving many challenges facing the aquaculture sector.

"I would like to assure you that my ministry will continue to support fishermen's efforts, fish processors to bring benefits to all stakeholders in the country," said Dr Tamatamah.

TACT's Managing Director, Fr John Kyaruzi said they decided to invest in the fishing industry research for it to become sustainable as well as to help investors to have basic data

that would assist them to invest profitably.

The Nelson Mandela University, Vice Chancellor, Prof Emmanuel Luoga stressed that the aim of his university is to do research that would bring positive impact on economic and ecological results to enable the fishing industry become sustainable.

In the agreement, the ministry plans to make some environmental assessment and to rectify policies and all laws that in one way or another have appeared to be obstacles in regard to fishing activities.

Vaccine rollout still slow, 30pc of doses used so far

By Correspondent Michael Eneza

FIVE weeks after President Samia Suluhu Hassan launched the country's Covid-19 vaccination rollout, just over a third of the 1.2m doses donated by the United States have been used, the chief government spokesman stated over the weekend.

Addressing a weekly press conference to scan various government initiatives during the week, Director of Information Gerson Msigwa said that the number of vaccinated persons it is about 350,000 even as earlier reports highlights of a strong turnout especially in the hard hit northern regions of Arusha and Kilimanjaro.

Callers from the inland district of Maswa in Simiyu region in the Lake Victoria zone queried over access to vaccines, and the director responded that there are new initiatives for outreach in the Covid-19 vaccination drive, beyond the 550 centres already identified to offer vaccination services on a day to day basis.

As to the reasons for vaccine hesitancy even with painstaking efforts by the government, and the personal example of President Samia Suluhu Hassan in being the first of senior government officials and public figures to take the jab, one major cause for doubt is beginning to emerge.

While the criticism of jobs has been clothed in unfinished experimentation as vaccines take years to develop - an argument countered by the need to squeeze experimental periods due to the intensity of Covid-19 infections and fatalities - the concern is being directed elsewhere.

The image of what raises concern in many people was visible from Day 1 of vaccination, when regional

Mozambique received 255m/- while Malawi was given 214m/- to beef up the project whose work ceases in 2023, he added.

sheikh for the Tanzania Muslim Council (BAKWATA), Alhad Mussa Salum, sought to allay fears among his followers that the job interferes with male potency.

That sphere of interrogation keeps coming up in morning talk shows in various city Radio stations, with callers and commentators not being satisfied with answers, as many brook no experiments in that regard, as they seem to loath a loss of potency more than they fear the virus itself.

In one talk show with an IPP Media radio station, Muhimbili National Hospital staffer and microbiologist Dr Frank Msafiri dwelt on some of the issues raised by callers, for instance what conditions may arise after a person has taken the jab, where only allergy was cited as a possible inconvenience.

Another issue tackled was the condition in which a person can take the jab or cannot take, or what things one cannot do after taking the jab, where the response focused on avoiding a state of being drunk the day before the jab and at least three days more subsequently.

He similarly emphasized on the need to continue wearing facemasks after taking the jab as inoculation becomes effective body defence after two weeks and not immediately after taking the jab, meanwhile as one has to continue taking precautions to prevent infection.

Having better body defences doesn't hinder one from being infected but drastically cuts down chances of severe disease and hospitalization, he stated.

He similarly cautioned on the habit of thinking that one can get the disease and be cured, and there is no problem, noting that after effects of Covid-19 infection linger on for a long time even after healing.



Hisham Hendi (L), Vodacom Tanzania's outgoing managing director, has an audience with National Assembly deputy Speaker Dr Tulia Ackson when she paid him a courtesy at the company's premises in Dar es Salaam late last week. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Farmers associate food agency with bizarre dealings in maize purchasing

By Guardian Correspondent, Songea

MAIZE farmers in Songea District, Ruvuma Region, have complained to the government, through the Songea Zone of the National Food Reserve Agency (NFRA) over failure to purchase their maize. Instead, they said, the agency buy the crop during the night from big dealers and various government officials.

Speaking to reporters at different times at NFRA premises here, the farmers who did not want their names revealed said their maize was not being purchased reasoning that it was of substandard, the claims that were not true.

They are asking the government to look into the issue because, they said, the time remaining for coming farming season was short.

For his part, NFRA Manager for the Southern Zone, Mohamed Mondo said the money they get from the government for maize purchase was small, and as for now they anticipate to buy 4,000 tons of maize only.

However, he said that other claims advanced by farmers did not hold any shed of truth, and challenged farmers with evidence of their claims to report their concerned to authorities for appropriate steps.

They claimed that during the night trucks full of maize directly enter NFRA premises for weighing and selling the maize in total disregard of queues as required, the situation that has been surprising us while querying the owners of the maize being sold to NFRA at night.

"They said earlier, NFRA pledged to buy 80 bags of the maize from each farmers, but later they reduced the number to 50, but today they say they will only buy 10 bags, what is behind all this confusion, we have been here for more than two weeks with more than 100 bags of maize," said one of the farmers.

Another farmer added: "We fail to understand the fate of the maize we have, every day they register names of 20 farmers picked to buy their maize, but at the time of weighing only 7 farmers succeed to get their maize weighed and while the remaining 13 are told their maize was of low quality."



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TCU calls for care on course selection

By Getrude Mbago

THE Tanzania Commission for Universities (TCU) is calling on candidates who are currently applying for various programmes in universities to ensure that they read guidelines well and select only where they meet the required conditions.

According to TCU executive secretary Prof Charles Kihampa, they have found that there are some candidates who apply for programs which they clearly know that they don't meet their requirements and thus ending up losing an opportunity of being selected.

Addressing journalists in Dar es Salaam during the weekend, Prof

Kihampa said the commission wants all eligible applicants to get enrolled into university colleges but this cannot be achieved if the applicants go against set conditions.

"For example, someone goes and apply for engineering program while he/she clearly knows that he/she didn't pass physics or any related subject, this will automatically lead to not being selected even if you got division one. So this is an area where applicants need to be very careful," he said.

He said that there are some programs which have high competition so applicants should also consider this when applying.

Prof Kihampa further called on applicants who have been

admitted to more than one college to confirm their admission to one of the colleges so as to allow others to get admitted.

He said that the second window of application will close today allowing universities to go through the submitted applications for selection and admission

He however, said that the commission expects to open third window of application on September 18, this year to allow more Tanzanians and non Tanzanian applications to get opportunity of being enrolled into university.

In addition, the commission announced the third admission window that will run from September 18 to 24, 2021 to fill

vacancies that will be available.

Prof Kihampa wanted universities to provide closer support to the applicants and support them whenever they seek help.

The Tanzania Commission for Universities is a body corporate established on the 1st July 2005, under the Universities Act 2005 with mandate to recognize, approve, register and accredit universities operating in Tanzania, and local or foreign university level programmes being offered by registered higher education institutions. It also coordinates the proper functioning of all university institutions in Tanzania so as to foster a harmonized higher education system in the country.

Minister commends NEMC

By Guardian Correspondent, Dodoma

THE Minister of State in the Vice President's Office (Union and Environment), Selemani Jafo, has commended National Environment Council (NEMC), for good supervision of environment matters in all constructions project in Dodoma Region.

He made the remarks over the weekend during his tour to Chidawa dump, Benjamin Mkapa Hospital and University of Dodoma (UDOM), Sewage systems to inspect the implementation of his recent directives.

The minister expressed his satisfaction of the implementation of his directives and applauded NEMC for being active in the supervision to make sure all environment matters are taken care.

"NEMC is doing very good job here in Dodoma. I congratulate you and maintain this practice and make sure when it comes to environment matters you don't compromise. People must observe the existing rules and regulations," insisted the minister

He further argued the dump supervisors to make sure the constructed walls is sustainable so that residents of Dodoma continue to be safe from waste water which could have been flowing to their residence during rains seasons.

The Minister said that recently he visited different dump in Moshi Kilimanjaro, Kigoma and Arusha where he witnessed hideous supervision of dump adding that if rains come now people's health would be in danger because waste water can easily flow to their residence.

He argued the administrator of the dump to make proper supervision of the facility and all waste that come from different parts are managed properly so that they don't circulate and pollute environment.

NEMC Central Zone Manager, Dr. Flanklin Rwezimula, said regular communications and collaboration between the council and Dodoma Urban Water Authority (DUWASA) is the secret behind the fast implementation of the minister's directives.

Speaking about the implementation on the minister's directives, Chidaya Dump Manager, John Kiwanga said soon after they received the minister's directives through the Dodoma City Director they organized themselves with materials and the construction of the wall started immediately. "We have constructed wall by using common concrete and this will help to protect waste water to flow from this dump to people's residence and also pollute water sources," he said.



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By Correspondent Marc Nkwame, Arusha

ALL roads will be leading to Arusha, next year, when Tanzania will be hosting famous global investors in travel and tourism industries as well as 54 Ministers of Tourism from all African Countries.

Together with hundreds of other delegates, the envoys will be jetting into the country to attend the 65th United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) Commission for Africa Meeting 2022, which Tanzania has been chosen to host in October next year.

According to the Tanzanian Embassy in France, the decision to endorse Tanzania's candidature to host the 65th session was passed during the recently

Global tourism investors to attend 65th UNWTO Commission for Africa meeting in Arusha 2022

held 64th meeting of the UNWTO commission for Africa held in Sal Island of Cabo Verde, in September 2021.

So, come next year and a total of 54 Ministers of Tourism from African countries and other potential stakeholders in the industry, including famous global investors in tourism will be converging in Arusha, the official Tanzania's Tourism Capital.

The UNWTO Commission for Africa Meeting 2022, coming up within a year, is expected to foster Tanzania's tourism industry and highly promote

the country's Northern Zone attractions including the Serengeti Migration, Lake Manyara, Ngorongoro Crater and Mount Kilimanjaro.

Tanzania's delegates which represented the country during the 64th UNWTO Commission for Africa meeting in Cape Verde, was led by Dr Damas Ndumbaro, the Minister of Natural Resources and Tourism.

In addition other than being endorsed to host the 65th session of the commission, Tanzania was also elected to be a member of the UNWTO Program

and Budget Committee (PBC).

Tanzania still dreams of recording 2 million overseas tourists by the year 2025. According to experts, this figure could have been realized as of 2022 if it was not for the global Covid-19 pandemic which has been stifling global travel and tourism industries.

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Henry Bwogi, Tanzania Commercial Bank's director of retail and business banking, speaks at Mafinga in Iringa Region at the weekend when launching special lending services meant for the commercial forestry sector. He is flanked by Lonagro Tanzania manager Boniface Shayo (R) and Mufindi district administrative secretary Servi Ndumbaro. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Z'bar will have more top-level women leaders in the govt within 9 years - DC

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

UNGUJA West 'A' District Commissioner Suzan Peter Kunambi says she believes by 2030 Zanzibar will have a big number of women in top leadership positions in the government due to the big efforts currently being by Tanzania Media Women Association-Zanzibar (TAMWA-ZNZ) in collaboration with other private institutions in the Isles.

Kunambi made the observation here at the weekend at a special meeting that launched the mobilization drive of women to vie for various leadership positions.

She said many women are people with great leadership ability in the community has no option but support them in their areas to hold leadership positions.

Regarding to the issue of trust, she said women are also endowed with the conduct saying it was among essential benchmarks for leaders to have.

The DC further said the meeting is in tandem with the government's vision in empowering the majority of women to stand up and vie for leadership inside or outside the government

Earlier, the director of Zanzibar female Lawyers Association (ZAFELA), Jamila

Mahmoud said the launching has come after acquisition of 60 youth who received special training and who in turn will provide similar training to fellow youth in all Unguja.

She said the youth will work in every 'shahia' (ward) in all Unguja regions aimed to educate the community on the involvement of women in leadership positions, both in the government or private institutions.

Speaking on behalf of the youth who graduated from the training, Francisca Claimant said the training has given them great ability and made them competent to participate the same raining to the community.

The four-year project to mobilize women to vie for top leadership positions was implemented by TAMWA-ZNZ in collaboration with ZAFELA and PEGAO under the sponsorship from the Norwegian embassy in Tanzania.

The DC further said the meeting is in tandem with the government's vision in empowering the majority of women to stand up and vie for leadership inside or outside the government

By Guardian Correspondent, Mafinga

TCB, FDT and LonAgro Tanzania launch tailored lending product for forestry sector

TANZANIA Commercial Bank (TCB) has partnered with Forestry Development Trust (FDT) and LonAgro Tanzania Limited to increase production of engineered wood products (EWP) and stimulate growth of Tanzania's forestry sector.

Speaking shortly after launching Tailored Lending Services for the Commercial Forestry Sector over the weekend, the TCB Director of Retail and Business Banking, Henry Bwogi said the loans lined-up for the sector would stimulate growth and development of EWP in Mafinga and elsewhere in the country.

"As a Bank (TCB) we are really committed to work very closely with FDT and LonAgro Tanzania in addressing challenges which

are facing the sector. It is now, the right time to see an increased production of EWP which can swiftly compete into local and international markets," he explained.

The product would enable the borrowers to enjoy a reduced interest rate to the tune of 15% and payment term of up to 24 months. Through the partnership important key parties would stand a better chance in addressing the challenges of access and use of improved processing technology.

"There was a challenge of availability of modern sawn

timber processing machines while exploring expansion of lending opportunities into other wood processing value chains such as engineered wood products," the director said.

Officiating the occasion, the Mufindi District Administrative Secretary (DAS), Servi Ndumbaro said the product was a rare opportunity for timber businessmen to get loans from TCB and buy machines to enable growth and development of business ventures.

"Entrepreneurs should fully exploit the availability of the

product for improvement of business growth. I take this opportunity to thank TCB and FDT to give this priority to Mufindi District," Ndumbaro said.

Earlier, the Chairman of Confederation of Tanzania Forest Industries Association, Ben Mfungo Sulus commended the TCB and FDT for coming up with the exciting project in Mufindi, saying would have a multiplier effect in forestry sector.

"We are going to promote this product to timber producers to buy the machines so that they could add value of their products.

I am very much convinced that the modern machines and technology will see sector growing steadily yet contributing significantly to national economic growth," Sulus said.

According to Sulus, LonAgro will supply mobile sawn timber processing equipment from WoodMizer® and will provide after sales support such as supply of spare parts and technical services.

According to a feasibility study by Margules Groome, "Exploring Opportunities for EWP value chain development in Tanzania- 2019",

the engineered wood products (EWP) value chain presents the biggest industrialization opportunity for Tanzania's forestry sector.

President Samia Suluhu Hassan during the 12th National Business Council Meeting held in Dar es Salaam in June, this year endorsed the National Engineered Wood Products Development Framework to facilitate establishment of at-least 200 various EWP manufacturing factories by 2031.

Through the Tanzania Forest Services Agency (TFS), the government has provided an enabling environment by providing raw material allocation contracts to saw millers of up to three years, which is an important guarantee to both the bank and the processors of availability of raw material for processing.

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- Evidence of similar work/assignment with at least three reference from clients served must be submitted.
- Payment terms must be indicated.
- The public tender opening will be made in presence of all bidders or their official representatives. We encourage all bidders to attend through zoom conference meeting and Zoom conference Link will be sent to all applicants.
- MSPH Tanzania reserves the rights to disqualify any offer based on failure to follow solicitation instructions.
- MSPH Tanzania reserves the rights to waive minor proposal deficiencies that cannot be corrected prior to award determination to promote competition.
- The evaluation of bids will be conducted as per MSPH Tanzania LLC - ICAP Procurement Guidelines.

How to Apply:

Interest bidders shall apply based on the information provided by addressing below address.

Attention:

To: The Tender Committee,
MSPH Tanzania LLC - ICAP,
Jangid Plaza 7th Floor - Chaburuma Road
P.O Box 80214, Dar es salaam, Tanzania
All quotes must be in Tanzania Shillings

The deadline for the tender documents' submission is 16:00pm Friday 24th September 2021.
All tenders should be electronically submitted to TanzaniaProcurement@cumc.columbia.edu

Note: No tender fee is charged for this invitation

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TanESCO engineers undergo electricity pole treatment training conducted by New Forests Company experts in Iringa municipality last week to arm the trainees with skills to help them better manage and monitor the implementation of the Rural Electrification Agency (REA) III Round 2 project. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

TICL registers 45 pct total income increase

By Guardian Reporter

TCCIA Investment Company Limited (TICL) has reported a 45 percent total income increase in the first quarter ending June compared to the same period last year.

In its interim financial results report for June 2021, the company attributed the profits which rose to 1.81bn/- from 814m/- last year to an increase in dividend from equities, interest income and realized gains from investments in government securities.

"The profits are due to higher interest income and capital gains from government securities trading, this is a result of diversification strategy from equity to long-term government bonds," said the company's Chief Executive Officer Peter Kifunguomali.

The company however listed a number of issues to be addressed including joint venture with other market players such as brokers to advise capital markets regulators to remove the cap limit on securities so that share prices reflect the correct demand and supply trend.

TICL also plans to continue looking for new investment opportunities in other sectors apart from financial services including private equity and venture capital.

"Private equity is an alternative investment class and consists of capital that is not listed on a public exchange. Private equity is composed of funds and investors that directly invest in

private companies," reads the report.

On the same note, the company listed down a number of challenges derailing investment; including lack of funds as currently the company uses investment income for investment purposes as it is not always easy to dispose of some equity investments as planned due to market conditions.

Another challenge was the presence of regulations that limit the movement of prices for securities forcing investors to sell shares at pre-arrangement deals which are below market prices incurring capital losses in the process.

"For example, the Touchline Price under Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange (DSE) Rule 137 provides a cap limit of 5-percent to 10-percent on price movement," the report said.

Another challenge was the tight competition in the bond market where institutional investors like pension funds, commercial banks, and insurance companies have been pushing for government bonds causing yields to drop.

The company said there is lack of enough investment opportunities in the capital market, adding that the Tanzanian capital market mainly consists of government securities and few equities compared to other markets such as Kenya, South Africa, and Egypt which offer a range of derivative financial instruments in addition to equities and bonds.

Engineers should participate in setting quality standards - TBS

By Guardian Reporter, Dodoma

ENGINEERS have been called on to participate in the setting of standards in order to instill an inclusiveness of understanding national standards for various products manufactured in the country.

The call was made in the weekend by Tanzania Bureau of Standards (TBS) inspector Dominisiano Rutahala at the ongoing 18th

Engineers Exhibition.

Rutahala said the aim in involving engineers is to instill quality in the products out of many national standards submitted.

He said engineers are an important component in the production of goods in the country; hence their involvement in the process of setting standards would bring benefits to TBS.

He explained that the process in

setting standards involves various stakeholders in relative sectors who meet to set national standards which later posted to the TBS for website calling for public opinion.

He said the main benefit of standards is to instill parity in the business field, to simplify international trade and protect the health and safety to consumers of the goods.

For his part TBS Marketing Officer

Rhoda Mayungu said the exhibition is used as part of the strategy in imparting education to the public on TBS responsibilities which include the verification of products quality, registration of buildings for food and cosmetics and technical to exporters of goods.

In regard to small and middle entrepreneurs (SMEs), she said TBS often verify their products for free, in order to make sure all good

produced in the country satisfy quality standards.

She called on the SMEs to make sure they grab the opportunity provided by TBS to have their products' quality certified for free.

She said in order to have this done an entrepreneur must present a letter of introduction from Small Industries Development Organization (SIDO).

Some of the SMEs who, at

different times, had their products' quality certified told this paper that as for now they have done away with business obstacles that were facing earlier.

One of them, Anna John, a resident of Dar es Salaam said before obtaining quality marks, she used to be queried by customers about TBS certification for her goods, saying that it was a big challenge for her.



Reference: PAT/EOI/GEO-/2021 - INVITATION FOR REQUEST FOR INFORMATION FOR SUPPLY OF SERVICES TO PANAFRICAN ENERGY TANZANIA LIMITED

Date: 6th September 2021

1. PanAfrican Energy Tanzania Ltd, a Producer, Distributor and Marketer of Natural Gas from the Songo Songo gas field in Kilwa District, Lindi Region hereby invites potential suppliers to express their interest and provide information for the supply of the following Services.

2. SERVICES

Acquisition of a 3D seismic data consisting of shallow marine, Transition Zone and land seismic acquisition program covering Songo Songo Main, Songo Songo West and Songo Songo North and Extreme North, offshore Tanzania. The programme will provide 196km² of full fold data (subject to local access and permissions). The scope of the 3D seismic operations will include:

1. Site visit and feasibility assessment.
2. Planning of all aspects of the seismic operations with any specific requirements or requests (e.g. logistical support from the gas plant, etc.).
3. Establish HSE Management System and Environmental Management Plan including provisions for bad weather.
4. Seismic acquisition, including reporting procedures.
5. Site clean-up and remediation.

3. This call for Request for Information (RFI) signifies the start of an open, transparent and objective tender process.

4. The Potential Supplier should be a well-established and reputable company and shall indicate that it is willing, capable, experienced and competent in supplying the said Services preferably to the Oil & Gas or Mining Industries. Failure to clearly so indicate may result in disqualification.

5. Potential Suppliers must submit information to demonstrate their technical competency and relevant experience as a minimum. This must include the following:

- (i) Proof of experience in providing said Services preferably in Oil & Gas or Mining industries.
- (ii) International companies with ability to team up with Local expertise in any form as per the Petroleum Act, 2015 and the Local Content Regulations, 2017.
- (iii) Proven technical capability.
- (iv) Proof of registration with the local authorities in Tanzania/or Country of Origin as may be applicable. This shall include but not be limited to a certificate of registration with Company Registry, Tax Authority for, Tax Identification Number and Value Added Tax, Valid Business Licence, Regulatory license and permits (if applicable), etc.
- (v) Proof of financial capability (provide latest approved audited financial statements for the past 3 years).
- (vi) For Tanzania Registered Companies provide Proof of Registration in EWURA's LSSP Database as a Local Service Provider and current annual returns updated in the BRELA Online Registration System.

6. All correspondence regarding this enquiry shall be in writing and communicated by e-mail otherwise the potential supplier may be disqualified from tendering at the sole discretion of PanAfrican Energy Tanzania Limited.

Interested eligible suppliers may obtain full Request for information (RFI) package by writing to the address below or e-mail to Ritha Mohele (mohele@panafricanenergy.com) with copy to Revocatus Kasheshi (revocatus.kasheshi@panafricanenergy.com)

All responses to the RFI to be sent to the following address before 3pm East Africa Time, Tuesday 21st September, 2021.

PanAfrican Energy Tanzania Limited, Oyster Plaza, 5th Floor, Haile Selassie Road, P.O. Box 80139, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, Telephone: +255 22 292 3307, Fax +255 22 292 3312.

Attn: Bizimana Ntuyabaliwe, Deputy Managing Director.

(All electronic copies of the RFI to be sent to the email (ntuyabaliwe@panafricanenergy.com) and a copy to revocatus.kasheshi@panafricanenergy.com on the last day of submission).



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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

TENDER TITLE: CONSULTANCY SERVICE TO PREPARE A PRE-FEASIBILITY, FEASIBILITY STUDIES AND TRANSACTION ADVISORY FOR THE PROPOSED DRY PORTS/LOGISTICS HUBS IN MALAWI

TENDER NUMBER: PRQ20210126

TradeMark (Trade and Markets) East Africa (TMEA) is an aid-for-trade organisation that was established in 2010, with the aim of growing prosperity in East Africa through increased trade. TMEA operates on a not-for-profit basis and is funded by the development agencies of the following countries: Belgium, Canada, Denmark, European Union, Finland, Ireland, Netherlands, Norway, United Kingdom and United States of America. TMEA works closely with regional intergovernmental organisations, including the African Union (AU), East Africa Community (EAC), Common Market for East and Southern Africa (COMESA), national governments, the private sector and civil society organisations.

TMEA wishes to invite interested and qualified **reputable consultancy firms/consortiums** to carry out consultancy services for carrying out prefeasibility and feasibility studies and provision of transaction advisory services to the Government of Malawi for development of dry ports/logistics hubs in Malawi.

The Terms of Reference and the Request for Proposals (RFP) document for each tender can be obtained at <https://www.trademarka.com/procurement/>. All queries quoting the above Tender Title and Number should be emailed to procurement@trademarka.com. The closing date for submission of this tender is on or before **Tuesday, 5 October 2021 (4.00 P.M. Nairobi Time)**

Interested and qualified **consultancy firms/consortiums** **MUST** submit their bids through TMEA's Procurement mailbox using the email address, procurement@trademarka.com. The maximum size of each email with attachments should not exceed **5 MB**.

TMEA cannot answer any query relating to this tender 7 days or less prior to the submission deadline.



Director, Communications - Tanzania Public Sector Systems Strengthening Plus Activity (PS3+)

Dar es Salaam, United Republic of Tanzania

Job Identification: 100715

Job Category: Business Operations

Locations: Abt Associates, Dar es Salaam, TZ:

Posting Date: 06/09/2021

Apply Before: 02/10/2021

Job Schedule: Full time

Job Description

Opportunity Summary

Abt Associates, a mission-driven, global leader in research and program implementation in international development, seeks an communications expert to serve as Director of Communications on the USAID/Tanzania Public Sector Systems Strengthening Plus Activity (PS3+). PS3+ aims to institutionalize public systems for the Government of Tanzania (GOT) that respond to citizens' needs for quality services at the local level, particularly for underserved populations. The project provides technical assistance to government partners including the President's Office for Regional Administration and Local Government (PO-RALG) and line ministries in mainland Tanzania and Zanzibar to enable evidence-based, inclusive planning and management of public services; improved governance to promote citizen engagement and social accountability; and more efficient collection and use of financial resources. This large, complex, and integrated project works at all levels of government, across several sectors, including health, nutrition, social welfare, education, and agriculture.

The Director of Communications will report to the project Deputy Chief of Party and will lead a small team.

Key Roles and Responsibilities

- Finalize an internal and external communications strategy for PS3+.
- Lead and oversee production and submission of deliverables and communications products, including but not limited to, success stories, technical briefs, videos, and major presentations for external audiences.
- Collaborate with technical team members to generate original written content for project reports, other technical deliverables, and external communication products and to storyboard content for multimedia materials produced by external firm.
- Oversee dissemination of communication products to external audiences.
- Develop protocols and mechanisms for consistent communications with key external stakeholders about

project accomplishments and to respond promptly to inquiries.

- Contribute to limited technical assistance to government partners in communications, including through presentations, training, or technical reviews.
- Maintain databases of project documents, project, and media contacts in coordination with technical teams.
- Liaise with USAID/Tanzania's Development Outreach and Communication team to agree on communication products that PS3+ will be responsible for.
- Support editing of key project documents and deliverables.

Preferred Qualifications

- Bachelor's degree required, master's degree preferred in relevant field (journalism, communications, public relations, marketing).
- Minimum 10 years of work experience, including at least two years in international development. Experience with USAID-funded projects preferred.
- Strong English written and verbal communication skills, including writing and editing. Fluency in Swahili required.
- Demonstrated experience in communications or public relations, including identifying compelling stories, connecting with diverse audiences, distilling technical language into user-friendly formats, collaborating with production teams, and adhering to deadlines and short turn-around times.
- Excellent interpersonal, teamwork, organizational and mentoring skills.

Minimum Qualifications

Bachelor's Degree + Twelve years of relevant experience, or Master's Degree + Ten years of relevant experience, or PhD + Seven years of relevant experience

Abt Associates is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity employer committed to fostering a diverse workforce. Abt Associates provides market-competitive salaries and comprehensive employee benefits. Local candidates strongly encouraged to apply.

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TPC to launch one-stop service centres project

By Getrude Mbago

THE Tanzania Posts Corporation (TPC) is today expected to launch one-stop service centres project which is meant to facilitate easy and timely delivery of various government services to the public.

The move will enable a number of government services to be accessed at the TPC offices thus making it easier for citizens to access them and bar them from traveling from one government office to another seeking for service.

Addressing journalists in Dar es Salaam during the weekend, Minister for Communication and Information Technology, Dr Faustine Ndugulile said the launch was among strategies by the government to improve efficiency, increase the scope of services and achieve major digital goals.

He said that Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa is expected to grace the event to be held in Dar es Salaam General Post Office.

According to him, the first phase implementation will involve eleven regions including Dar es Salaam, Dodoma, Mwanza, Kigoma, Arusha, Mbeya, Mjini Magharibi Unguja, Lindi, Tanga, Morogoro and Chakechake.

He said that services that will be available in the one stop

centres include those provided by the Registration Insolvency and Trusteeship Agency (RITA), National Identification Authority (NIDA), Business Registrations and Licensing Agency (BRELA) and the Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA).

Others will be the National Social Security Fund (NSSF), Public Service Social Security Fund (PSSSF), National health insurance Fund (NHIF), immigration and other services provided by various councils.

According to him, immediately there will be multiple windows at the centres but later on, they will embark on a single-window after all the systems being integrated.

Dr Ndugulile further said TPC has recently emerged winner for outstanding performance in two areas of administration and operation council after being voted by several posts corporations across the globe. He said that TPC competed along other posts corporations in Africa and emerged the best in the mentioned areas.

The minister said that the government mulls to improve the corporation and enable it compete commercially for the country's development.

He said the ministry supervises closely digital transformation within TPC as well as ICT, security networks

thus making the best in Africa after Mauritius

Macrice Mbodo, TPC Acting Postmaster General said the one-stop centres project is divided into two phases where the first phase begin September 2021- December 2022 in which 10 regions will get the centres.

"In phase II that will begin in January 2023 - June 2024, we will include 17 regions of Coastal, Iringa, Rukwa, Ruvuma, Kilimanjaro, Tabora, Mara, Katavi, Geita, Songwe, Manyara, Simiyu, Kagera, Shinyanga and Njombe," he explained.

He said TPC has created digital platforms that intend to transform postal services into digital patterns.

The platform dubbed 'SmartPosta' is accessible in the Google play store for smartphone users and can allow users to get virtual box addresses for individuals or corporate.

Another platform is an online marketing platform whereas of July this year 270 large and small businesses had registered at the online postal service to sell various products.

He said growing of the online businesses has prompted TPC to seize the opportunity as it continues to improve its service to become the most efficient online marketing service provider in Tanzania and Africa.



Charles Mbeho, district commissioner for Mbogwe in Geita Region, addresses small miners at Nyambogo village at the weekend only a day after Minerals minister Doto Biteko toured the area following last week's reports that gold mining was going on there. Photo: Correspondent Mohab Dominick

Tusua Mapene campaign winners narrate how it improved their lives

By Guardian Reporter

IN July this year, Vodacom Tanzania's "Tusua Mapene" lottery announced its highest payouts in consecutively 4 year in history of the competition with the main winner being awarded 180m/-

The lottery started four years ago with the intention of rewarding loyal customers and giving them a chance to fulfill their dreams and make life-altering changes from affordable outlays ranging from 300/- per daily unit to 6,000/- for a monthly pack of 30 units.

Over the period, a total of 4bn/- has been paid to more than 500 million winners of daily, weekly, monthly and grand prizes, ranging from 15,000/- to 20,000,000/- daily prizes and a grand prize of 100,000,000/-.

Celestine Kilemezi from Musoma in Mara Region who won a 128m/- prize said she used the money to build a house, buy a car and a plot of land. She remembers getting the news that she may be a winner and she did not believe it at first.

"I received a phone call late that afternoon and I was told to tune in to TBCI in the evening since I may be a winner. I thought it was just a random call and went about my nosiness. My grandchild brought me my phone at 7pm that evening and I was told live on TV that I had won," she recalls.

Celestine said she was later contacted by Vodacom officials who

arranged a day to meet and hand over her cheque. After collecting her winnings, she bought a house in Mwanza, a new car and three plots of land that she is developing.

She said the prize cemented her trust that the lottery conducted in a completely fair and unbiased way.

"There are people who believe that these games are unfair and the winners are planned in advance. I can tell you this is not true. With this game held by Vodacom, I had no connection with the organizers nor do I have any relatives or close friends in the company. I would encourage others to take part, they too may win like I did" said Celestine.

The company's Director of Digital and Value Added Services (VAS), Nguvu Kamando said: "The aim of Tusua Mapene is to empower Tanzanians economically. I urge our customers to take part in this ongoing lottery because by doing so you ensure yourself a chance to win big."

In early 2020, Eveneth Rutiyomba, a resident of Kimara in Dar es Salaam won 150m/-

"This is a dream come true for me," she said adding: "I never thought I would ever have this much money in my possession, but here I am today and my life will never be the same again," she narrated.

Another winner, a 47 year old Marko Kilungala from Simiyu Region, won over 80m/- and used that money to buy a plot of

land which he built a house that he currently lives in. He opened a fixed deposit account and deposited the rest of his winnings into it and, after it had matured, he took that money and bought a tractor that he uses for farming and as an investment.

He said: "I needed transportation so I bought a motorcycle. I also bought four other motorcycles that are used for business and contracted drivers for them. I expect to have recouped the money by April of next year and so will be able to make further investments."

"Prior to winning Tusua Mapene, my life was very difficult, I was facing a lot of challenges and had no direction in my life but now, my life has changed completely, I have made successful investments that benefit my family and promise a bright future for myself and my children," added Marko.

The very first grand winner was Jackson Mwanemwa (51) a farmer from Msasani village, Rungwe District in Mbeya Region who won over 200m/-.

The Tusua Mapene lottery has now entered a new phase where another grand winner will be found and have their life forever altered.

Participation in the lottery is simple. Customers need to send a message saying 'Check' to 15544 to subscribe and they can use M-Pesa to buy units from daily, weekly to monthly packages depending on their own preference.

National Health Insurance Fund set to improve benefit packages

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

THE National Health Insurance Fund (NHIF) is set to improve benefit packages in order to include many health services to its members and is expected to come out soon.

NHIF director general Benard Konga said this over the weekend in Dar es Salaam when he was speaking in the meeting that involved the fund officials and hospitals and health centers.

NHIF organized the meeting with stakeholders to discuss on how they can improve their services and solve many challenges that were cited by the fund members.

Konga said in every three years the fund revive benefit packages adding that for this year the process to revive the benefit has reached good stage promising its members a bright future.

"We have improved our benefit packages and the process is still going on to make sure we come up with good thing and we have included stakeholders views and

opinion and on completion many health services will be added," said Konga.

He said during the process of improving benefit packages they always take on board views and opinions from different potential stakeholders to ensure they all speak the same language of helping Tanzanians in health care provision.

He further said despite the transparency of the fund when solving some challenges there are still many complains especially on payment delays which he said many of them are addressed by some people in wrong channels.

"This complains are not addresses in official channels so that they can be solved so I take this opportunity to argue you participants that use this forum to reveal all you complains. Be open to say all your challenges so that we can discuss and come up with permanent solutions," said Konga.

He said currently, NHIF pay its service providers within 30 to 45

days compared to the past where the payment took up to 60 or 100 days adding that the fund payments has enabled health centers to get enough fund to run their activities smoothly.

He said that the fund has expanded the availability of its services by registering over 8,000 health centers and hospitals in all regions Tanzania Mainland and Zanzibar which include private, government and some of them owned by different religions.

Speaking about the complains of service providers payment delay, Konga said NHIF has established special fund which process the submission and payment by using Information Communication Technology (ICT).

He said NHIF has strengthen its ICT systems to avoid forgery by some of its service providers in payment where by currently the NIHF members get information through his/her mobile phone about the cost of the treatment he has undergone.



Shinyanga district commissioner Jasinta Mboneko (L) on an inspection tour at the weekend of Didia market, which traders are said to have abandoned "for lack of customers". Photo: Correspondent Marco Maduhu

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

Farmers in Mbeya Region assured of quality wheat seeds - Tari centre

THE Uyole Centre of Tanzania Agricultural Research Institute (TARI-Uyole) in Mbeya expects to harvest more than 2,500 bags of wheat seeds that will be distributed to farmers in the southern highlands and central zone aimed to increase the country's wheat production.

This was revealed here at the weekend by the centre's director Dr Tulole Bucheyeki at the launching of the harvest of the wheat seeds officiated by Mbeya Regional Commissioner, Juma Homers at the institute's farms.

Dr Bucheyeki said the preparation of the seeds was among the government's strategies to ensure the country is self-sufficient in wheat, and reduce the commodity's imports.

He said as for now 90 per cent of wheat consumed in the country is imported, making the country produce only 10 per cent, the situation, he said, "is not right

because the country has suitable land areas for wheat cultivation."

He said from research done, they came up with three types of wheat seeds that are suitable for cultivation in the country, and that they have produced ample quantities of the seeds for distribution to farmers.

He named the seeds as including "Sifa" that can yield 40 to 55 bags per hectare. "Merina" capable to produce 40 to 45 bags per hectare and "Ngoli" capable to produce 34 to 40 bags per hectare.

"We want that by 2025, the country should be self-sufficient in wheat to do away with imports," he said.

Dr Bucheyeki said as for now the areas they target to distribute the seeds include all Southern Highlands regions and Bahi District in Dodoma Region.

Speaking after launching the wheat harvesting event, Mbeya

Regional Commissioner, Juma Homers praised the research done by TARI saying it will greatly assist wheat farmer with quality seeds that have been adequately researched on.

He also called on TARI officials to continue educating on better cultivation of the crop in order to increase its production as a response to the government's call to mobilise farmers to grow the crop.

The RC said Mbeya Region has many areas suitable for wheat cultivation and that its residents were ready to do so, only that they need proper training from experts for the crop's cultivation.

He also challenged farmers to grab the opportunity in wheat growing claiming that wheat was among crops with reliable markets both within and outside the country.

(rmo) dr. mohamed mang'una said that the COVID-19 vaccination in Iringa region is progressing well except in the Mafinga Town council. Mufindi DC and Kilolo Council where there is little challenge for people to reach out to centers but more energy has been focused on those areas.

He said that they continue to provide COVID-19 education through various broadcasts including special radio programs every Thursday and Friday in response to questions asked by the public about covid-19 and its vaccine.

Dr Mang'una said in addressing the challenge, the government has come up with a system to provide education through outreach and mobile vaccination campaigns.

RMO has called on the general public not to drop the guard on COVID-19 pandemic as people are still being admitted daily, adding the surveillance teams will continue to closely monitor the situation and caution against the tendency of increased non-compliance to COVID-19 guidelines.

Iringa Council urged to buy more microphones to avoid COVID-19

By Correspondent Friday Simbaya, Iringa

IRINGA Municipal Council has been challenged to buy enough microphones for use during council sessions rather than sharing one gadget, which is risk at the time when COVID-19 pandemic is troubling the world.

One of the councilors, Aldo Gwegime said it's high time for the council to add more microphones to avoid the habit of rotating one microphone while contributing to a council meeting to avoid COVID-19.

Gwegime, who is a councilor from Mtwivilla Ward, explained that the Iringa Municipal Council has more than 24 councilors and municipal experts but they use the same microphone alternately when they want to contribute to the topic, which will lead to the transmission of COVID-19.

Iringa Municipal Mayor Ibrahimu

Ngwada said: "We're aware of Covid-19 and we're following all procedures to protect against the pandemic by ensuring that the microphone is sanitized."

He said the council plans to renovate the municipal conference hall to increase its size as well as install a microphone on each table to eliminate the system of rotating a single microphone due to the current state of COVID-19.

"We are aware that there is COVID-19 disease and we follow all health procedures that before a person starts talking to the microphone the sanitizer is blown first along with the person applying the sanitizer on his/her hands," said Ngwada.

At the same time, authorities in Iringa Region said that the Covid-19 vaccination is progressing well since its launch.

Iringa regional medical officer

the Jane Goodall Institute Tanzania

For Wildlife Research, Education & Conservation

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About Us

The Jane Goodall Institute (JGI) is a global community conservation organization that advances the vision and work of Dr. Jane Goodall by conserving chimpanzees and inspiring communities to conserve the natural world we all share, we improve the lives of people, animals, and the environment, we strongly believe everything is connected and everyone can make a difference.

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JGI Tanzania is currently seeking to recruit suitably qualified and competent Tanzanian to fill the following vacant position:

Job Position:	GIS Analyst
Program:	Landscape Conservation in Western Tanzania (LCWT)
Duty Station:	Kigoma
Reporting Line:	Deputy Chief of Party

Job Summary:

The GIS Analyst shall execute and implement activities funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) as part of the Landscape Conservation in Western Tanzania (LCWT) program. The GIS Analyst will support monitoring of Chimpanzee and their habitat and other wildlife particularly on Village Forest Reserves and on wildlife corridors. The job holder will provide geospatial technical expertise in remote sensing and spatial planning, field data collection, mapping with special attention to online mapping platforms particularly ArcGIS Online for data storage, management and sharing hands on experience Web Mapping and Web Apps is also desired.

Key Job Responsibilities & Duties:

Main technical responsibilities will include, but not limited to:

- Provide regular technical support and advice to Village Forest Monitors (FMs) across the project area particularly during data uploading and sharing of data and derived information with village governments.
- Consult with FMs to ensure that their efforts in monitoring village forests are consistent as agreed to avoid gaps which could be used by trespassers to encroach reserved village forest reserves.
- Evaluate FMs performance and update respective FMs to improve their monitoring efforts.
- Organize short term trainings to FMs to improve their monitoring and data collection skills using Survey 123 and smartphones.
- Coordinate recruitment of Village Forest Monitors in close collaboration with the district officials and village authorities as may be needed.
- Nurture smooth collaboration between FMs, VLUM Teams and their respective village authorities.
- Analyze and produce FM Quarter Report showing status and trend of wildlife and threats within village forests and corridors.
- Analyze, produce, and communicate to stakeholders' weekly wildlife, deforestation and fire alerts using a Decision Support and Alert System (DSAS) running on ArcGIS platform
- Work closely with Program GIS Officer and Land Use Planning Officer in supporting planning and mapping tasks particularly Land Use Plans.
- Support Mapping tasks and printing of paper maps and satellite images of program staff and districts to effectively communicate geospatial information.
- Manage and maintain GIS database as part of the DSAS and hardware resources including mobile devices (smartphones, GPS, tablets, WakaWaka), servers, plotters, workstations, and laptops including organizing for repairs for defect devices.
- Coordinate with IT to ensure reliable operation and access to the Internet for data uploading and downloading.
- Coordinate maintenance of shared resources like plotters and GIS laptops.
- Prepare and submit activity reports in a timely manner
- And any other job as may be assigned to you your Supervisor or Management.

Minimum Job Qualifications and other Requirements:

- o Graduate degree in GIS, Geoinformation, Geography & Environment Studies, or related field with practical experience in using GIS Software.
- o At least 5 years working experience in Geospatial Technical support to large conservation programs particularly community conservation projects.
- o Ability to use GIS Applications preferably ArcGIS Desktop, ArcGIS Pro and ArcGIS Online.
- o Ability to customize and use electronic data collection tools such as ArcGIS Survey123, Survey123 Connect for editing XLS Form for publishing to ArcGIS Online and create feature layers based on form specification for data collection.
- o Ability to use data analysis programs such as R, SPSS, Ms Excel etc. and other computer programs for communication such as Ms Word, PowerPoint, Outlook etc.
- o Experience working in rural and remote areas of Tanzania implementing spatial data collection mapping to support programs.
- o A track record of successful work on complex donor funded projects in a rural context
- o Previous knowledge and experience in working to support conservation and sustainable natural resources management projects is desirable.
- o Ability to work under pressure, tight deadlines and less supervision, self-motivated person, team player, reporting and presentation skills. Able to spend extended periods in rural settings.
- o Good Communication skills - fluent in Swahili and English, both verbal and written. This position involves working with a wide range of people within the institution, local communities, local and international partners, including technical and non-technical colleagues.

Job Position:	Behaviour Change and Communication Junior Officer
Program / Project:	Landscape Conservation in Western Tanzania (LCWT)
Duty Station:	Kigoma
Reporting Line:	Deputy Chief of Party

Job summary:

Behavior Change and Communication Junior Officer shall execute and implement activities funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) as part of the Landscape Conservation in Western Tanzania (LCWT) program. Behavior Change and Communication Junior Officer will be hired to provide assistance to the BCC Specialist in the implementation of the human behaviour change and communication activities in the LCWT project areas. The Job holder will be responsible collect, document and disseminate good lessons, information through various channels related to the program. Moreover, making sure that what is implemented is communicated effectively to project beneficiaries, partners, and stakeholders.

Key Job Responsibilities & Duties:

Main responsibilities will include, but not limited to:

- Facilitate logistics of BCC activities during implementation of the campaign e.g., movements of journalists, theatre group, government staff, and compost ambassadors to BCC villages.
- Plan and coordinate BCC community events.
- Procure BCC branded materials for BCC activities.
- Facilitate transportation, storage, and distribution of BCC materials to BCC villages.
- Coordinate the recording and production of radio broadcasts. Secure airtime from radio stations for the broadcast of BCC-related content and ensure content is aired as per agreed timeslots.
- Coordinate social media postings about BCC activities via social media as appropriate and according to approved campaign messaging.
- Prepare BCC annual workplan and related budgets.
- Prepare activity justifications, execute activities according to workplan and prepare activity reports
- Capture high quality photos and videos of BCC and other product activities.
- Prepare activity justification execute and produce reports for sharing with the management.

Minimum Job Qualifications and other Requirements:

- o Bachelor's degree in communications, social marketing/environmental psychology, behavior change or another similar field.
- o At least 3 to 5 years work experience in behavior change & communications experience promoting landscape conservation awareness.
- o Experience working in rural and remote areas of Tanzania implementing behavior change & communications activities.
- o Ability to work in a multi-cultural and multi-disciplinary team environment.
- o Ability to work under pressure, tight deadlines and less supervision, self-motivated person, team player, reporting and presentation skills. Able to spend extended periods in rural settings.
- o Good Communication skills - fluent in Swahili and English, both verbal and written, excellent communications, presentation, and inter-personnel skills.
- o A track record of successful work on complex donor funded projects in a rural context working with multiple stakeholders.
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Teens spreading terror in cities: Call for fast action

A SITUATION that has for the past half decade been forgotten is rearing its head again, what was usually known as 'panya road,' not the smuggling of goods sense but bands of youths, in their teens mostly, wrecking havoc in big cities. A report from Tanga towards the end of the week said views are

divided there on how to deal with gangs of teenagers terrorizing residents of Tanga city, 60 of whom were recently arrested by the police. As it isn't a daily phenomenon, it is likely to calm down for a while now.

As it was the case at the time that the late President John Magufuli came into office, or by the time he was getting to solve law and order drawbacks and putting the police and local administration on a proper footing, the mobs have not changed. The ruthless 'swarms' of youths armed with rudimentary weapons from households are said to have been operating for some months in Tanga. The issue is so far a regional matter, not one attracting policy decisions on what measures need to be taken; it is localised criminality.

The youths have been threatening, attacking and robbing residents of money and belongings such as purses and cell phones. This was usually the sort of crime propagated by motorcycle hiring thugs and they were stopped from entering the city centre in Dar es Salaam in the final year or thereabouts of the fourth phase government. For the regional authorities, it was a relatively minor law enforcement scenario where 60 teenagers aged between nine and 15 were arrested for robbery-related offences.

There were three batches of roughly 20 youths each, one of youngsters who can't serve jail

terms, another already jailed to various terms and another whose cases are being pursued. Only that the public is hankering for answers.

The public is baffled why teens of that age stock things like machetes, knives, screwdrivers and razors which they use to commit crimes, with some of them figuring out that there are adults involved. Yet this suspicion is hard to built into a case to investigate, for any adult will find it easier to send a son, but how does a father send a son on petty crime? Organised crime knows where to get plenty of money, not send a crowd to rob and then collect the proceeds, while such a crowd is unlikely to have any sense of discipline.

Regional police commander Blasius Chatanda pointed at parenting weaknesses leading to the disturbing situation whereby children who are supposed to be in school or doing homework at home traverse the streets of the city looking for potential victims to attack and rob. He did not appear to have any advice but that if adults don't play their part in parenting the law will always follow its course. That evidently is true but the sore toe is untreated.

It is regional commissioner Adam Malima who has been closest to the point, lately saying that Tanga region cases of drug trafficking and abuse were rising, second only to Dar es Salaam. It means we are back in the days of unchecked social decay and sporadic police operations.

That is a sad situation as boys taking to substance abuse start craving for money, and don't stop at anything. In addition, their sheer size and youthfulness point to lack of organisation but spontaneous action, after whispering to one another.

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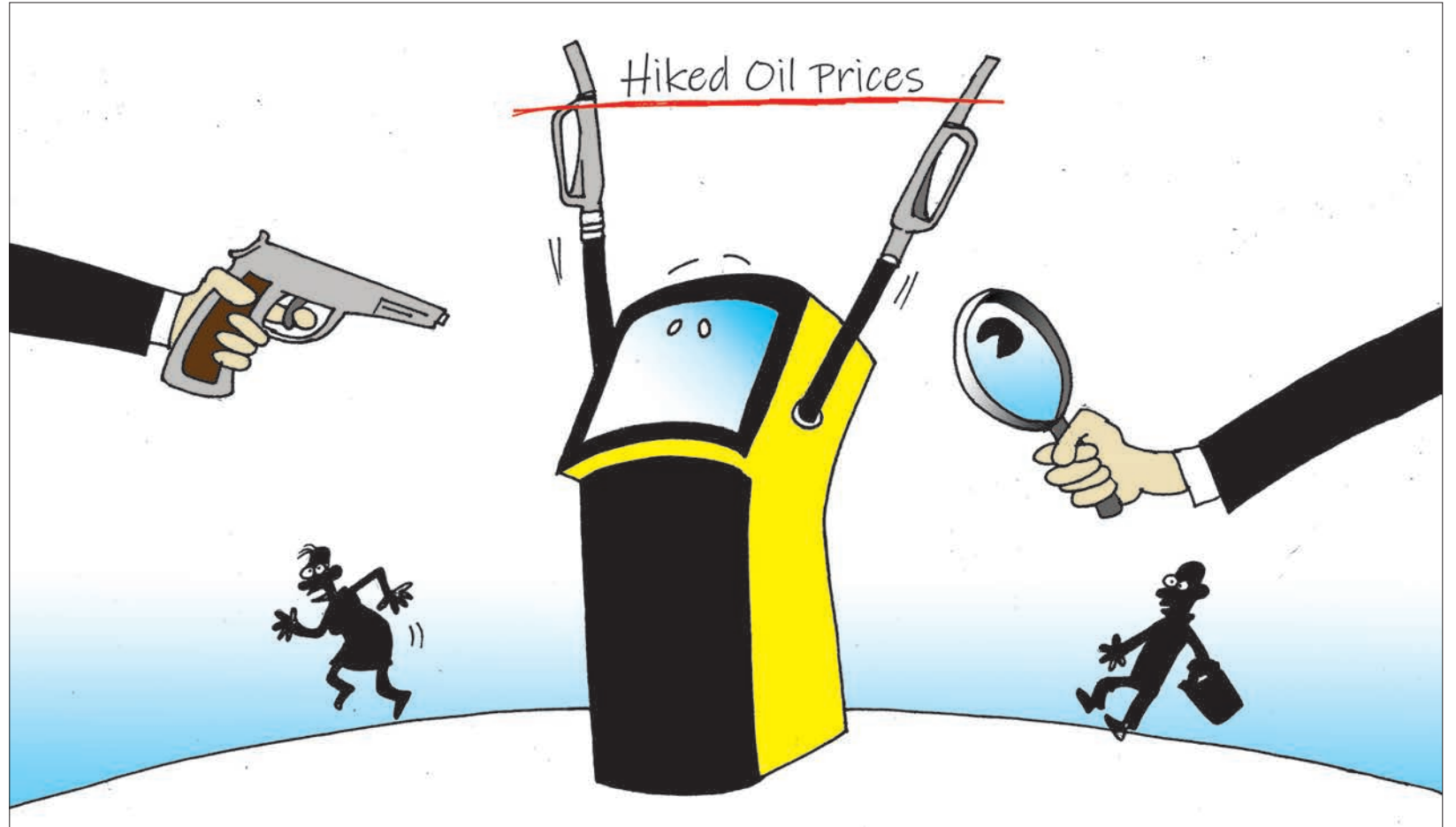
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OBITUARY

This is how I remember Basil Pesambili Mramba...

By Michael Shirima

IT is not possible for whoever knew Basil Pesambili Mramba (pictured) truly well to describe him and feel comfortable that a complete job has been done. That is the situation I am as I write this short piece. Accordingly, I will just describe him as a good person.

Faith was a priority for Basil - and he adored God through his Catholic faith, which was conspicuous from his very character and even in his face. Small wonder, then, that we who were close to him commonly fondly referred to him "Archbishop".

Basil was so gentle and so kind that he would not hurt a fly, as the saying goes. He helped many people in a variety of ways but always in the hope that, if these succeeded, a multitude of others would (by extension) find their lives much better than they were before the philanthropic intervention.

Despite his ever busy schedule and the ever demanding duties and responsibilities this entailed, Basil was a family man par excellence.

His respect for work was exemplary. He was not your kind of ordinary civil servant or politician. Rather, he was unique in many good ways, his attributes including diligence, integrity, loyalty, honesty, politeness and astuteness.

Basil harboured no grudges against anybody and, whatever social group it was when someone spoke negatively about another person, he would just smile it off without as much as a comment.



He entered active politics during the presidency of Father of the Nation Mwalimu Julius Kambarage Nyerere, who spotted his potential and quickly nominated him Member of Parliament and - subsequently - named him Industries and Trade minister.

His performance must have been immensely commendable, judging from the many and varied achievements witnessed across his political career.

Basil subsequently contested the parliamentary seat for his native Rombo (Kilimanjaro Region) constituency, emerging successful several consecutive times.

He is credited with having helped to propel the hitherto underdeveloped and somewhat forgotten area at the corner neighbouring Kenya along a porous border.

In a word, he achieved a line-up of great things for a constituency he loved to a fault.

One of the most notable developmental projects whose implementation he made possible

for the district was the tarmac road from Moshi to the border with Kenya, a matter which was discussed for years on end before independence but which never got done until forty years later under his watch.

Others feats include putting up secondary schools, water projects, rural roads, health facilities and many more in every ward across the constituency.

With these, Rombo people will forever remember Basil as their icon. But let me be quick to add that, as a long-serving cabinet minister, he was not discriminatory when it came to the development of other areas of Tanzania.

Basil was a cabinet minister under presidents Mwalimu Nyerere, Ali Hassan Mwinyi, Benjamin Mkapa and Jakaya Kikwete - that is, except under John Magufuli and incumbent Samia Suluhu Hassan. "Both rare and amazing, isn't it?"

Even upon retiring, and effectively without any official responsibility, he selflessly continued to work for the development of his home district through an NGO he had founded,

namely, Rombo Development Trust. He did so until his recent death because, a week before he fell ill, he shed light on his plan to complete buildings for two schools.

Many would be delighted to be in the company of Basil Mramba in any manner of social situation, casual or other. He commonly turned all the more joyful over a glass of wine, where his remarkable sense of humour kept everybody around elated.

Basil was never seen angry with anybody or any circumstance, even if there was ordinarily some reason to feel bad or uneasy.

Hear this: When he was admitted to hospital on his last journey on earth, the first thing he did was to ask for a priest to administer him a sacrament for the sick. According to Catholic Church tradition, he also wanted to receive the sacrament of confession - and he got all he wanted from his spiritual leaders.

This suggests that Basil fought a good fight, completed the race and kept the faith - and, for him, that was no mere recital. He lived and practised it to the very end, and it is believed and hoped that he is now happy in heaven, singing in the company of angels just as he loved to do in church.

May you rest in eternal peace, brother Basil Pesambili Mramba. Family and friends will ever be with you in spirit.

• Michael Shirima is Chairman of Precision Air Limited. This piece was emailed to The Guardian for publication.

Msimbazi look will be uplifted with new World Bank project

A NEW resting place and likely social centre is expected to come up in the central district of the city, or rather at its gates, when the government starts implementing the Msimbazi Valley project meant to stop flooding and blocking of the road artery to the central business district. The preliminary work is to remove piled up sand, deepen the creek taking water to the sea, widen the inlet from the sea that joins Msimbazi Valley gushing water at the Selander Bridge. That will be deepened up to Kawawa Road.

David Silinde, the Deputy Minister of State in the President's Office - Regional Administration and Local Governments (PO-RALG), told the National Assembly on Friday that senior officials of the ministry and the country office of the World Bank will meet in December for conclusion of discussions on the proposed project and contract signing.

Up to recent months what was being talked about was a bridge to replace the current one, though with a removal of plenty of the sand it could still suffice, but that depends upon the rest of the design. It is the recreational sphere, the plenty of space it provides, that is exciting.

Billed at around \$120m (over 200bn/-), the financing agreement to be signed in December will facilitate implementation of the project, but the proper works are scheduled to begin in July next year. The zone is bordered by the Jakaya Kikwete Cardiac Institute on the sloping horizon within the Muhimbili National Hospital complex, and by the Dar Rapid Bus Transit main offices and depot complex. There is plenty of space near Young Africans SC zone and in

the much less used low laying area bordering JKCI facilities.

There was in the past the Mzazi Mmoja area in the centre of the city, which is still available as a garden but without proper relaxation facilities, in which case the new idea may incorporate such design to make it easier for families to have a place to visit. One needs an area where families can sit and eat, chatting or other, meanwhile as children amply occupy themselves with equipped playgrounds or defined spaces. There are youthful age groups who can do with a facility like the Jakaya Kikwete Youth Park at the other end, in the Gereza area of the 'old city.' It is one among facilities that could be duplicated at Jangwani.

Kinondoni MP Tarimba Abbas was the who asked the main question on when the government will start to implement the Msimbazi valley development project, as plans for improving the area were highlighted in the 2021/2022 fiscal year budget estimates. Indeed the legislator is also an executive in a firm that can do a lot to make the place lively, or being one of the sources of putting up social complexes that don't rely on the municipality to operate, as that way it is more or less certain it will fail. Nor can World Bank credit be expected for more than the physical infrastructure, as private firms can't put up that sort of cash outlay.

As works for riverbank stabilisation start from Tabata and Kinyerezi to prevent rapid sedimentation, it implies that an extended resting park can be set up. It would connect with school facilities for instance at Loyola and up to Msimbazi Centre. The sky is the limit with a good design and proper implementation.

We need stamina to make South Africa a better place for all

By Zukiswa Pikoli

SO what lessons are we meant to take on in terms of stamina and sureness of course and purpose from those who came before us? How do we take that which they gave their lives for and seek to realise it?

Stamina is vital if one is ever to achieve anything worthwhile. It's a little word with a big meaning, requiring disciplined and sustained mental and physical effort in order to achieve an objective. This is a term most often used by athletes in describing what it takes to be able to perform over a period of time without getting tired, which is something that is achieved through mental and physical fitness but I think applies in the general South African context as well.

This is the conditioning required of us as Team South Africa if we

are to live in the country we want, but we have to be clear about what that country looks like. We cannot have one vision for a certain group of people and another vision for others; we all have to pull in the same direction for the team's survival.

We once had this vision, a vision that united people. The trouble is that when we grew weary of the struggle we ended up vesting it all in a cult of personality rather than collective purpose, values and principles. We created almost idolatrous relationships between ourselves and those we saw as "the chosen ones" to lead us.

South Africa's resistance movement started more than 100 years ago and those who started it didn't live to see its fruition, yet dedicated their lives and those of their families to the idea that freedom was sure to come for all

who live in SA if they organised and mobilised behind this struggle for a democratic country.

Remember, this struggle was the result of the collective and collaborative efforts of ordinary men and women who rallied behind one ideal, which was that of a free and fair society. It was not about rallying behind individuals, because that is not how teams work.

It is sometimes easy to forget that we are a burgeoning democracy and that part of what will get us from fledgling status to maturity is a contestation of ideals - something that often proves to be uncomfortable. We are a young democracy punching above its weight because of a set of ideals and values placed before us by the visionary pioneers of our democracy.

Some might say that there is no room for idealism when faced with

the hard work of building a country, but the strength of a team comes from recognising the value of its differently abled members. There's a reason why we need idealists and visionaries - because they set the course. Even when we do not attain the ideal, it brings us closer to where we need to be.

What we are facing in South Africa now is a crisis of leadership that has no vision for the country but instead has a cult of personality, because we have given up our agency. Admittedly it is tough trying to work towards a vision while others loot and pollute this vision to suit their own needs, sully things for everyone else.

But we cannot pick up our ball and go home the moment things get hairy or difficult. If that was people's attitudes during the struggle for liberation, we would never have achieved our freedom.

Start the Week with Cynthia Stacey

Reduce calls for desk donations, and let the government pay up...!

Jambo , and a few days into September, I'm speculating as to what local pillagers with access to the national coffers might have netted in my absence, in a country where even "ghost workers" could receive a seasonal bonus!

.....and a glance through the local newspapers awaiting me, confirmed it. "Revealed how 60 bn/- was looted from government coffers in 7 days". "Top NSSF executives suspended over embezzlement allegations". "Big firms caught using fake receipts in massive 29.2b/- scam"....etc.

At the time, the press reported that five district councils had been accused of financial misappropriation of 7.63 b/- in at least five councils across the country

The Minister was quoted as saying "This on-going trend where billions of shillings cannot be accounted for at district level, is completely wrong, and requires serious measures to halt it".

That's definitely an understatement, as "the trend" has gone on for decades, and seems to be in the DNA of many public servants, so how do we factor that out.....in the same way as social policy initiatives talk of the "factoring" in of something positive.

Set against this haemorrhage of the nation's lifeblood, there are appeals to tax payers to contribute for all manner of basic items that are lacking in public service, like schools particularly ...but if there wasn't so much 'insider pillage', would this be necessary?

One year, I returned here to a press heading of "Zanzibar official in rallying cry for school desks", and thought yes, I'm back in TZ as this has been the clarion call for decades. But the voicing of it then, under Magufuli with his common sense priorities when accessing the public purse, made it seem inappropriate.

At the time, the instigator of the plea was the Regional Commissioner who was asking people to donate desks in



Desk contributions should be discouraged, as they absolve the governments from responsibility. This lead to permanent need for a long term public assistance

order to address the shortage facing primary and secondary schools in his area, as the total number required on the Isles, was more than 45, 000. There was also a shortage of 1,400 class rooms, plus teachers were needed to help improve students' academic standards.

Such appeals were, and still are, in great contrast to the lavish spending and excesses, taken from the public purse in Dar es Salaam. This is Land cruiser territory, and with billboards advertising luxury buildings and amenities like the growing number of gambling casinos, and shopping malls...yet across the water on Zanzibar alone, was a shortfall of the humble school desk....33,000 to be exact...and also needed, might be the

basic necessity of toilets.

.....but quantifies the cost of these for most schools, and it would barely register a blip on the government's expenditure radar. Anyway, in scholarly mode, since pleas for desks are always on-going...let's pose the question....when is a school not a school?.....and the answer could well be when it has insufficient classrooms....no desks or seating....and a shortage of teachers.

It seems that education officials often erect four walls and a roof... than announce....."There were, it's nearly a school.....the people can finish it off!"

.....but surely there should be an end to such calls sixty years after independence. So presumably

when the full mass exodus from Dar es Salaam to Dodoma diminishes, and the government big boys (and girls) start choosing their new 10 million shilling sofa sets, carpets and curtains, plus a mega size TV for their offices, a nationwide "schools audit could be done first, and all toilet-less, teachers-less and class-less 'schools', should be given priority funding!

.....I've just remembered.....how much are MPS daily stipends, and what's their budget for food... because thousands of school children go throughout the day without any sustenance at all.....shocking!

O.K. another bill to be drafted... although one MP started to campaign for school lunches some time ago, if that is underway, it should be

supported with a slogan like ".....an empty belly means an empty mind ...so feed the nations school children!..."

Anyway, the point I'm making is that schools particularly should be better budgeted for over less vital areas, and not reliant on donations.

.....but time to close, and maybe Tanzania will know the country is on track, if there's ever a news story of ".....Ikulu official in rallying cry for donations for the State House declares "Everything looks run down and shabby now that most of the national budget goes to schools and other sectors of learning and other public priority."

.....Yeah that'll do....and hallelujau for the cause!

By Correspondent Gerald Kitabu

TARI Tumbi Tabora brings improved seed varieties closer to farmers

Tanzania Agriculture research Institute (TARI) has announced that farmers and agricultural stakeholders in the central corridor and western part of Tanzania have no need to travel over long distances in search for improved seeds, instead such high yielding varieties for various crop now available at TARI Tumbi centre in Tabora region.

The farmers and investors whose fields are in Tabora, Dodoma, Singida, Katavi, Kigoma and Rukwa can easily access the improved seeds at TARI Tumbi centre in Tabora region.

TARI Tumbi centre Acting director Dr. Emmanuel Mrema said the centre has thousands of metric tones of stock available for the 2021/22 agricultural season.

"The new high yielding varieties have been well researched and produced. They have been tested and adopted by our farmers and other stakeholders. On farm trials have proved beyond reasonable doubt that the improved seeds are better than those currently used by many farmers.

Citing an example, he said the centre has three maize varieties and hybrids which are well adopted in the central corridor and western part of the country. They also perform well in moderate drought areas. Yield per acre is around 20 to 25 bags and in most well fertile land like katavi and Rukwa the farmers can harvest up to 40 bags per acre.

He named other crops as cassava and orange fleshed sweet potatoes (OFSP).

"I encourage farmers to purchase the improved seeds because they are highly yielding. We hope that they will increase the yield and improve the standard of living.

Besides maize, the centre has several types of other perennial trees such as the improved mango and oil palm seedlings. We are developing these technologies from time to time to ensure that they we readily available to the farmers and we have enough stock, he said.

TARI director general Dr. Geoffrey Mkamilo explained that TARI has different technologies ranging from improved seed varieties to post harvest management throughout its centres scattered in the country.

The current priority of the Tanzania research institute is to scale up research, production, so that the farmers can achieve agricultural productivity, attain food and nutrition and spur the nation's economy.

He said in this 6th phase government, the Ministry of agriculture high agenda on the table is to generate and promote application of knowledge, innovation and agricultural technologies to enable farmers and the nation achieve sustainable agriculture and ensure food security.

He urged the farmers to stop using poor seeds and traditional methods of farming. "I am making

a call again, the farmers should opt improved seeds which are being released by TARI centres to increase crop yield per acre and improve their livelihood," he said.

The Ministry of agriculture under Prof. Adolf Mkenda want farmers and the nation transform agriculture, achieve sustainable agriculture and ensure food security.

"There are many technologies that have already been developed at TARI Tumbi Tabora. There are technologies for improved Maize, sorghum, cassava, oil palm and all these are highly yielding for the farmers, investors and other stakeholders in Tanzania.

He explained that normally the farmers get low yield because they are not using latest technologies. Forexample, most farmers end up getting only seven metric tones per hectare while such farmers if used improved cassava varieties developed by TARI such as TARI CAS 4 and followed good agricultural practices could obtain up to 40 metric tons per hectare.

For sweet potatoes, the farmers using traditional methods and poor seeds end up getting 1.5 metric tones per hectare while TARI Tumbi Tabora has released sweet potato varieties that can give the farmer a better yield of up to 22 metric tones per hectare," he said.

TARI Tumbi Tabora has also released orange fleshed sweet potatoes that are rich in several vitamins. In Tanzania, nutrition is an issue of national importance because good nutrition is both a desired outcome for ensuring optimal human health, as well as a key determinant of development, for the individual and for society in general. According to TDHS, 2015-2016; more than one third (34%) of children under age 5 years are stunted (short for their age); 5% are wasted (low weight for height) and 14% are underweight (low weight for age). About 57% of children under 5 (age 6-59 months) and 45% of women of reproductive age (age 15-49 years) are anemic.

Micronutrient malnutrition also called hidden hunger falls in the category of undernutrition. Micronutrient malnutrition is caused by deficiencies of essential minerals and vitamins. The main essential vitamins and mineral deficiencies in Tanzania are Vitamin A, folic acid, vitamin B12, iodine, iron and zinc. Micronutrient malnutrition is problem of public health significance affecting a large number of children and women of child bearing age in Tanzania. To address micronutrient deficiency, TARI Tumbi Tabora has developed the OFSP, the nutrition that can be consumed directly as one eats the potatoes or its porridge.

Other strategies used is to promote nutrition education of orange fleshed sweet potatoes so that a many people can be reached.

All these technologies are available at TARI Tumbi Tabora to ensure they are adopted and used by the farmers and other stakeholders," he stressed.



TARI Tumbi centre Acting director Dr. Emmanuel Mrema shows improved maize seed varieties for the farmers. Photo: Correspondent Gerald Kitabu

'How do you expect to stop war crimes with a request?'

By Mulugeta Gebrehiwot

From Tigray, where the government is trying to choke us to starvation, the international system's dysfunction is clear.

I was lucky to get a data connection in Mekelle today, which enabled me to learn about reactions to political developments in Ethiopia. Getting a connection has become a rare luxury for almost ten months now, as Addis Ababa has cut Tigray out of all available infrastructure - from telecoms, to the electric grid, roads, and banking services - as it has used isolation as a weapon of its war.

Reading recent news coverage about Ethiopia left me with mixed feelings. On the one hand, the extent and accuracy of the coverage of the war amazed me. I salute the dedicated journalists and humanitarian workers who have risked their lives to cover the sufferings of Tigrayans. Some have paid with their lives, while so many others have suffered harassment and physical abuse while doing their jobs. I also thought of the sons, daughters, and friends of Tigray scattered throughout the world who have toiled to correct the narrative of the war. The solidarity you feel from being understood generates a sense of hope and adds fuel to the adrenalin of resistance. I would like them to know their efforts are well known to the suffering population of Tigray and well registered in its history of resistance.

On the other hand, I was disappointed to read about the insufficient actions of the international system. It seems there is consensus among international media and rights groups that the conflict in Tigray is not "a law enforcement operation", as the government initially labelled it, but a fully-fledged war. The Ethiopian and Eritrean armies, along with regional militias and special police forces, are known to have committed war crimes including the use of food and sexual violence as weapons of war. Intelligence reports produced by Western capitals have talked of ethnic cleansing and pointed to statements by government officials to suggest underlying genocidal intent. And yet, the actions of the international system add up to little.

Western governments, the UN, international rights groups, and various think tanks have been calling on the Ethiopian government to look for a peaceful resolution to the war and have repeatedly demanded that Eritrea pull its forces out of Tigray. Many have also called for the withdrawal of Amhara militias and said that any claims over land should be pursued through legal means. These may be the correct demands to make, but they have little impact on the ground. How can you expect humanitarian corridors to be opened, war crimes to stop, and accountability for atrocities simply by issuing a request? Didn't you establish that that government has genocidal intentions and has committed war crimes and crimes against humanity? Are they going to agree to



A survivor of gender-based violence from the war in Mekelle, Tigray, Ethiopia. Credit: UNICEF Ethiopia/2021/ Mulugeta Ayene

polite requests as though they were guests at a dinner party?

Dysfunctionality of the international system

One can clearly see the deep dysfunctionality of the international system. From my reading, I can see that it is concerned with Ethiopia's territorial integrity and is inclined to support Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed as they claim not to see a viable alternative. The desire to maintain the status quo may be understandable, but how can you support the very entity that is ravaging towards an alternative solution?

Abiy has used every means to strangle the people of Tigray. He has denied the population humanitarian assistance, access to their bank deposits which they need to maintain their livelihoods, and means of communication to the outside world. What could this be if not a crime against humanity? Yet none of the international organisations, including the UN, has called them such and demanded the regime acknowledge these simple realities and repudiate them. Instead, it is welcome news when the government lets a few truckloads of aid pass through its blockade, the ensuing public congratulations letting Abiy off the hook for his ongoing siege.

In 2005, the responsibility to protect

(R2P) was introduced as a principle of multilateralism at the UN. This principle recognised that states are obliged to protect their own people, and that if one was unwilling or unable to do so, this responsibility shifted to the international community. To their credit, some, such as the US and European Union, have attempted to weaken perpetrators of violence by suspending direct budgetary support to the Ethiopian government. The US has also said it will impose targeted sanctions on individuals responsible and recently placed financial sanctions on the chief-of-staff of the Eritrean Defence Force.

These are encouraging but fall far short of the Tigrayan people's expectations. Whatever impacts these measures might have had, the Ethiopian regime continues to choke the whole population of Tigray with the clear intention of pushing it to starvation and collapse. Access to humanitarian aid is still almost zero as the supply lines continue to be closed. Relief agencies have run out of supplies. All essential services are shut down, complicating the already precarious conditions in Tigray.

The Tigray Defence Forces (TDF) have continued their military operations to clear the genocidal forces out of Tigray and expand operations to central and eastern Ethiopia, par-

ticularly to the Amhara and the Afar regions, with the primary objective of opening a humanitarian corridor and forcing the government to negotiate. Eight meetings of the UN Security Council have failed to reach agreement on a common position, let alone a decision capable of arresting the violence. History is registering how countries and multilateral institutions are responding to the crisis. Tigrayans will remember some members of the UN Security Council for standing on their side. They will remember others, particularly the three African countries, for their reluctance to play their part in enabling the international system to deliver serious actions according to the principle of R2P.

African voices

I was lucky to read the recent open letter, signed by over 50 prominent African intellectuals and published on African Arguments, calling for urgent action in Ethiopia. I was pleasantly surprised by it as African intellectuals speaking with a collective voice has rarely been observed since the elimination of apartheid in South Africa. Yet while I fully understand the difficulty of reaching agreement and the need to find the lowest common denominator, particularly when the group gets larger, I thought the signatories could

have done better.

I sympathise with their dismay over the failure to resolve the conflict peacefully, and I share their pain at the African Union's lack of effective engagement. I agree that its member states must not allow the Ethiopian government to dictate the terms of its engagement in seeking a resolution to the conflict.

However, I differ on some important observations. The TDF is not "expanding" the conflict to the rest of Ethiopia. From the beginning, this was a conflict involving all of Ethiopia, though the fighting was concentrated in Tigray. The African intellectuals' call rightly indicates the reasons for the TDF to move beyond Tigray. There are wars in Oromia, Benishangul-Gumuz, Kimant and other parts of the country. Various regional states have been under states of emergency administered by "command posts". The war in Tigray only came to be a major war because of its magnitude and genocidal intentions. But the fact that the TDF and Oromo Liberation Army (OLA) agreed to coordinate operations doesn't pose a new concern. Rather it is a new manifestation of an existing concern given the intransigency of the regime for the peaceful resolution of conflicts.

I also wish the call for the Ethiopian government and the government of Tigray was separated into separate demands, rather than calling on both parties to respond positively to calls for political dialogue, including with groups in the Amhara and Oromia regions. As far as I know, the government of Tigray has not only responded to repeated calls for talks but has made its own official calls for a peaceful resolution several times. It has already acted on the open letter's demand. By contrast, Abiy has not responded to any of the calls. When the TDF expanded its operations to the Amhara and the Afar regions, Abiy repeatedly made public statements reasoning that the incursions were made to force him to talk. He reaffirmed that he will never talk to an entity he calls "terrorist" but will instead destroy it so he can reassert his rule in Tigray.

Nevertheless, the African intellectuals' collective action is encouraging. And it is reasonable to hope the engagement will grow in quality and intensity. I am hoping the authors and signatories - and many others - remain seized by developments in Ethiopia and encourage the parties of the conflict to move to a peaceful resolution.

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Govt, Huawei to empower women in ICT industry

By Guardian Correspondent, Dodoma

THE government has pledged to collaborate and join the initiatives being undertaken by the communications giant, Huawei in empowering women in the ICT sector in a move aimed at attaining gender threshold between men and women.

The promise was given by Permanent Secretary (PS) in the Ministry of Communications and Information Technology Dr Zainab Chaula during an official event to launch a robust plan to improve youth talents in the ICT sector via higher learning institutions.

Dubbed 'Seeds for the Future Program' the plan was initiated by Huawei at a colourful function held in the country's capital, Dodoma, at the end of the week.

According to Dr Chaula, in recognising the contribution of the ICT sector, the government was well prepared to collaborate with Huawei to ensure that the ambitious plan was producing more youth in the ICT profession, by equally considering gender parity.

"We believe that through this partnership from the renowned communication company, Huawei, we will surely manage to accomplish our plan, and apart from commencing Huawei for implementing the plan for six years now, I wish to declare that the government shall continue according to you with any necessary assistance," she noted.

The Permanent Secretary said there was quite a number of opportunities in the ICT sector, adding that out of 50 young men and women who will be trained in the envisaged plan, 40 of them are women, something which was encouraging in attaining gender parity in the sector.

In another development, Dr Chaula advised youth in the country to effectively tap the potential of ICT development by coming up with innovative ideas for personal gains and for the best interest of the country.

Speaking at the event, Huawei's Deputy Director General in Tanzania, Tom Tao said the training to youth was initiated in 2016 by selecting 10 best performing ICT students from different higher learning institutions who were given intensive training in China in matters regarding ICTs.

He added that because of COVID-19 challenges, beginning last year, the training was being provided electron-



Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Communications and Information Technology, Dr Zainab Chaula (in headscarf), in a group photo with University of Dodoma senior officials. Right is acting Vice Chancellor Prof Albina Tenge, Deputy Huawei's director general Tom Tao (2nd L-seated). Looking on are beneficiary students of the programme dubbed: Seeds for the Future. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

ically and that the number of students had increased to 50 and that until now, about 150 youth had benefited.

According to Tao, in ensuring that Huawei was successful in its plan to bring gender equality in ICT, 90 percent of beneficiaries of the project will be women.

"In addition, our company understands the importance of ICT in bringing the country's development and that is why we are well determined through our various

programmes including this, more youth are getting the required education on ICT so that they can compete in the world market.

Speaking at a similar occasion the representative of University of Dodoma (UDOM) Vice Chancellor, Professor Albina Tenge said the university was teaching one of the courses in ICT called CIVE, but was quick to point out that Huawei's Seeds for Future was providing an op-

portunity to youth to have intensive practical training which allows them to employ themselves.

Earlier on when expressing their opinions about the plan beneficiaries of the programme, Everline and Henry Materu from Mzombe and University of Dar es Salaam respectively said they would ensure that the training helps in bringing positive results in the country's economy.

How young female engineers sparkle at Geita Gold Mine

By Guardian Reporter

IT is a difficult puzzle why most young Tanzanian female graduates are so reluctant to enter male-dominated professions, especially in mining, engineering or geology. There are reportedly fewer female engineers in Tanzania compared to male engineers.

In 2018, the Engineers Registration Board (ERB) announced that Tanzania has a shortage of female engineers, which is holding back the country's development.

In 2016, it was reported that although the first female engineers in Tanzania graduated in 1976, according to official statistics, only four percent of all registered engineers in Tanzania were women in 2009.

But under the Structured Engineers Apprenticeship Programme (SEAP), which aims to equip them with knowledge and experience to become professional engineers in a male-dominated field, there is at least a bright future.

The programme, run by Engineers Registration Board, Tanzania's professional body with financial support from the Norwegian government, has seen the number of female engineers in Tanzania more than double since 2010.

The demonstrable increase in the number of young female engineers has led to a rapid paradigm shift in the male-dominated scientific professions as most female graduates are now interested in scientific careers despite being discouraged and disappointed by men who still believe that women cannot take up challenging jobs, especially in the mining sector.

In a recent interview with Jesca Laswai, a mining engineer who works for the GGML underground mining contractor, African Underground Mining Services (AUMS), who cited passion, commitment and ambition as unique factors that drive some young female graduates to excel in mining careers.

"I do not think there is a specific profession for boys or men. If that were the case, we would not have seen so many talented young women setting world records," explains Eng. Jesca, a mining engineering graduate from the University of Dar es Salaam.

Jesca had a desire to explore the mining industry, saying: "It was not easy because soon after I decided to pursue a career in mining, most people close to me advised me against it, saying I was wasting my time and jeopardizing my family's future."

But Jesca says things changed after she chose this career, and she is now very happy doing what she does. "I want to encourage other young women and graduates of other colleges to believe that anything is possible on this planet. They should be aggressive and take up any profession, including mining. This mining career ensures my daily bread here in Geita through daily planning of mining activities in Nyankanga.

"I know few girls complete secondary education in Tanzania due to widespread poverty and the perception among parents that girls should carry out domestic



duties.

"But if they are in school, girls have received little encouragement to pursue mathematics and science subjects, often considered the domain of male students," Jesca explains.

In the next ten years, Jesca sees herself as a successful mining engineer, and she is optimistic that she will reach that level, not only because she is being empowered, but simply because she is able to perform at the required level.

Tanzania is rich in natural resources, such as gold, diamonds, nickel, uranium, and natural gas. It is also home to one of the rarest gemstones in the world, Tanzanite, which is only found in Man-yara region.

Despite these unique resources and booming economy, a Tanzania rank 152nd out of 182 countries in the Human Development Index, 134th out of 185 countries in favourable business environment, and has a per capita income of US\$652.

Approximately 70 per cent of the population lives in rural areas where access to

facilities is limited or completely absent.

As a result, the country continues to face many socioeconomic challenges that are further compounded by high illiteracy and dropout rates, leading to an increase in unemployment.

The situation for young women and girls is also very bleak.

The chairman of the ERB board, Eng. Ninatubu Lema more than 2,000 engineers are currently graduating from universities in the country every year, but only 800 of them are registered with the ERB, with more than 1,200 engineers disappearing into the unknown, leading to the presence of air engineers in the country.

He says the number of registered engineers in the country is 21, 742 of while 2,153 are women, which is equivalent to 10 percent.

He says the number of female engineers in the country has been increasing and that in 2010 their number was only 96 and so far it has reached 443, that is due to the efforts of the Norwegian

country, which have been providing scholarships to female engineers.

Eng. Lema says despite having that number, it is small compared to the country's needs for engineers in the construction industry.

"Efforts should be increased to enroll students in universities, as the number of engineering students enrolled in universities is declining every year," says Lema.

He says the challenge facing the engineering profession is the shortage of engineers, budgets, human resources and finances.

However, he says Tanzania has been promoting the prosperity of giving more than 60 percent of students compared to Kenya and Rwanda.

Given these challenges, he says the government's policy of the sixth phase of industrialization is in dire need of engineers for the nation to achieve its goals and they have now launched a campaign to encourage students in schools to study science subjects.

UNESCO beefs up efforts to reduce GBV, HIV, unintended pregnancies in universities

By Correspondent Rose Mwalongo

HIGHER and tertiary education institutions in the SADC region inclusive of Tanzania are a home to a large number of sexually active young adults. It is frequently assumed that its students are well equipped with the education to avoid negative health outcomes such as gender based violence, early and unintended pregnancy as well as HIV/AIDS.

However, the latter are vulnerable to sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) related concerns and risks. The situation is critical because while in college campuses, young people tend to navigate new responsibilities, relationships, and experiences on their own and in an unfamiliar setting.

Furthermore, students experience high levels of gender based violence. This is according to an online survey conducted by UNESCO in 2018 to enrolled university students where it indicated that 18% of female respondents in Zimbabwe and 27% in Tanzania had been forced to have sex at least once.

The disturbing findings could mean increasing vulnerability of female students to STDs, unintended pregnancy as well as HIV.

The situation has raised an alarm within rights bodies where mid this week stakeholders met for an inception meeting as part of the launch of the UNESCO - SIDA funded project titled Our Rights, Our Lives, Our Future, (O3 Plus).

The project will be implemented in 24 varsities and college campuses within the four countries including Tanzania.

UNESCO Head of Office and Representative Tirso Dos Santos mentions the main goal of the project as to reduce HIV infections, early and unintended pregnancy as well as gender based violence among young people in higher and tertiary institutions.

Dos Santos says more often than not students join higher learning institutions while mature and free from the constant guidance they received from either parents or guardians stressing that if left un-

checked, the trend could see them encounter challenges.

He stresses that if well implemented, the project will enable students to reach their full educational potential and contribute more effectively to the development of their countries and region as graduates, professionals and young leaders.

In an immediate rejoinder, Evaristo Mitu, Assistant Director, Higher Learning within the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology (MOEST) mentions the worrying trend based from the various statistics presented during the launch of an online course on comprehensive sexuality education supported by UNESCO at the University of Iringa.

"All statistics indicated the deterioration of health among youth on a yearly basis. The situation is caused by either poverty, lack of awareness or failure by institutions to provide opportunity to educate young people to behave well in a way that they can grow and acquire education without being infected by HIV, STDs or become victims of gender based violence and related behaviors," says Mitu.

He hails UNESCO for its initiatives saying it helps the government efforts to ensure the education provided to youths result into production of educated and health people who will contribute to the social economic development of our community and the national at large.

For his part, Herman Mathias, National Programme Officer at UNESCO in Dar, says SRH outcomes, such as unintended pregnancies and sexually transmitted infections (STIs), immediately affect students' well-being and can cause disruptions in educational attainment.

He admits that while there has indeed been significant focus and investment in the region in recent years on increasing the provision of CSE in primary and particularly secondary schools, much less attention has been paid to the status of sexuality education and service provision within higher and tertiary education institutions.

Shocking jobless figures in South Africa make a basic income grant a social, moral and historical imperative

By Brett Herron

Appropriately funded and managed, with no wiggle room for state incompetency or corruption, a Basic Income Grant could finally lay the foundation for sustainable healing and justice in post-apartheid South Africa. To those who say such a grant is unaffordable, the obvious answer is that South Africa can no longer afford not to.

A few days ago, Statistics SA announced that South Africa's unemployment rate had reached a record high of 34.4%, or a staggering 44% if we use the expanded definition of unemployment, which includes those who have given up looking for work.

More than 46% of young people under the age of 34 - and a staggering 63% of under-24s - are unemployed.

The simple fact is that our economy is unable to generate enough jobs to reduce and eliminate unemployment, which leaves millions of South Africans without any access to an income. It is physically impossible for any adult of employable age to live day to day, month to month and year to year without income.

Prioritising the implementation of a Basic Income Grant - or Basic Income Guarantee (BIG) - is a social, moral and historical imperative crucial to the sustainability of South Africa's constitutional democracy.

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Inequality was the overarching policy of apartheid and its colonial predecessors. The fact that inequality has deepened in post-apartheid South Africa is a shameful slur on the state, the governing parties, the business sector and all South African

cans of social conscience and integrity.

Among the funding mechanisms that the state is duty-bound to consider are redistributive measures recommended by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) 22 years ago.

Among the commission's key recommendations were that those to whom it did not give amnesty for apartheid-era human rights violations should be prosecuted (all being equal before the law), and that the state should implement a reparations policy.

Recognising that funding reparations were expensive - but nonetheless imperative in contributing to narrowing the "intolerable" inequality gap - the commission proposed a number of redistributive measures.

None of the recommendations was implemented.

Commission chairperson Archbishop Desmond Tutu said later that the mood in the country created by its first democratically elected president, Nelson Mandela, was such that many businesses and individuals would have been happy to contribute to the reconstruction of the country. In a sense, it could also be a cathartic mechanism to pay something back in acknowledgement of the privilege they accrued under apartheid.

The archbishop referred to the unimplemented recommendations as the TRC's unfinished business.

Despite government's efforts to provide houses, security and comfort to citizens - the millions of fully subsidised homes that have been built and connections made to the water, sewerage and electricity grids - 22 years after the TRC published its recommendations, levels of poverty, joblessness and inequality have increased. Unsustainably so.

On top of deeply entrenched structural barriers to economic inclusion, the impact of the global Covid-19 pandemic has been devastating. According to the Business and Human Rights Resource Centre, social scientists from



five South African universities recently estimated Covid-related job losses at three million, of which two million were lost by women.

Nearly half the South African population is living in poverty, a burden that is disproportionately carried by women, with 74% of women-headed households living below the poverty level. Dismantling the deeply entrenched structures that created economic, social, spatial and environmental injustice will require all of our efforts. South Africa has a well-established social assistance programme - of cash transfers - but the programme makes no provision for able-bodied adults between 18 and 59 years, the assumed age of economic activity.

Their exclusion condemns many to live in intolerable conditions.

Section 27 of the South African Constitution guarantees every person the right to sufficient food and water and to "social security, including, if they are unable to support themselves and their dependants, appropriate social assistance".

It is in this context that the debate about the BIG must be understood. When an econo-

my is unable to provide enough jobs for people to earn an income and take care of themselves financially, then the state has a duty to provide relief.

It is not a gift or a handout; it is a right.

In response to the economic turmoil occasioned by the Covid-19 pandemic, the state introduced a temporary Covid-19 Social Relief of Distress Grant of R350 per month. Payment of this grant has been extended to March 2022. It's far from perfect, and hardly sufficient to keep the wolf from the door, but it is helping nearly seven million beneficiaries.

The first step on the road to a BIG is to continue to provide the social relief grant of R350 per person per month and expand access to whoever applies for it.

But we must recognise this grant for what it is: A commendable state response in an economic emergency wrought by a health pandemic - a Band-Aid to stem the flow of blood from a gaping wound.

The next step must be finding the means to address legitimate concerns about universality, quantum and affordability.

The benefit of the grant being universal - that is, available

to every adult regardless of their personal financial circumstances - is that it reduces the barriers to access for those who need it most by reducing systemic errors. But extending the grant to all, including those who don't need it, will add to the financial burden on the state.

The International Growth Center proposes that "transfers should be made universal or accessible on an opt-in basis (i.e. beneficiaries self-evaluate their eligibility), where feasible to try to reach as many in need as possible".

It makes obvious sense to reduce unnecessary spend while securing ease of access. As a start, an opt-in system for all who are not registered for income tax, for example, could be a sensible balancing condition that would be relatively easy to manage.

The question of quantum is equally challenging.

The most recent data published by Stats SA shows the Food Poverty Line at R585 per person

per month. This is the amount of money a South African needs to afford the minimum daily food required. The same report places the Lower Bound Poverty Line at R840 per person per month and the Upper Bound Poverty Level at R1,268 per person per month. These levels are a combination of the minimum daily food requirements plus non-food essentials.

In the ideal circumstances, we should be able to provide social security that meets, at the very least, the upper-bound poverty level of R1,268 per month. This could eliminate poverty in as little as three years. But it would cost the fiscus about R415-billion per year.

If we lower our initial expectations and set the quantum at the Food Poverty Line of R585 per month, the amount of money required drops to R197-billion. This number could be further reduced to R157-billion by restricting payments to unemployed people only. Reaching 60%-80% of this

group, which is likely in the initial period, would further reduce annual costs to around R95-billion.

How does the country afford it?

If the new minister of finance follows through on the plan to introduce zero-based budgeting - a budgeting process aimed at reducing wastefulness and identifying absolute spending priorities - then this would free up significant cash. Correctly implemented, it would place the BIG into the budget as a non-negotiable expense and build the rest of the budget around it.

Secure access to sufficient food and water is the most basic of needs of every human being. It should be budgeted for before anything else.

According to the Institute for Economic Justice, eliminating government waste would save about R20-billion. This is a very conservative figure when you consider that State Capture is said to have cost the South African people about R500-billion.

If properly prioritising the budget falls short of the BIG funding need, tax mechanisms must be considered. It is here that the TRC's recommendations come into focus. The Institute for Economic Justice estimates that a wealth tax of 1% on the top 1% of earners in South Africa would bring an additional R63-billion in revenue.

South Africa has the resources to fund this. It is a question of priorities.

Finally, it should go without saying that economic growth that creates jobs is the pathway we are all looking for. Championing and supporting a BIG does not equate to giving up on an economy that grows inclusively and gives every adult, of employment age, the opportunity to earn a decent wage and experience a life which is fulfilled by meaningful employment.

The money spent on the BIG will not be lost to the economy. It will be spent by the recipients in the economy and contribute back to our revenue through VAT and taxes.



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BUSINESS



Kakuzi avocados at Tesco supermarket in London.

CENSURE

UK's Tesco keeps ban on Kakuzi avocados

NAIROBI

Britain's largest supermarket chain, Tesco is yet to reinstate avocado supplies by Kakuzi as it presses for comprehensive human rights reforms by the Murang'a-based agriculture firm.

The British retailer on October 11, 2020 temporarily dropped Kakuzi as its supplier of avocados pending investigations into alleged assault and sexual misconduct by some of its employees. The ban stands nearly a year later, even as sources told the Business Daily that Tesco pressed for deeper reforms to safeguard the rights of workers and the communities living around the Kakuzi farms.

Through its Kent-based parent Camellia Plc, Kakuzi has been sued over the alleged human rights violations by its employees – which it has denied. The UK-listed company Camellia owns 50.7 percent of Kakuzi.

Law firm Leigh Day said that 79 Kenyans had launched a legal claim in the High Court in London against Camellia for alleged human rights abuses by security guards employed by Kakuzi, its Kenyan subsidiary. The allegations, dating from 2009 to January 2020, include rapes, attacks on local villagers, and a man being beaten to death, Leigh Day said. The Nairobi Securities Exchange-listed Kakuzi this week pledged to accelerate human rights reforms to comply with international standards.

"We are taking any issues on human rights extremely seriously," Wilson Odio, the Kakuzi assistant general manager in charge of corporate affairs, told the Business Daily in an interview on Wednesday. "We are cognizant of the fact that going forward businesses will more and more have to observe human rights in the course of their operations. Kakuzi does not in any way entertain human rights abuse of any sort." Dr Odio cited some recently instituted measures to address the claims.

They include the employment of a manager in charge of human rights is-

suages, an audit by a global firm on the impact of its operations on human rights, and the establishment of a dedicated operational-level grievance reporting mechanism that will provide multiple avenues through which our employees and the community can raise issues they would like the company to address.

Kakuzi has also appointed former Attorney-General Githu Muigai to chair the company's newly created Independent Human Rights Advisory Committee (IHRAC) that will provide technical advice to the board of directors.

"They have already started working. Their work is to advise Kakuzi on human rights issues," said Dr Odio. Camellia said earlier it would take remedial measures and undertake governance reforms, and encourage its subsidiaries to do the same with an aim of better handling potential future abuses.

The measures include funding of charcoal kilns and access to firewood, building two social centres for community meetings, and employing predominantly female safety marshalls on Kakuzi's farm "to give visible reassurance to those using access routes and particularly women." Dr Odio said Wednesday, Kakuzi has built new roads to give community residents better access to local amenities and hired some as marshalls.

"We are doing what we have to do ensure that where there are human rights issues, they are addressed," Dr Odio said. Camellia and its local subsidiary are trying to win back the confidence of customers in Europe who value ethical corporate behaviour nearly as much as the quality of produce.

The value of avocado supplies by Kakuzi to the UK and other countries in Europe in the half-year period to June this year fell by 52.88 percent to Sh137.2 million from Sh291.2 million in a similar period a year earlier, according to Kakuzi's latest financial statements. space trash into gas for recycling into fuel or dumping overboard.

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ACTIVISM

NMB to finance needs-based sustained countrywide development programme

By Guardian Reporter

A needs based sustainable development programme to be financed by NMB Bank Plc countrywide will provide assistance to various regions based on their challenges.

NMB Bank's CEO, Ruth Zaipuna said yesterday during a maiden 'NMB Bank and Parliament' festival that the programme which was launched by Vice President Dr Philip Mpango, that the bank is committed to help Tanzanians solve some of their pressing development challenges.

"Today through this festival, we are launching the new sustainable programme that will follow a calendar of parliamentary sessions here in Dodoma so that all lawmakers should be present and take part," Zaipuna said.

She explained that the bank's support will be done every three months and that to begin with, Dodoma will get support in education sector but also a tree planting campaign aimed at making the new capital city green.

"To kick-start this new pro-



NMB Bank Plc's CEO, Ruth Zaipuna.

gramme today, we are handing over 1,500 rims of papers and sanitary pads for use by pupils in Dodoma region who are preparing to sit for their final primary school leaving certificate examinations," she added.

The NMB chief executive further noted that the exercise will spread countrywide in due cause with the second festival due to be held in December also in Dodoma city. "We shall use the next festival to plant tree because it will be rainy

season," Zaipuna hinted while assuring Dr Mpango that NMB remains the country's most stable and profitable bank.

Addressing lawmakers, NMB staff and the public during the climax of the festival, Dr Mpango commended the bank for initiating the event which apart from improving people's health through the charity walk, resources raised will be invested in development projects.

"This festival is very important because it helps individuals build physical fitness through exercising but also the positive development aspect of support education and environmental conservation," he said.

"My advice is that this important festival should not only be held in Dodoma but rather should cover the whole country because needs are enormous," Dr Mpango added while pledging to work with NMB in tree planting. The VP's office is responsible for the environment also. During the climax of the festival NMB also donated various educational materials to Dodoma region valued at 17m/-.

DIGITIZATION

Dar to benefit from Microsoft's agri-tech initiative targeting in Africa food sector

By Guardian Reporter

A programme that will avail digital tools and training resources to small-scale farmers and agriculture-linked small businesses in Africa which will involve local farmers has been launched last week.

The programme which is a partnership between Microsoft and International Finance Corporation aims to support digital transformation in Africa's agribusiness sector, modernize supply chains and boost farmers' productivity and incomes. To start with, a mobile platform will be piloted among farmers in Tanzania, Kenya, Nigeria, Cote d'Ivoire, and Uganda.

"Now more than ever, we need to pay close attention to how agri-tech organisations transform digitally, what challenges they face acquiring new technologies, and the daily challenges they may be facing in the area of digital skills development," said Microsoft Kenya Country Manager, Kendi Nderitu.

The programme which targets to reach and support 50,000 farmers through at least 50 cooperatives, is informed by the fact that digital technology can improve the operation of key supply chains in the food system through greater agricultural efficiencies, improved business practices, traceability, food safety and, access to finance.

However, the use of digital tools in Africa's agriculture sector remains limited, often because of infrastructure, affordability, awareness, and regulatory issues. Agribusiness contributes about 25 percent of Africa's GDP and 70 percent of its employment.

"Microsoft 4Afrika's strategy is to invest in agri-tech to unlock Africa's vibrant potential, accelerating innovation in agri-tech to enable data-driven farming that can optimise

yields, boost farm productivity and increase profitability – all while feeding a nation," Nderitu added.

The partnership will leverage Microsoft 4Afrika's unique digital platforms and IFC's Agribusiness Leadership Program to help small-scale farmers, their cooperatives, and last-mile retailers' access information and digital tools to strengthen farming practices, build business professionalism and improve food security and traceability throughout the supply chain.

Commenting on the programme, Samuel Dzotele who is acting Regional Industry Director, Manufacturing, Agribusiness and Services, Middle East and Africa at IFC said: "Digital technologies have the power to transform small-scale farming in Africa. By making digital tools more accessible to farmers, cooperatives and last-mile retailers, Microsoft and IFC can together help the agribusiness sector to capitalise on the opportunities afforded by the digital economy."

Around 155 million people were facing acute food insecurity in 2020 across 55 countries or territories, an increase of around 20 million people from 2019, according to the 2021 Global Report on Food Crises. Of the 10 countries with the highest number of people facing food insecurity, six were in Africa.

Digital technology is one way to boost agricultural production and efficiencies. The partnership will include Microsoft's KuzaBot mobile chat platform, which will speed and ease the dissemination of vital information to farmers on good agricultural and business practices.

IFC's Agribusiness Leadership Program, which will be available on the Microsoft Community Training platform, will help small businesses, aggregators, and farmer cooperatives improve their professionalism, productivity, and creditworthiness.

Eskom CEO says carbon capture being considered in SA

JOHANNESBURG

Eskom, South Africa's biggest emitter of greenhouse gases, is evaluating the use of carbon capture at power plants as part of decarbonisation plans to transform the coal-burning utility.

The process that captures carbon-dioxide emissions would need to be financially viable, Chief Executive Officer Andre de Ruyter said in an interview on radio station 702 on Friday. "We need large geological structures to ensure that the CO2 is captured

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MOBILISATION

EABC member states chambers of commerce agree on collaboration

By Francis Kajubi

IN a bid to speed up integration through cross border trade and investments, East African Business Council and regional member of states' chambers of commerce have agreed on flexible approaches to address emerging setbacks holding back progress.

Speaking at the climax of an East Africa Trade and Industrialization Week held in Dar es Salaam on Friday, EABC Executive Director, John Kalisa said that there a number of areas that stakeholders discussed and agreed such as strengthening the private sector engagement among member states.

Kalisa said business people highlighted issues hindering rapid economic integration and cross border trade as presence of non-tariff barriers, standardization and sanitary and phytosanitary standards and of late, measures related to the Covid-19 pandemic.

He said private sector members from the member states also agreed to promote inclusiveness, access to finance by women and youth and how has the EAC position itself to exploit opportunities provided by African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA).

"Issues raised are related to no-tariff barrier, access to finance, economic



EABC executive director, John Kalisa.

recovery post the Covid-19 pandemic which has badly affected economic sectors such as tourism and agri-business. We are targeting

to rebuild trust and confidence among member state," Kalisa said. "Participants also discussed on how EABC can unlock the

challenge by engaging the African Development Bank and other development banks to ensure that SMEs of the region have access

to affordable and long term financing," the EABC chief said.

According to him, the weeklong discussions among stakeholders in the production value chain was also geared to ensure that trade facilitation agencies such as customs, bureau of standards, immigration departments need to work together to facilitate trade rather than hindering it.

"We have discussed on how we avail trade related information to the regional business community. On the other hand, there have been a strong call in terms of African Continental Free Trade Area on how to position the east African business actors and agencies in promoting and taking advantage provided by the continental trade platform to explore opportunities," Kalisa said.

He said that the barriers hindering recovery of business, EABC has committed itself to work closely with the apex organizations such as Tanzania Private Sector Foundation, Tanzania Chamber of Commerce Industry and Agriculture, Confederation of Tanzania Industries on issues impacting trade across the region.

INVESTMENT

Agricorp International raises \$17.5m to increase capacity in processing

LAGOS

Agricorp International, a Nigerian-based spices producing, processing, and exporting company announced that it has raised \$17.5 million in Series A funding to increase its processing capacity up to 7000 metric tonnes. The funding round was led by Vami Nigeria, contributing \$11.5 million and other participants include One Capital LLC and AFEX.

Founded in 2018 by Kenneth Obiajulu and Wale Omotimirin, Agricorp is contributing to meeting the growing demand of spices as an export material. Data from Nigeria's Ministry of Agriculture shows that despite being the third highest exporter of ginger globally, Nigeria's ginger production is put at 31 million MT while demand is put at 65 million MT, leaving a gap of 34 million MT. While Nigeria accounts for more than 16% of the global production of ginger, it gets less than 4% of the export market share.

Kenneth Obiajulu, Agricorp's CEO said, "We believe that by increasing our capacity to 7,000MT, we will maximise the potentials to boost Nigeria's forex earnings through export, contribute our quota to improving the Nigerian GDP from agriculture, and serve as a worthy model to African youths who aspire to be agribusiness owners. We want to show them it is possible and very rewarding as well".

According to lead investors, Vami Nigeria, "we led the round because we saw a clear growth path, strong social impact, excellent financial trajectory, and global collaborations with key partners. Most importantly, the depth of knowledge, passion, and resilience of the team is unrivalled.

Samirah Ade-Adebiyi, Managing Director at AFEX, said "our other businesses have transacted with Agricorp on several occasions and have seen the business grow over time. Now, we are committed to providing the working capital they require to scale their operations at any level."

It will take a bold approach to put Nigeria on the global export radar by leveraging investments to build simple processing systems for spices and other agro products. Agricorp aims to be that bold company standing at the forefront of enhancing global food systems.

DELIVERY

Emirates to receive final A380 jumbo jet in November

By Guardian Correspondent

THREE final Airbus A380 passenger jumbo jets will be received by Emirates Airlines in November this year ahead of the expected delivery date of June 2022.

In a statement, the airline said all three new A380s to be delivered will be fitted out with Emirates' much lauded premium economy cabin as well as its latest cabin interiors and signature features including private suites and shower spas in first class.

The statement added that the popular onboard lounge, fully flat seats in business class, and the industry's largest seat-back screens for customers in all cabins to enjoy the airline's extensive selection of entertainment content on ice.

These deliveries will bring Emirates' total fleet of A380s to 118 units in November, including six aircraft equipped with premium economy seats in a 4-class configuration. "We've come to an agreement with Airbus to bring forward the delivery of our remaining A380 orders and have secured financing for these units. These new aircraft will also add more highly sought-after premium economy seats into our inventory, as we prepare to fully launch this cabin product in the coming months," said Emirates Airlines President, Sir Tim Clark.

The statement added that as travel restrictions ease with the global roll-out of the coronavirus outbreak, come October, Emirates will have reinstated its A380 operations on over a dozen popular routes between Dubai and: Amman, Cairo, Dusseldorf, Frankfurt, Guangzhou, London Heathrow, Los Angeles, Manchester, Mauritius, Moscow, Munich, New York JFK, Paris, Toronto, Vienna, Washington



Emirates Airlines president, Tim Clark.

DC, and Zurich.

"Emirates will continue to be the largest operator of this spacious and modern aircraft for the next two decades, and we're committed to ensuring that the Emirates A380

experience remains a customer favourite with ongoing investments to enhance our product and services," Clark said.

Emirates' 4-class A380s are currently operating on its London

Heathrow and Paris Charles De Gaulle routes. The comfortable and luxurious cream leather-covered Emirates premium Economy seats with generous leg room, are currently offered as spot upgrades

for valued customers on a discretionary basis. All other signature Emirates A380 First, Business and Economy cabins are available for reservation.

PARTNERSHIP

Rwanda, IFC ink deal to boost prospects for vaccine manufacturing

KIGALI

Rwanda says it has signed a collaboration agreement with the International Finance Centre to boost its vaccine manufacturing capacity and also contribute to expanding production on the continent.

Under the deal, IFC will support Rwanda to conduct diagnostic and feasibility studies to ensure the right technical and policy frameworks needed to establish a world-class vaccine manufacturing supply chain in Rwanda are in place.

According to a Rwanda Development Board (RDB), the partnership follows a recent development with BioNTech and the kENUP Foundation to explore establishing end-to-end manufacturing capability for

mRNA vaccines.

Other potential vaccine and pharmaceutical production facilities, including a fill-and-finish facility, are expected to be co-located with BioNTech in the Kigali Special Economic Zone. Africa depends on other countries for 99 per cent of its vaccine supply.

The African Union and the Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention are aiming to have 60 per cent of Africa's routine vaccines produced locally by 2040. Africa CDC has identified Rwanda, Senegal, and South Africa as potential regional vaccine manufacturing hubs in Africa.

"Rwanda aims to produce high-quality vaccines for the African market. A production facility like

the one envisaged in this collaboration agreement advances this objective. We are pleased to have IFC as a strategic partner," noted Zephania Niyonkuru, the Deputy CEO of RDB. The move, according to Samuel Dzoteze, IFC's Acting Regional Industry Director for Manufacturing, Agribusiness and Services in the Middle East and Africa, is a vital step. "A resilient Africa needs to develop and maintain its own reliable vaccine supply and health industry."

He added, "This partnership with the Rwanda Development Board is a vital step toward helping Africa build vaccine manufacturing capacity to respond to Covid-19 and future pandemics." The World Bank Group has been scaling up support

to countries to produce, acquire and deliver vaccines, particularly in Africa.

To support this work, IFC is working with governments and the private sector to support pharmaceutical and related vaccine manufacturing projects. Rwanda has recently stepped up its vaccination efforts where everyone above the age of 18 can now receive the vaccine.

The government plans to vaccinate 60 per cent of its 12.9 million population (or 7.8 million people) by June 2022. And according to health practitioners, based on the current pace of vaccination, 30 per cent of the population, especially from urban areas, will be vaccinated by early 2022.



Zephania Niyonkuru the Deputy CEO of RDB.



PENALTY

WhatsApp slapped with second-largest fine over data protection

BRUSSELS

Instant messaging and VOIP service WhatsApp has been hit with a whopping €225m fine after Ireland's privacy watchdog found it had breached EU data protection rules. The announcement wraps up an investigation that began in December 2018, after the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) took effect.

This is the largest fine ever from the Irish Data Protection Commission, and the second-highest under EU GDPR rules. Topping the list, Amazon was fined a record €746 million fine for processing personal data in violation of GDPR rules at the end of July.

An investigation by the watchdog

found that WhatsApp broke strict regulations in relation to transparency of data shared with other companies also owned by parent firm Facebook, which bought WhatsApp in 2014 for approximately \$19bn. In addition, the Irish Data Protection Commission said yesterday it was ordering WhatsApp to take "remedial actions", to ensure its processing complies with EU rules.

The commission said the case against WhatsApp looked at whether Facebook followed GDPR requirements to be transparent for both users as well as those who didn't use its service, including how people's data is processed between WhatsApp and other Facebook companies, including Instagram. WhatsApp said it disagreed with the decision, as the

fine was disproportionate, and said it planned to appeal.

The instant messenger company said it is committed to providing a secure and private service. "We have worked to ensure the information we provide is transparent and comprehensive and will continue to do so."

Iliia Kolochenko, founder of ImmuniWeb and a member of Europol Data Protection Experts Network, believes that Facebook will significantly reduced in court as has been seen with other major cases.

"The judicial process to get a final and enforceable decision will likely take several years. It's very unlikely any Europeans, whose privacy rights were allegedly violated by WhatsApp, will get any compensation."

He adds that privacy experts argue that GDPR does not serve its initial purpose of being a consistent pan-European privacy legislation that is capable of protecting personal data and deterring privacy violations.

"Given the growing disagreement between European DPAs on GDPR enforcement priorities and imposition of penalties, these concerns become even more real today. Moreover, data subjects are reluctant to enforce their rights under GDPR as it's always time-consuming and may require a complex and costly process to litigate for penny compensation if any." Kolochenko adds that GDPR is comprehensive and balanced, but its enforcement lacks teeth, and without an overhaul, impunity for GDPR violations will become the norm.

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DECELERATION

Turkish lira slips as inflation jumps above interest rate

ANKARA

Turkey's lira fell up to 0.8% on Friday after inflation jumped more than expected and above the country's key interest rate, leaving the central bank in a tricky situation amid President Tayyip Erdogan's calls for a rate cut.

Turkish inflation hit a fresh two-year high of 19.25% year-on-year in August, data showed, exceeding a poll forecast of 18.7% and pushing above the central bank's policy rate of 19%. The lira retreated from near four-month highs, last trading at 8.33 to the dollar. The currency is down nearly 11% this year.

Danske Bank's head of EM research Jakob Christensen notes it is not all bad for the central bank, given core inflation fell slightly. The central bank will likely keep the benchmark rate unchanged at its meeting on Sept. 23 unless a substantial lira weakening forces it to hike rates, he said.

A hike in rates runs the risk of political backlash, which could prove even more detrimental to market sentiment, said Monex Europe's FX analyst Simon Harvey. Other emerging market currencies awaited U.S. non-farm payroll data due later in the day to speculate about the probable timing for stimulus tapering by the U.S. Federal Reserve.

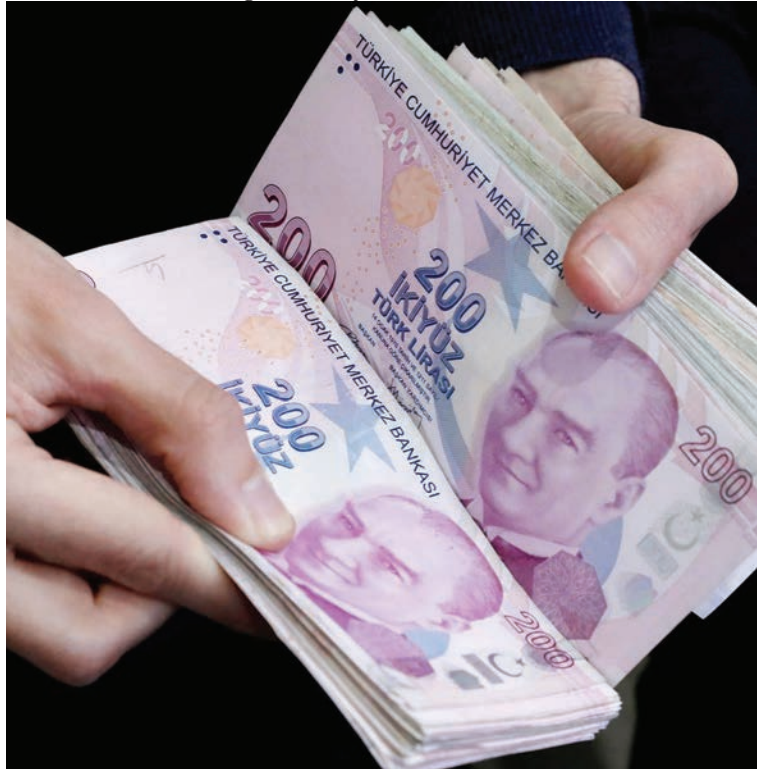
South Africa's rand and Brazil's real are seen driving volatility

as EM currencies are likely to be sold-off in the next three months amid tapering fears, a Reuters poll showed. South Africa's rand rose 0.3%, while gains Russia's rouble were capped by the country's service sector contracting for the first time this year in August.

The Chinese yuan gave up gains that sent it to one-month highs after a disappointing services activity survey, while India's rupee moved further away from near three-month highs as rising COVID-19 cases clouded a return to growth in its dominant services sector in August.

Another Reuters poll showed Poland's zloty set to bridge the lag with central European peers as chances grow that Poland's central bank will catch-up with peers in lifting interest rates. EM shares inched higher towards six-week highs as gains in most parts of Asia offset declines in China and elsewhere. Main indexes in Turkey, Russia and Poland fell between 0.2% and 0.4%.

Shares in emerging markets fund manager Ashmore Group slumped 5% despite reporting a 28% jump in full year profit before tax. The company's core earnings and net revenues fell. Mark Crouch, an analyst at multi-asset investment platform eToro, added the ongoing poor performance of EMs in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic cannot be discounted.



Turkish lira bills.



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WORLD

Antonio Guterres thanks member states for keeping UN operations in Afghanistan going

UNITED NATIONS

UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres on Friday thanked several member states for helping keep UN operations in Afghanistan going as the country is facing a food insecurity and malnutrition crisis.

"I can tell you that the secretary-general is indeed very grateful for the generosity of member states, including Denmark, Kazakhstan, North Macedonia, Pakistan, Poland, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates, and the United States, which have made available facilities and arrangements in

support of continuing UN operations in Afghanistan," said Stephane Dujarric, Guterres's spokesman.

With their offers and commitments, they have made a great contribution to the safety and security, operational delivery, and overall continuity of UN activities, said the spokesman.

The UN operations in Afghanistan have suffered disruptions owing to the fast pace of political change, which resulted in the collapse of the government and the Taliban's return to power.

UN humanitarians on Friday warned that Afghanistan is facing a food insecurity



UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres

and malnutrition crisis.

A third of the population, or more than 12 million people, are acutely food insecure and their situation is expected to be greatly worsened by the drought, which has impacted a third of the country, said the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA).

Already, more than half of children under 5 are expected to face acute malnutrition -- a life-threatening condition requiring specialized foods and medicines to prevent death and mitigate sickness and life-long consequences, it said.

As an economic crisis looms, job opportunities also remain limited across the country.

The 2021 harvest is expected to be below average and the next lean season is expected to be more intense

and arrive earlier.

Agricultural labor activities are estimated to have reduced by a third, it said. There is also a need to address water scarcity to prevent displacement and reduce hunger.

Nine million people were in need of water, sanitation, and hygiene assistance at the beginning of 2021, said OCHA.

In the first six months of the year, the United Nations and partners provided food and livelihood assistance to more than 5.5 million people, many of whom are in drought-affected areas. But much more is needed.

In certain parts of the country, the full effects of the drought are yet to be felt. In the last months, many farmers have been unable to access their fields due to conflict at critical times for planting and harvesting, it said.

Politicising COVID-19 origins is unreliable, says Putin

MOSCOW

POLITICISING the origins of COVID-19 will only lead to untrustworthy conclusions, Russian President Vladimir Putin said Friday during the plenary session of the sixth Eastern Economic Forum (EEF).

"Those who choose to politicize this issue are making colossal, catastrophic mistakes in the fight against the pandemic," Putin said.

"When politicization occurs, this immediately decreases the confidence in the conclusions," he said.

Investigations into the origins of COVID-19 must be based on objective facts, and politicization only steers the world away from the truth, he said.

It is significant for everyone to discard a politicized approach and unite in the fight against the pandemic and its consequences, he added.

The sixth EEF kicked off on Thursday and ends on Saturday in the Russian city of Vladivostok in both an online and offline format. The main theme of this year's event is "The Opportunities for the Far East in a World under Transformation."

Founded by Putin in 2015, the EEF has served as an important venue for dialogue among politicians, business executives and experts for Far East development and regional cooperation.

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Experts galvanised by Xi's call for solidarity, common development at Eastern Economic Forum

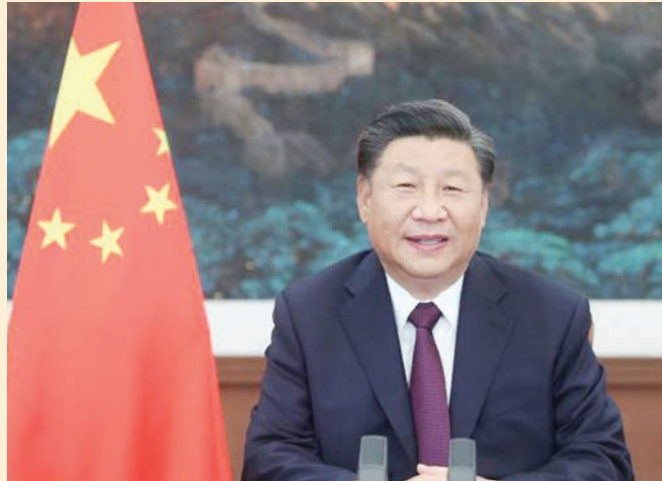
BEIJING

CHINESE President Xi Jinping on Friday called on all parties in Northeast Asia to join hands to overcome the challenges of COVID-19, foster mutual cooperation and safeguard regional peace and stability.

His proposals, made while addressing the opening ceremony of the plenary session of the sixth Eastern Economic Forum on Friday in Beijing via video link, bear profound significance for galvanizing the region and the world at large to tide over a difficult time, plan for common development, and unite for win-win outcomes, said overseas pundits and scholars.

Oleg Timofeyev, associate professor at the People's Friendship University of Russia, said that Xi in his address underscored the importance of firmly rejecting any politicization of COVID-19 vaccines and origins-tracing, and striving to build a global community of health for all, which will have both global implications and a positive impact on the life of ordinary people.

Japanese economist Hidetoshi Tashiro said that Xi's proposals laid out in his speech, including strengthening cooperation in vaccine research and development as well as production, supporting the innovative development of the digital economy, and jointly tackling global climate change



Chinese President Xi Jinping

and promoting economic and social development in the region, will play an important role in advancing regional peace and prosperity.

Wilson Lee Flores, a col-

able lessons for other countries and have injected confidence and impetus into global economic recovery.

Bambang Suryono, chairman of Indonesia-based think tank Asia Innovation Study Center, said that China has provided vaccines to many countries, contributing to the global anti-pandemic fight and economic recovery, and demonstrating its responsibility as a major country.

In addressing climate change, China has yielded great achievements in energy conservation, emission reduction and the low-carbon economy in recent years, providing an inspiration to other developing countries, he added.

Xinhua

German Social Democrats widen lead over Merkel's bloc in poll

By Bloomberg

GERMANY'S Social Democrats opened a record 5 percentage-point lead over Chancellor Angela Merkel's bloc in a weekly poll that underscores their momentum in the contest to lead the next government.

Support for the SPD rose 1 point to 25 percent in the Insa poll, while Merkel's Christian Democratic Union and its Bavaria-based CSU affiliate declined 1 point to a combined 20 percent, matching the numbers for both sides in at least two other polls this week. It was the CDU-CSU's fifth consecutive week of decline in Insa's polling.

With Merkel no longer in the running, the conservatives

may be headed for a stunning collapse that opens the door for a government led by Social Democratic candidate Olaf Scholz, the finance minister in Merkel's government. Four years ago, the CDU-CSU took almost 33 percent of the national vote, setting up Merkel for a fourth term.

The Green party fell 1 point to 16 percent and the Free Democrats were unchanged at 13 percent, according to the poll for Bild am Sonntag. The nationalist Alternative for Germany rose 1 point to 12 percent.

With German politics fragmented ahead of the Sept 26 election, the polls suggest that Europe's biggest economy could be headed for a coalition government comprising



Olaf Scholz, chancellor candidate for the Social Democratic Party (SPD), speaks during an election campaign rally in Berlin, Germany, on Aug 16, 2021. (PHOTO / BLOOMBERG)

an unusually disparate group of parties.

Scholz and the Christian

Democratic and Green contenders for chancellor will

face off in the second of three

nationally televised debates

on Sept 12.

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CIFTIS leads world to digital future, service-driven development

ON Thursday, the 2021 China International Fair for Trade in Services (CIFTIS) kicked off at the National Convention Center and the Shougang Park in Beijing.

As the world's largest comprehensive exhibition in the sphere of trade in services, this year's CIFTIS attracted five more countries than its predecessor did. The ratio of international and Fortune Global 500 exhibitors also increased.

The theme of the six-day event is "Towards Digital Future and Service-Driven Development," which is perfectly echoed by the exhibits displayed.

For example, a robotic dog that is able to perform inspection work at construction sites is exhibited at the CIFTIS. It sends inspection data to the backstage supporter and thus frees workers from the arduous inspection. All the workers have to do is analyze the data collected by the robotic dog. At present, some smart construction sites in Beijing have employed such robotic dog. Visitors to CIFTIS can meet such smart construction technologies at the event's Digital Services Area.

Liu Qian, senior vice president of Glodon, a Chinese construction engineering informatization company,

introduced that digitalization results in multiple fields, such as digital construction, engineering cost, designing, finance, supply chain, and government services will be comprehensively exhibited at the CIFTIS.

In recent years, high value-added trade in services experienced rapid growth, and digitalization-driven innovative services have brought huge impacts to service trade.

"This unmanned vehicle is able to read complicated traffic conditions and generate optimal route plans, and consumes only four KWh of electricity every 100 km," said an employee of an exhibitor at the

CIFTIS, adding that the vehicle can deliver 150 express parcels a day on average. The express delivery industry, focusing on service upgrading fueled by digitalization, will showcase its new businesses, products and images at this year's CIFTIS.

China National Biotec Group (CNBG) of Sinopharm will exhibit a series of achievements in COVID-19 control at the Health Services section of the CIFTIS, including three COVID-19 vaccines and a neutralizing antibody test kit. Visitors can learn how a vaccine dose is produced through video clips of vaccine production bases played at the

event.

So far, CNBG vaccines have been registered and sold in nine countries and approved for emergency use or market access by 98 countries, regions, and international organizations. Over 100 countries have requested for the use of CNBG vaccines, and the vaccines have been administered to nationals from 196 countries.

"Through the CIFTIS, we hope we can expand cooperation and serve the world with quality biological products to play a more positive role in building a global community of health for all," said Zhang Yuntao,

vice president of CNBG.

The Health Services section is set up for the first time at the CIFTIS this year. It includes six sub-sections of pandemic prevention and control, medical services, technological innovation, traditional Chinese medicine, elderly health, and international medical care.

Over 30 percent of the enterprises joining this section are Fortune Global 500 firms or industrial leaders, and 22 percent are from overseas, said Zheng Jinpu, an official from the Beijing Municipal Health Commission.

People's Daily

Russia will soon announce new benefits for foreign partners in Kuril Islands – Lavrov

MOSCOW

MOSCOW soon intends to announce new benefits for foreign partners for doing business in the Kuril Islands, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov announced yesterday.

"Soon, new benefits will be announced for foreign partners who will be ready to work with us in this part of the Russian Federation," he said, speaking to the students and faculty of MGIMO University.

The minister confirmed that there are prerequisites for joint economic and investment cooperation with Japan in the Kuril Islands, noting that Russia had already made such proposal to its Japanese colleagues several years ago.

He recalled that Japan after some time accepted this proposal, but decided to limit the areas of cooperation

to rather simple topics that have no strategic importance.

"We invite them to any activity sphere on the islands. This has been confirmed more than once in written contacts with our Japanese colleagues.

But they want to agree that this activity is carried out not on the basis of the legislation that exists in Russia, but on the basis of a certain treaty that would have a different jurisdiction than the jurisdiction of the Russian Federation," the minister said.

According to Lavrov, some hybrid laws would operate in this jurisdiction. "But our constitution does not allow this," he added.

"We, of course, regret that our Japanese friends are missing the opportunity for joint mutually beneficial investments.

But we ourselves have good plans," the minister stressed. **Agencies**

African campaigners say social media, airlines fuelling wildlife trade

NAIROBI

THE global airline industry and social media organizations are behind the flourishing of both legal and illegal trade in iconic wildlife species roaming African jungles, campaigners said on Tuesday.

Patrick Muinde, research manager of the World Animal Protection, African Office said that enhanced vigilance on social media platforms and aviation hubs is required to combat illegal trafficking of wildlife products."

Trade in Africa's wildlife, even the ones facing threat of extinction, has thrived on social media platforms while airlines have been shipping endangered species to many destinations globally," said Muinde.

He spoke in Nairobi during the virtual launch of "Cargo of Cruelty", an investigative study conducted by World Animal Protection, which revealed that the aviation sector and social media facilitated shipment of live animals to help meet rising demand for pets, ornaments and alternative medicine.

The study reveals that West Africa had been targeted by illegal wildlife traffickers who leveraged social me-

dia to market reptiles, birds and small mammals to potential buyers overseas.

According to Muinde, West Africa had been identified as a trading hub for hundreds of endangered species like snakes, parrots, scorpion, tortoise and amphibians.

"There is a need to review legal wildlife trade since it has raised major conservation and public health concerns. Africa is facing the risk of an ecological and economic crisis if wildlife trade is not regulated," said Muinde.

Statistics from International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) indicate that global wildlife trade is worth about 42 billion U.S. dollars while 1.5 million live animals had been traded in the recent past.

Edith Kabesiime, Wildlife Campaigns manager at World Animal Protection, African Office said that aviation, shipping industry and social media have a responsibility to support global efforts to halt illegal trafficking of wildlife.

She said that transporting live animals in an unsanitary environment is a cruel practice that has also worsened the risk of pathogens' transmission to humans. **Xinhua**

Law allowing permitless carry of handguns to go into effect in US Texas

HOUSTON

STARTING at midnight on Tuesday, anyone aged 21 years or older can carry a handgun without a permit or any training in U.S. state Texas.

Currently, Texans have to be licensed to carry, openly or concealed, a handgun. And to obtain such a license, they have to submit their fingerprints, receive 4 to 6 hours of training, complete and pass a written exam and a shooting proficiency test. These procedures will be abandoned in just a few hours.

Under the state's "constitutional carry" gun law which goes into effect on Sept. 1, people who legally own a firearm can carry it openly or concealed in Texas with no permits or trainings required.

The only restriction is that you must be legally allowed to own a gun. That means you cannot have a felony or a conviction for domestic violence, according to a report from local media outlet KTRK.

The law also prohibits open carry if you are convicted of assault causing bodily injury, deadly conduct, terroristic threats or disorderly conduct with a firearm, said the report.

The law does require the Department of Public Safety to offer a free online gun safety course, which is not mandatory, the report added. However, there are still rules on where people can and cannot carry, and the new gun law does not grant any amnesty for these occasions, said the report.

The difference is that currently businesses in Texas have to post signs in both English and Spanish to exclude unlicensed firearm owners. From Sept. 1, they will be required a third sign under the new law.

The lack of training worries some, including those who run gun ranges, according to the report. "Constitutional carry means anyone can carry a gun and we cannot question them, which should be a problem to everyone," President of the Houston Police Officers' Union Douglas Griffith said. "It is allowing those untrained individuals to walk around with a firearm. It is detrimental to the entire public," said Griffith.

Texas may return to its Wild West past, or even worse, some gun control advocates in Texas lamented. The new law is seen as a heavy blow for the promotion of gun safety in the state. According to the website run by Texas Gun Sense, there were 3,683 gun-related deaths in 2019 in the state. Excluding Texas, 19 other U.S. states have adopted some form of permitless carry and Texas is by far the largest, according to local media reports.

Delta variant of COVID-19 in US adds hospitalisations, nips events, devours social benefits

NEW YORK

THE raging Delta variant of COVID-19 continues to bring more people, including many children, into U.S. hospitals, and force cancellations of college enrollments and social events, in addition to disrupting Americans' daily life and eroding their long-term welfare.

Trustees for the U.S. Social Security trust fund in an annual report released on Tuesday said that the program is expected to pay benefits that exceed its income in 2021, the same as it anticipated last year at the outset of the pandemic.

While the pandemic had a significant impact on the program, the trustees said, they expect Social Security's reserves of 2.9 trillion U.S. dollars to be depleted by 2034, only one year sooner than they estimated in their April 2020 report. "Once the reserves are exhausted, benefits would be reduced automatically unless Congress steps in to shore up the program," reported The Wall Street Journal.

As COVID-19 cases surge across the United States, particularly among unvaccinated Americans, hospitals have been pushed to their limits treating the influx of patients. Five states, namely Alabama, Georgia, Texas, Florida and Arkansas, are nearly out of ICU beds, having less than 10 percent left of their ICU bed capacity, reported CNN on Tuesday.

"Hospitals around the country have been stretched as cases have picked back up, but the South, where vaccinations have been lagging, has been particularly hit. Many hospitals have been reporting oxygen shortages," said the report while quoting data from the Department of Health and Human Services.

On Monday, data presented by a vaccine adviser from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) showed a hospitalization rate 16 times greater in the unvaccinated population



A pedestrian wearing a face mask passes in front of Pfizer's World Headquarters in New York, United States, on Aug. 23, 2021. (Xinhua)

than in those vaccinated, it added.

Last week, the CDC also highlighted the potential danger for children under the age of 12, the only group in the United States ineligible for coronavirus vaccines as the hyper-infectious Delta variant tears across the country. Just this month in Brevard County, Florida, 1,623 children were infected and more than 8,000 students were quarantined.

In the Atlanta area, thousands of positive cases were confirmed in schools with 23,000 students and staff have been quarantined. "Without concerted efforts to curb Delta's transmission, things are likely to get worse in coming months.

A simulation posted this month by a CDC-funded lab predicted that in elementary schools without either masks or regular testing, more than 75 percent of children might be infected with the coronavirus in the first three months," reported The Washington Post.

This year's Wonderfront Music & Arts Festival, a major music, culinary and arts event first held in 2019 upon the stunning waterfront of downtown San Diego, has been postponed until Nov. 18 to 20, 2022 due to the surge in COVID-19 cases caused by the Delta variant. The call was

made by the Port of San Diego on Monday.

"The continued safety of the community had to be front and center in our decision making. We pushed as long as we could working with the Wonderfront Festival team to see if case trends might look more positive or new information would give us the comfort level needed to move forward," said Michael G. Brown, Port of San Diego's vice president of marketing and communications, in a press release."

But at the end of the day, the situation has not improved. Knowing that people book advance travel to attend, and production crews have months of logistical planning to do, a final decision needed to be made," he added.

Organizers are now working with artists to pivot toward the new 2022 dates. A lineup announcement and ticketing on sale are expected this fall.

Xavier University is dis-enrolling students who have not

received the COVID-19 vaccine, reported Black Enterprise, the No. 1 Black digital media brand in the United States, on Monday.

The private Catholic and historically Black college in Louisiana will begin the process at the end of this week. "I think it's unfair to unenroll them because they still need their education.

But I can see both sides," sophomore Elise Tookes was quoted as saying. "They're trying to protect the students that they have on campus and they're trying to make it normal for us as much as possible."

In April, the university's president Reynold Verret sent students a letter stating proof of vaccination would be required to attend the fall semester.

Suzanne B. Goldberg, acting assistant secretary for civil rights at the U.S. Department of Education, sent letters on Monday to state education leaders in Iowa, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee and Utah, informing them that the department's Office for Civil Rights is investigating whether their mask mandate bans are discriminatory. At the center of the department's concerns, according to Monday's letters, are students with disabilities who may be at heightened risk for severe illness from COVID-19. Goldberg's letters said these investigations would focus on whether the state bans are discriminatory by preventing students with disabilities from safely returning to in-person education. **Xinhua**

Study: Moderna makes twice as many virus antibodies as Pfizer

NEW YORK

MODERNA Inc.'s COVID-19 vaccine generated more than double the antibodies of a similar shot made by Pfizer Inc. and BioNTech SE in an research that compared immune responses evoked by the two inoculations.

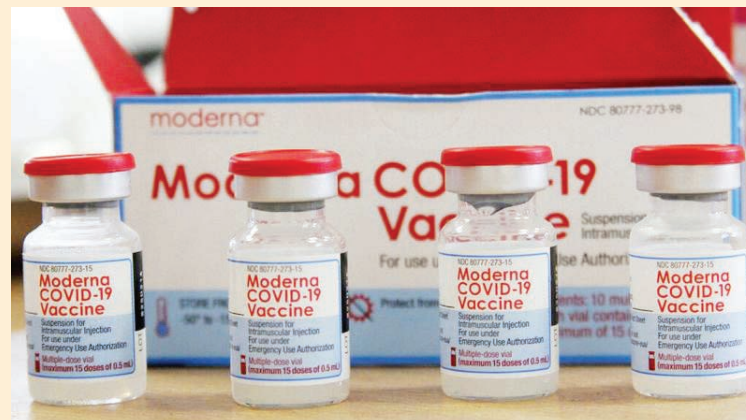
The study is one of the first to compare levels of antibodies produced by the two vaccines, which are thought to be one of the important components of the immune response.

It didn't examine whether the antibody differences led to a difference in efficacy over time between the two shots, which both were more than 90 percent effective in final-stage clinical trials.

The research looked at antibody levels against the coronavirus spike protein in about 1,600 workers at a major Belgium hospital system whose blood samples were analyzed 6 to 10 weeks after vaccination.

The participants hadn't been infected with the coronavirus before getting vaccinated. Levels among those who got two doses of the Moderna vaccine averaged 2,881 units per milliliter, compared with 1,108 units per milliliter among those who received two Pfizer doses.

The results, published Monday in a letter to the Journal of the American Medical Association, suggested the differences might be explained by the higher amount of active ingredient in the Moderna vaccine – 100 micrograms, versus 30 micrograms in Pfizer-BioNTech – or the slightly longer interval between doses of the Moderna



This photo shows a view of vials of Moderna COVID-19 vaccine at the Assad Ibn El Fourat school in Oued Ellil, outside Tunis, Tunisia, on Aug 15, 2021. (AP)

vaccine – four weeks, versus three weeks for Pfizer-BioNTech.

Pfizer said in a statement that its vaccine "continues to be highly efficacious" in preventing COVID-19, including against severe cases and hospitalization. A continuing analysis of its final-stage study has shown a decline of efficacy against symptomatic infection over time, the drugmaker said, but initial trial data also show that a third dose of the existing vaccine at least six months after the first two significantly raises neutralizing antibody levels.

Global tally

Coronavirus cases worldwide have exceeded 217.7 million while the global death toll topped 4.5 million, according to data compiled by Johns Hopkins University.

WHO

A new coronavirus variant that was first detected in South Africa in May does not appear to be spreading, the World Health Organization (WHO) said on Tuesday, adding it was monitoring the variant as the

virus evolves.

"It does not appear to be increasing in circulation," WHO spokesperson Margaret Harris said at a UN briefing, adding the variant labeled C.1.2. was not currently classified as a "variant of concern" by the UN health agency.

ALSO READ: New virus variant found in S. Africa has concerning mutations

Africa

The number of confirmed COVID-19 cases in Africa reached 7,767,332 as of Tuesday afternoon, the Africa Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC) said.

The death toll from the pandemic stood at 195,544 while the number of recoveries reached 6,917,240, the Africa CDC said.

Mauritius

Mauritius vaccinated 60 percent of its population a month ahead of target and now plans to halve the number of days tourists will need to isolate on the island nation after arrival. **Agencies**

COVID-19 origins probe by US intelligence community merely another political manipulation farce

THE United States intelligence community report on COVID-19 origins is "not scientifically credible", and Washington's assertion of lack of transparency on the part of China is only an excuse for politicizing and stigmatizing purpose, the Chinese embassy in the U.S. said on August 28.

A two-page summary of the report the Office of the Director of National Intelligence released on that day does not rule out either natural exposure or laboratory accident as the origins of SARS-CoV-2, but it claims that China "continues to hinder the global investigation, resist sharing information and blame other countries".

The U.S. intelligence agencies

are quite experienced in making and spreading disinformation. It cooked up the conspiracy theory that the novel coronavirus leaked from a Wuhan lab, which was soon debunked by the global science community; it then repeatedly hyped up the "lab leak" theory in disregard of the scientific conclusions in the WHO-China joint report on COVID-19 origins; more surprisingly, U.S. President openly ordered intelligence community to probe into the origins of the COVID-19, and asked for a report based on analysis of "information that could bring us closer to a definitive conclusion" in 90 days.

Continuously hyping the "or-

igns-tracing investigations", the U.S. side doesn't care about facts and truth, but tries hard to exhaust China's diplomatic resources, increase U.S. leverage toward China and hedge against China's influence. Such malicious intentions of the country have become all too clear.

The despicable misdeeds of the U.S. side, while revealing the country's disrespect for scientific spirit, have disrupted global anti-epidemic cooperation. They are "accomplices" of the pandemic and more dangerous "political viruses".

The so-called report on the origins of the COVID-19 pandemic compiled by U.S. intelligence

agencies was aimed at covering up the truth about the failure of the U.S. to control the pandemic and shifting the blame for the incompetence of U.S. government to China.

In the report, the U.S. continued to confuse the public by falsely accusing China of hindering global investigation, lacking transparency, and refusing to share information. Such groundless accusations are merely poorly fabricated excuses for its failed investigation into the roots of the COVID-19.

Since the highly-anticipated report failed to serve its intention of pursuing presumption of guilt against China, the White House claimed that it would "continue

working with like-minded partners around the world" to press China.

China has always taken a scientific, professional, serious, and responsible attitude towards in tracing the origins of the COVID-19.

It is the first country in the world that has carried out cooperation with the WHO on global COVID-19 origin tracing. It has twice invited WHO experts to China for origin tracing, and was completely open and transparent when the experts were in China. They visited every site on their list, met every individual they asked for, and were provided with all the data they wanted.

The WHO-China joint report

provides authoritative and science-based conclusions on COVID-19 origin tracing, serving as a good foundation for the next stage of COVID-19 origin tracing work around the world.

In contrast, the U.S. has not only reported the highest number of COVID-19 infections and death toll in the world, but caused the most serious cross-border spread of the virus. The time of the first cases of COVID-19 in the U.S. has been continuously proven earlier than previously reported. The connection between the country's biological labs of Fort Detrick and University of North Carolina and the COVID-19 is highly suspicious.

The international community

strongly urges the U.S. side to show an open and transparent attitude towards concerns over these labs and provide detailed information about them. However, the U.S. has not only avoided questions and remained secretive about them, but constantly set up barriers to prevent the world from getting more information.

The U.S. has confused right and wrong, arbitrarily sought presumption of guilt, and openly played double standards on COVID-19 origin tracing, continuously pursued politicization and stigmatization against China amid the pandemic, and used the COVID-19 origin tracing as a tool to serve its own interest. **People's Daily**



Tembo Stars cricket squad's Mohamed Omary (L) is presented with the best player of the game by Azania Bank's official, Smitesh Vadgama, whose institution is one of this season's Advanced Cricket Players League (APL) main sponsors, after the former's club took on Buffalo Blasters in the tournament's tie, which took place in Dar es Salaam last weekend. PHOTO: COURTESY OF TCA

Agile Buffalo Blasters outplay Tembo Stars in Super Over

By Guardian Reporter

THIS season's Advanced Cricket Players League (APL) climaxed at Dar es Salaam Gymkhana Club (DGC) yesterday, witnessing Buffalo Blasters and Tembo Stars face each other in what was expected to become a thrilling final.

The tournament, organized by Tanzania Cricket Association (TCA), has brought forth several pulsating clashes, with those which rounded off the league, in particular, offering cricket lovers much excitement.

A league stage clash, which brought together Tembo Stars and Buffalo Blasters last weekend, had Buffalo Blasters gallantly marching on to the last four, commanding a nine-wicket victory over highly fancied Tembo Stars.

Tembo Stars had won the toss and elected to bat with such power hitters, Ankit Baghel and Nisar Ahmed, being not very effective.

This was the first game they were playing without their inspirational skipper Riziki Kiseto.

The two key top-order batsmen, Ahmed and Baghel, had brief spells, exiting with three runs and 16 runs respectively.

After the two key players' exits, youthful cricketer Mohamed Omary came in and played beautiful innings of 51 runs with five boundaries and a sixer.

The cricketer battled hard to take Tembo Stars' score to 113 runs and he, along with fellow youthful cricketer Harshdeep Chohan, as well as Baghel, were so far the cricketers who entered double figures.

In reply, Buffalo Blasters did have a shaky start but then opener, Issa Kikasi, and Jitin Pratap Singh, who was slotted in at number three, boosted the score well.

Early on, Buffalo Blasters' batting unit was seemingly destined for an early shower after the departure of Jitin and Kassim Nassoro.

They were presumed to be in a difficult position to push for a successful chase, with the wicket of one of the key players Sanjay Bom falling 25 balls to go and 19 runs needed to win.

A mini-collapse happened after which came the last over, they had needed four runs to record victory.

It thereafter came to one run needed in one ball, Buffalo Blasters could not achieve the feat and then the Super Over had to be played to settle the fixture.

Buffalo Blasters took the crease first, with Bom and Dinesh Rabadiya scoring 10 runs in the allotted six balls.

In return, Tembo Stars could not score the needed runs, as Baghel and Ahmed both got stuck and scored only six runs off the bowling of Bom.

Buffalo Blasters were set to confront the same opponents in the semi-final, known as 'Qualifier 1', last Friday and the winners were to book a place in yesterday's final.

The 'Qualifier 1' losers were to get another chance to lock horns with winners of a playoff, dubbed 'Eliminator', which was to involve Royal Rhinos and Simba Kings that was as well held on the day.

The Tembo Stars against Buffalo Blasters game brought the showpiece's league stage to an end.

The 2021 APL that had six sides battling it out witnessed two sides, Twiga Titans led by Abhik Patwa, and Zafar Khan-led Chui Challengers, crash out early on.

Both Twiga Titans and Chui Challengers were under the leadership of formidable names in domestic cricket.

Patwa is the most senior player still actively showcasing his prowess.

The performer, who features for Aga Khan SC in club tournaments, has a wealth of experience, featuring for Tanzania's senior national cricket squad for 15 years.

The experienced cricketer is expected to lead the national squad for the first time in 2021 ICC Men's T20 World Cup Africa Qualifiers, slated for next month in Rwanda.

The player was handed the captain's role as Hamisi Abdallah, the then skipper is now doing the managing part, serving as TCA Chief Executive Officer.

This season's APL is overseen by TCA, who had appointed Ashish Nagewadia and Adil Kassam to manage the proceedings, along with Sreejith Kumar, Yash Desai, and Yagnesh Patel.

The mentioned officials that are as well senior players have a lot of experience in conducting cricket events and TCA is glad to have such a team, along with information officer Atif Salim.

Man of the match prize, which was won by Mohamed Omary, was presented by Smitesh Vadgama from Azania Bank, which is one of the APL's main sponsors along with Reliance Insurance.

The showdown's co-sponsors are GI Security, Harab Motors, Hitch Sai, Sterling, General Petroleum, and Pepsi.

Azam's opponents in CAF Confederation Cup jet in Wednesday



Azam FC players attend training in Dar es Salaam recently to shape up for the next season's Premier League, Federation Cup, and CAF Confederation Cup. PHOTO: COURTESY OF AZAM FC

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

SOMALIA's soccer giants, Horseed FC, who will play Tanzania's Azam FC in 2021/22 CAF Confederation Cup's preliminary round, are expected in Dar es Salaam on Wednesday.

Azam FC Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Abdulkarim Amin, who is popularly known as 'Popat', disclosed the information yesterday.

He said they have been informed that the Somalia side will arrive on Wednesday ready for the first leg, which will take place at Azam Complex on

Saturday.

"The information I have is that our opponents will arrive in the country on Wednesday, our first game will take place at Azam Complex on Saturday at 4 pm," he said.

He said Azam FC, who were on pre-season training in Zambia, arrived in Dar es Salaam yesterday night ready for the CAF Confederation Cup assignment.

The Azam FC CEO ruled out any friendly match for the squad ahead of the Horseed FC encounter, saying they will just concentrate on training.

"After our pre-season games in Zambia, our coach (George Lwandamina) suggested that

we play another friendly match, but we will not play any and instead, the team will continue with training," he said.

He said he is confident that Azam FC will do well and progress to another stage.

"I'm sure we will do well, with the support of God, our team can progress to another stage, all we need is to prepare well," he said.

Horseed FC is reported to have identified Dar es Salaam's Uhuru FC as their home ground for this season's CAF Confederation Cup.

This move, for that matter, will see Horseed FC and Azam FC will play the second

leg at Uhuru Stadium and the winning team will face Pyramids FC of Egypt in the following round.

Azam FC finished its pre-season camp in Zambia impressively, as they managed to beat Zambia's champions Zesco United FC 1-0 in an international friendly.

Azam FC goal was scored by newly signed forward Rodgers Kola.

Azam FC has this season boosted its squad with new players, namely Charles Zulu, Paul Katema, Kenneth Maguna, Kola, Idris Mbombo, Edward Manyama, and Ahmed Salula, and players whose contracts were extended.

Paralympic athletes to arrive on Thursday

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

TANZANIA's representatives at the just ended Tokyo Paralympics are set to arrive in Dar es Salaam on Thursday, Tanzania Paralympic Committee (TPC) disclosed.

The country was represented by two Paralympic athletes, Ignas Mtwewe and Sauda Njopeka, but they both failed to win any medal at the Games, which ended yesterday.

Ramadhan Namkoveka, TPC secretary-general, noted the two represented the country at the Games on wild card tickets.

Last Monday, Mtwewe, a Shot Put athlete, settled for the eighth position with 22.88m, the winner in this category was Brazilian, Batista Dos Santos with 45.59m.

Indian Kathuniya Yogesh came second with 44.38m, while Cuban, Diaz Leonardo, posted 43.36 and finished third.

And on Thursday morning, athlete Sauda gave her all and settled for the 19th position in Women's Shot Put with 4.18m.

Namkoveka revealed: "Our athletes performed badly at the Tokyo Paralympics, they will depart from Japan on Wednesday and arrive in the country on Thursday morning."

"For now, it is too early to issue the reasons for the poor performance by the two, we are waiting for the coach (Bahati Mguni) to give us his report," he said.

However, Namkoveka said he is happy with



Tanzania's Paralympic athlete, Ignas Madumla Mtwewe, in action in the 2021 World Para Athletics Grand Prix's men's Shot Put, which took place in Dubai from February 6-14. PHOTO: WORLD PARA ATHLETICS

Sauda's performance, the discus athlete recorded her season's best performance of 4.18m.

"This is her best season performance, in Tunisia at the World Championships on March 19 this year, she threw 3.56m and now she has improved, throwing a 3kg discus to 4.18 meters is not a joke, we must give credit where it is due," he said.

Tuma Dandi, TPC president, was as well in the Paralympics, as was the case for National Sports Council (NSC) official, Frank Mguni, that was the delegation leader.

In a previous interview, Namkoveka said they are happy that for the first time in TPC history, a female athlete has taken part in the Paralympics.

The Tokyo Paralympics started on August 24 but Tanzania's athletes departed early as directed by the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) as a measure to prevent Coronavirus outbreak.

Dandi had jetted off to Tokyo to attend IPC meetings and conferences.

The two, Sauda and Mtwewe, attended qualifying events in Tunisia and Dubai but did not earn automatic qualification for Tokyo Paralympics.

The athletes nevertheless progressed to the Tokyo Paralympics due to their exceptional performance at the qualifying events.

This was the second time for Mtwewe to represent the country at the

Paralympics.

He first competed at Rio de Janeiro Paralympics in 2016 while the Tokyo Paralympics are the first for Sauda.

Sauda has as well competed in wheelchair basketball at the national level in Tanzania.

The 2020 Paralympic Games were formerly planned to take place from August 21 to 6 September 6, 2020, but postponed to 2021 along with the Olympics in March 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Due to the state of an emergency happening in Tokyo, the event was held behind closed doors with no physical audience permitted.

The event was branded as Tokyo 2020 despite taking place in 2021 for marketing.

This is the second Summer Paralympics hosted by Tokyo since the 1964 Games, and the third time the Paralympics were ever held so far in Japan since the 1998 Winter Paralympics. Tokyo is the first city to host the Paralympics more than once.

Tokyo, which has hosted the 2020 Summer Olympics, has also hosted the 2020 Summer Paralympics, according to a 2001 agreement between the International Paralympic Committee and the International Olympic Committee.

At the 125th IOC Session, Tokyo was awarded the 2020 Summer Olympics and Paralympics via a tie-breaker in the second round of voting.

France draw again as Dutch roll in World Cup qualifying

LONDON

WORLD Cup holders France stuttered again in their bid to qualify for the 2022 finals in Qatar after a 1-1 draw in Ukraine, while Memphis Depay inspired the Netherlands to a rout of Montenegro on Saturday.

France drew their fifth successive match as Anthony Martial scored his first international goal in five years to earn Didier Deschamps' side a point in Kiev.

The Manchester United forward, who missed Euro 2020 with a knee injury, grabbed just his second goal in 29 caps to cancel out a magnificent first-half strike by Ukraine midfielder Mykola Shaparenko.

Les Bleus remain four points clear at the top of Group D but have played two games more than Finland, who they host in Lyon on Tuesday. Joel Pohjanpallo's second-half effort clinched Finland a 1-0 victory over Kazakhstan.

"We are maybe not in a better situation than we were before the match, but it is not any worse either. It's just one more point when obviously our goal was to take all three," Deschamps told French broadcaster M6.

Ukraine have now drawn all five of their qualifiers so far, including both matches against France.

Depay led the Netherlands to a 4-0 defeat of Montenegro in Eindhoven that kept Louis van Gaal's team right behind Group G leaders Turkey, who won 3-0 in Gibraltar.

Barcelona star Depay opened the scoring for the Dutch with a penalty and netted a second on the hour. Captain Georginio Wijnaldum added a slick third and Cody Gakpo bagged his first goal for the national team with a terrific curling shot.

"Once the first goal went in we played in a much more relaxed manner and produced some very good football," said Van Gaal, back for a third spell in charge of the Netherlands.

"Memphis had an extraordinary game. He was undoubtedly the man of the match."

- Haaland spot on -

Erling Haaland converted a spot-kick as he scored for the second game running in Norway's 2-0 win against Latvia, with Mohamed Elyounoussi also on target in Oslo.

Norway and the Netherlands are both a point back of Turkey, who go to Amsterdam next week.

"Now we must win on Tuesday against Turkey. A victory would put us in an ideal position for qualification," added Van Gaal.

Marcelo Brozovic's late goal gave Croatia a 1-0 victory away to Slovakia, ensuring the 2018 World Cup runners-up stayed level with Russia in Group H.

Russia beat Cyprus 2-0 away while Slovenia won 1-0 at home to Malta.

Denmark needed an 85th-minute effort from Jonas Wind to see off the Faroe Islands 1-0 and record a fifth win in as many outings in Group F.

Eran Zahavi followed up his hat-trick against the Faroes in midweek with two more goals to power Israel past Austria 5-2.

Scotland moved above Austria into third place as Lyndon Dykes' early strike sealed a 1-0 home win over Moldova.

AFP

Southgate hails 'mature' England duo over racism reaction

LONDON

GARETH Southgate has saluted England duo Raheem Sterling and Jude Bellingham for the "incredibly mature" way they handled racist abuse from Hungarian fans.

Sterling and Bellingham were subjected to vile monkey chants during England's 4-0 victory in a World Cup qualifier in Budapest on Thursday.

England players were also pelted with cups thrown from the hostile Puskas Arena crowd, with many Hungarian fans also booing Southgate's team when they took the knee before kick-off to show support for equality.

Southgate was impressed with the cool response from Manchester City forward Sterling, who scored England's opening goal against the Hungarians, and Borussia Dortmund midfielder Bellingham.

"Unfortunately, I don't know how many camps in the last four years but I seem to have been talking about this subject almost every time we have been together," Southgate told reporters on Saturday.

"I can only reiterate that our players are incredibly mature in the way they deal with it. I think they feel supported by their team-mates, which is very important to them.

"I think their team-mates recognise how challenging it must be for our black players and how disappointing it is in the modern world that we continue to have to answer these questions because of the incidents that happen. "But we can only keep taking the stance that we have done and hope that we continue to send the right messages, not only to people in football but across society, and that everybody keeps progressing.

"We know it's going to take time and we know that feels very slow for everybody, but we have to keep fighting that battle."

AFP

Transfers review of the decade: How Neymar, Man City changed the game

By Chris Wright, Toe Poke writer

FIFA last week published a definitive report that stands as a comprehensive review of the last decade's international soccer transfers, and the trends and statistics revealed make for fascinating reading.

The report takes into account every single transfer to have taken place worldwide in the men's senior professional game in the decade between 2011 and 2020 -- 10 years during which the world transfer record increased by almost 150%.

The period in question saw unprecedented growth for football, especially in terms of finance as more and more clubs spent more and more money on transfers.

The report confirms that transfer market activity increased fairly consistently since 2011, when 11,890 transfers took place around the world. This swelled to a peak of 18,079 transfers in 2019. Overall, a total of 133,225 international transfers and loans have been completed during the span taken into account as part of FIFA's 10-year report.

All international permanent transfers and loans between 2011 and 2020 are included in the figures, though returns from loans -- while technically logged by FIFA as a separate transfer -- are excluded from the analysis so that any individual loan move is only counted once.

Here are the key things we learned from scouring through the report (in which FIFA expresses all transfer fees in U.S. dollars, so we've followed suit, using Transfermarkt for consistency).

*Overview

1. A total of \$48.5 billion was spent on transfer fees between 2011 and 2020 (approximately €40.9bn/£35.1bn).

2. A grand total of 200 FIFA member associations were involved in international transfers, which is all the more impressive given that there are only 211 member associations in total. Should you be curious, the 11 member associations that did not release any players for international transfers were American Samoa, Anguilla, Bahamas, British Virgin Islands, US Virgin Islands, Montserrat, Liechtenstein, Papua New Guinea, Tonga, Cook Islands and Sao Tome & Principe -- all small territories with very small populations.

3. Of the 133,225 international transfers and loans to take place, a total of 8,264 different clubs have been involved. The top 30 clubs (in terms of transfer fee expenditure) are all European and hail from just 7 FIFA member associations: England (12 clubs), Spain and Italy (five each), Germany (three), France and Portugal (two each),



Neymar

and Russia (one). Those 30 clubs alone spent a total of \$22.8bn (roughly £16.5bn) on transfer fees, which represents 47% of the global total over the decade in question.

*The Clubs

4. Manchester City have spent more money on transfer fees than any other club in the world between 2011 and 2020, spread over 130 international transfers made in that period. Kevin De Bruyne (\$83.6 million from Wolfsburg), Ruben Dias (\$74.8m from Benfica), Joao Cancelo (\$71.5m from Juventus), Aymeric Laporte (\$71.5m from Athletic Bilbao) and Rodri (\$68.9m from Atletico Madrid) are the biggest international arrivals on City's books, but there are lots more nestled around the \$40-60m mark.

5. Premier League rivals Chelsea are second despite having only made 95 international transfers, of which Kai Havertz's \$88m arrival from Bayer Leverkusen is the most expensive, ahead of Kepa Arrizabalaga and Alvaro Morata (both \$88m, from Athletic Bilbao and Real Madrid respectively). The top 5 is fleshed out by Barcelona (79 transfers), Paris Saint-Germain (59) and Real Madrid (55).

6. There are a total of five Premier League clubs -- City, Chelsea, Manchester United, Arsenal and Tottenham Hotspur -- inside the top 10, with Liverpool (14th) Leicester City (20th), Southampton (21st), Wolverhampton Wanderers (25th), Everton (27th), West Ham United (28th) and Newcastle United (30th) all making the top 30.

7. Manchester City have also sent more players out on loan (232) than any other club in the world, narrowly ahead of Chelsea and their fabled loan army, who have allowed 207 players to leave the club on non-permanent transfers. A whopping 19,826 international loans of professional players were conducted between 2011 and 2020, equating to an average of 14.8% of transfers in total.

8. Four of the top five spending clubs outside of Europe hail from the Chinese Super League, with Guangzhou Evergrande topping the list. Al Hilal of Saudi Arabia are the only non-Chinese club in the top 5. Evergrande have outsized their CSL rivals by bringing in the likes of Paulinho (twice: \$15.4m from Tottenham

and \$46.2m from Barcelona) and Jackson Martinez (\$46.2m from Atletico Madrid) with significant fees in recent years. That said, Shanghai SIPG's deals for Brazilian pair Hulk (\$61.38m from Zenit St Petersburg in 2016) and Oscar (\$66m from Chelsea in 2017) are the only two transfers involving a Chinese club that are big enough to make it into FIFA's top 70 biggest international transfer fees of the decade (more on that below).

9. The number of clubs prepared to spend more than \$50m on transfers per year more than trebled between 2011 and 2020, from just nine to 28. In the same period, the average number of international transfers made by a club stands at roughly 4 per year (3.9 to be precise).

10. The average annual international transfer fee fluctuated from a low of \$300,000 in 2010 to a record high of \$410,000 in 2018 -- the year Cristiano Ronaldo moved from Real Madrid to Juventus for \$128.7m. The average annual transfer fee paid by clubs in the top 30 (in terms of transfer fee spent) is considerably higher, ranging from a decade low of \$7.4m in 2012 to a peak of \$17.8m in 2018.

11. Benfica made more international transfers than any other club in the Top 30, with 167 such deals struck. The Portuguese giants also recouped more money than any other club having overseen 311 outgoing international transfers and loans. Joao Felix (\$139.92m to Atletico Madrid) and Renato Sanches (\$38.5m to Bayern Munich) are the two biggest fees received by Benfica in the last decade, while Ruben Dias' move to Man City (\$74.8m) also makes the top 70. Staying in Portugal, fellow compatriots Sporting Lisbon are second on the list (226 outgoing transfers) of total fees recouped while Barcelona (106 transfers) are third despite the financial quagmire they cur-

rently find

12. The top three clubs to end the decade with a positive net balance from international transfer fees paid and recouped are all Portuguese. Sporting top the list, while Benfica are second and Porto are just behind in third. The highest non-Portuguese club on the list is Ajax in fourth (thanks to the departures of Matthijs de Ligt and Frenkie de Jong in particular), while French side Lyon complete the top 5. Together, Portuguese clubs made more international transfer fee profit (\$2.95bn) in terms of positive net balance than any other country between 2011 and 2020. How much of that is directly due to the influence of Portuguese "super agent" Jorge Mendes, we can only speculate.

13. In terms of individual FIFA member associations and their international transfer spending, nobody has spent more than clubs affiliated to the English FA. English clubs have spent \$12.4bn on players between 2011 and 2020, more than double the total outlay of the next nation on the global list -- Spain with \$6.7bn. Italy (\$5.6bn) are third, Germany (\$4.4bn) are fourth, and France (\$4bn) are fifth as Europe's "Big Five" leagues dominate proceedings. However, it is perhaps surprising to find China and Russia (both \$1.7bn) are joint-sixth in the overall FIFA list.

14. The most English clubs spent in a single calendar year was \$1.95bn in 2018; the year in which Christian Pulisic (\$70.4m) and Kepa Arrizabalaga (\$88m) joined Chelsea, Fabinho (\$49.5m) and Naby Keita (\$66m) arrived at Liverpool, and Fred left Shakhtar Donetsk for Manchester United (\$64.9m), among other similarly expensive transfers. On the opposite side of the equation, some 6,500 English players were released for international transfer between 2011 and 2020 -- a total only topped by Brazil, who saw 7,300 players leave for foreign clubs.

15. Teams affiliated with the Spanish FA have recouped the most total money (\$6.2bn) from international transfer fees in the same time, a considerable wedge of which was raised

by Neymar's world-record move to Paris Saint-Germain in 2017, which saw Barcelona receive a \$244.2m transfer fee for the Brazilian. Real Madrid have had their fair share too, with high fees received for the likes of Cristiano Ronaldo (\$128.7m to Juventus) and Angel Di Maria (\$82.5m to Manchester United), while Atletico Madrid have also benefitted from transfers involving Lucas Hernandez (\$88m to Bayern Munich) and Rodri (\$68.9m to Man City). Elsewhere, the English FA are second on the list (\$5.2bn) of member associations, just above France (\$4.9bn), Portugal (\$4.3bn) and Italy (\$4.2bn).

16. The two member nations to see the highest amount of players move between them was the prolific stream between Brazil and Portugal (1,556 transfers), though only 934 players moved back the opposite way.

*The Players

17. A grand total of 66,789 players have been involved in international transfers around the world between 2011 and 2020. The majority have been Brazilian nationals moving to foreign clubs (15,128 transfers) which represents 11.4% of the total number of players transferred over the decade. Argentine players (7,444 transfers) are second in the breakdown, while British players (5,523) are third. U.S. players are ranked 20th overall with 1,825 transfers, just below German (1,916 transfers) in 18th and Italian (1,891 transfers) in 19th. All in all, a total of 204 different nationalities are represented among the players transferred.

18. FIFA have compiled a Top 70 biggest international transfers (ranked by total transfer fee) which sees Neymar lead the way thanks to his \$244.2m move between Barcelona and Paris Saint-Germain in 2017. The fee was more than double the previous world record for a transfer, set the previous year when Paul Pogba left Juventus for Manchester United, and the result has been the marked upturn in total transfer spending we saw the following summer and the years since.

19. Angel Di Maria features twice in the top

10 thanks to his hefty back-to-back transfers between Real Madrid and Manchester United (\$82.5m, 2014) and Manchester United to Paris Saint Germain (\$69.3m, 2015). Several other players feature twice inside the Top 70, for instance James Rodriguez (\$49.5m from Porto to Monaco, \$82.5m from Monaco to Real Madrid), Leroy Sane (\$57.2m from Schalke to Man City, \$49.5m from Man City to Bayern Munich) and Alvaro Morata (\$72.6m from Real Madrid to Chelsea, \$38.5m from Chelsea to Atletico Madrid).

20. Kepa Arrizabalaga (\$88m from Athletic Bilbao to Chelsea, 2018) is comfortably the most expensive goalkeeper in the Top 70 and ranks 16th overall, nine places above Alisson (\$68.75m from Roma to Liverpool, 2018), his closest rival. The most expensive defender on the list is Lucas Hernandez (19th) courtesy of the French left-back's \$88m transfer between Atletico Madrid and Bayern Munich in 2019.

21. More cumulative transfer fees (\$7.1bn) have been spent on Brazilian players between 2011-2020 than any other nationality. Of course, Neymar (\$97.02m from Santos to Barcelona in 2013, and \$244.2m from Barca to PSG in 2017) has accrued more individual fees than any other Brazilian, though Philippe Coutinho (\$148.5m to Barcelona), Arthur (\$79.2m to Juventus) and Alisson Becker (\$68.75m to Liverpool) have all made sizeable contributions of their own. French players are second (\$4.5bn) and Spanish players are third (\$3.7bn) while British players are down in 10th with a total of \$1.3bn.

22. Of the Top 70 most expensive international transfers, almost half of the transfers involved (32) were players signed by Premier League clubs. The chasing pack are as follows: Spain (18 transfers), France (7), Italy (6), Germany (4), China (2) and Turkey (1, which was Bruma's move from Sporting to Galatasaray in 2013). When it comes to clubs releasing players for international transfers, Premier League teams were only involved in 12 of the Top 70 transfers between 2011 and 2020.

Gwiji by David Chikoko



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Chandrapaul Hemraj ton caps Warriors demolition of Royals

BASSETERRE

GUYANA Amazon Warriors opening batter Chandrapaul Hemraj scored his maiden T20 ton to cap a nine-wicket demolition of the woeful Barbados Royals.

Chasing a target of 131, Hemraj faced 30 of the 36 balls in the powerplay to race to 61, putting a remarkable century within a short chase firmly in the cross-hairs.

On 99 with the scores level, he managed to pull off the feat with an uppercut for six over backward point.

Hemraj brought up his first 50 off 25 balls and made a mockery of the Royals first innings total on a pitch that had seen Faf du Plessis also score a century earlier in the day for St Lucia Kings.

Unlike du Plessis and Hemraj though, Royals continued their calamitous start to the season by stumbling through their innings after choosing to bat first.

After a relatively sedate start, Imran Tahir unleashed carnage in the fifth over of play by nabbing three wickets, Johnson Charles caught driving to mid-off, Smit Patel first ball lbw misreading a googly, and then capped the over getting Glenn Phillips to chip a leading edge back for a return catch.

From there, Royals continued to flounder as four players crossed 20 without passing 30.

But Warriors, or more specifically Hemraj, batted as if on a different wicket during the chase.

Hemraj and Brandon King plundered 71 from the powerplay and eventually 103 in their opening stand before King fell two balls after drinks playing across the line to Nyeem Young.

At that stage, Hemraj needed to score 20 of the final 28 runs required to reach his personal milestone and the only who threatened to spoil the moment looked to be his teammate at No. 3, Shoaib Malik.

When Malik pulled over wide mid-on for a boundary in the 13th, it left Hemraj needing to score 12 of the final 14 runs to get to three figures before the target would be achieved.

After another Malik single, the drama intensified when Hemraj struck a boundary to end the over, leaving the former on strike to begin the next frame.

Another run Shoaib subtracted from the target got Hemraj back on strike during the 14th. Despite there being no margin for error, Hemraj struck a boundary and a single to end the over on 99.

It ensured he'd be on strike at the start of the 15th over as tension continued to build in the smaller scale drama between the wickets after all life had been sucked out of the wider contest much earlier.

Hemraj sliced a full toss to short third man off Young to begin the 15th over and set off for a panicky single before being rightly sent back by Shoaib.

But all the nervous energy dissipated moments later when Young served up a short ball well outside off that Hemraj leapt off his toes to dispatch over the off side rope, cementing a thrilling individual achievement as well as putting the final nail in the coffin of a lopsided match.

AGENCIES

Tembo Stars' cricketers cruise to 2021 APL final



Tembo Stars' Nisar Ahmed (L) is presented with the best player of the match prize by Harab Motors Tz Ltd's Director, Basit Ali, for the cricketer's solid batting displays during his team's Advanced Cricket Players League (APL)'s last four against Royal Rhinos, which took place at Dar es Salaam Gymkhana Club (DGC) oval on Saturday. PHOTO: COURTESY OF TCA

By Guardian Reporter

TEMBO Stars cricketers have closed in on clinching the 2021 Advanced Cricket Players League (APL) title, notching a six-wicket victory over Royal Rhinos in a closely contested semi-final tie, which took place at Dar es Salaam Gymkhana Club (DGC) oval last weekend.

Lovely innings executed by the in-form batsman, Nisar Ahmed, was instrumental in Tembo Stars' progression to the final.

Ahmed's batting exploits were crucial, seeing to it his side overcomes a steep target of 162 runs set by Royal Rhinos led by promising cricketer, Arshaan Jasani.

It was a game with a lot of ups and downs and an incident in which Ahmed came close to experiencing dismissal when Tembo Stars took the crease.

Royal Rhinos batted first, posting 161 runs and losing

six wickets in 20 overs.

The team's members of the top order did all they could in pursuit of a bigger total and, ultimately, Ally Mpeka was the batsman with most runs, ending five runs short of a half-century.

There were two-digit figures notched by other cricketers, Jasani, Aahil Jasani, Nandakishan Pottachira, Nassib Kelvin. Pottachira that was de-

ployed as opening batsman scored 14 runs, nailing a boundary and a six, Kelvin recorded 13 runs, skipper Jasani scored 29 runs, nailing three boundaries.

Aahil managed to stamp his authority, given the cricketer posted 32 runs, blasting three boundaries.

Experienced spinner, Tambwe Rashid, and Alhaj Sadick recorded two wickets apiece when Tembo

Stars bowled.

Tembo Stars experienced a scare early in the chase, opening batsman Ahmed was dropped by one of Royal Rhinos' fielders in the third over, and, after that, the performer never played an error shot.

The well-drilled batsman took the game away so comfortably, ending with 81 runs consisting of eight fours and five sixes.

Tembo Stars were to take on Buffalo Blasters in the final yesterday.

Royal Rhinos had early on secured qualification for the last four following a one-run victory over Simba Kings in a playoff, termed as 'Eliminator', which took place the same weekend.

The 'Eliminator' brought together sides that finished third and fourth in the showdown's league stage, with winners progressing to the last four.

Tembo Stars were handed the chance to battle it out in the semi-final once they had conceded a loss to Buffalo Blasters in the Super Over of the first semi-final, termed as 'Qualifier 1', played last weekend.

The showpiece, organized by Tanzania Cricket Association (TCA), is one of the tournaments hosted on regular basis, seeking to improve cricket promotion in the country.

This season's showdown, as revealed by TCA, is the 10th APL hosted by the association since the tournament's inception.

Six sides that have participated in the 2021 APL are Simba Kings, Chui Challengers, Buffalo Blasters, Royal Rhinos, Tembo Stars, and Twiga Titans.

Twiga Titans were the 2021 APL defending champions, they laid their hands on the 2020 competition's trophy after commanding a four-run victory over Chui Challengers in the final played on August 16.

According to TCA information officer, Atif Salim, Reliance Insurance firm and Azania Bank are this season's APL main sponsors.

The showdown's co-sponsors are GI Security, Harab Motors, Hitech Sai, Sterling, General Petroleum, and Pepsi.

Biashara United coach sets sight on CAF Confederation Cup

By Correspondent Nassir

Nchimbi

MARA's Biashara United FC's head coach, Patrick Odhiambo, has made it clear that next season they must do well in CAF Confederation Cup as they have the task of flying the Tanzanian flag.

The team is expected to use Dar es Salaam's Benjamin Mkapa Stadium after Mwanza's CCM Kirumba Stadium was rejected by the Confederation of African Football (CAF).

The team had already set up camp in Mwanza for two weeks, but they have been told their preliminary round match against FC Dikhil of Djibouti will be played at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium.

CAF claimed the Mwanza's CCM Kirumba has failed to meet the required criteria.

Biashara United FC's Manager and Coordinator said they had to change everything as they were in Mwanza, training at CCM Kirumba Stadium for more

than 10 days.

The official said the players were used to the environment so they are in the final stages of relocating to a Dar es Salaam camp to resume preparations.

Biashara United FC began preparations for the new season in Mwanza and is currently planning to come to Dar es Salaam.

The coach said: "The biggest thing we need to do is get positive results and have a strong squad."

"We are participating in international competition so it is important for us and we are strong, basically it is all about preparation and it is possible we can excel in the event," he said.

Biashara United FC is competing in the CAF Confederation Cup for the first time after finishing fourth in the previous season's Mainland Premier League.

Tanzania won four representation positions for CAF club competitions, fielding two sides in the CAF Cham-



Biashara United's players participate in training in Mara recently to shape up for the Premier League and CAF Confederation Cup fixtures. PHOTO: COURTESY OF BIASHARA UNITED

pions League and two in the CAF Confederation Cup.

Biashara United FC collected 50 points in 34 games which enabled the outfit to join Azam FC in this season's conti-

mental tournament.

Commenting on their preparations, the border guard's midfielder Ramadhani Chombo 'Redondo' said:

"Our coach is well aware of this competi-

tion so he has been preparing us to match the needs we need to have."

United is scheduled to travel away to FC Dikhil of Djibouti between September 10-12.

Should they manage to

post good results in their two preliminary games, the Mara-based club is expected to face the winners of the preliminary round between Hay Al-Wadi of Sudan and Ahli Tripoli of Libya.

Flexibles by David Chikoko

