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JPM leads emotional ceremony



President John Magufuli pays his last respects for the late IPP Executive Chairman Dr Reginald Mengi at the Karimjee in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Photo: Selemani Mpochi

"He believed in a life of forgiveness, when he knew he did wrong to anyone he repented. We should emulate him," said the pastor

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BUSINESS

By Henry Mwangonde

PRESIDENT John Magufuli yesterday led thousands of Tanzanians who paid their last respects to the fallen philanthropist Dr Reginald Mengi at an emotional ceremony in Dar es Salaam.

Current and retired senior government officials, private sector executives as well as envoys representing foreign missions were among a mammoth crowd that thronged the Karimjee Hall in the city as thousands followed the event from outside the venue and millions via radio and television.

Speaking during the mass, Rev. Manford Kijalo from Msasani Evangelical Lutheran Church of Tanzania (ELCT) parish said Dr Mengi has been an exemplary leader to

"He believed in a life of forgiveness, when he knew he did wrong to anyone he repented. We should emulate him," said the

Tanzania Episcopal Conference (TEC) Secretary General Dr Charles Kitima said Dr Mengi touched lives of many Tanzanians in various ways.

He said he has personally lost a true friend who helped the country in many ways, including serving the needy.

Speaking on behalf of the government,

Minister for Foreign Affairs, East Africa, Regional and International Cooperation Prof Palamagamba Kabudi said Dr Mengi's death was a big blow to the nation.

"As government, we have received the news of Dr Mengi's death with profound shock. He was a true son of the land who dedicated all his life serving others," said Prof Kabudi.

Prof Kabudi said upon receiving the news of Dr Mengi's demise, the government through its consulate in Dubai coordinated arrangements for a respectful handling of the body starting from preservation to transporting the remains back home.

He said Dr Mengi has used most of his time and resources to promote investment, and at times took the matter as personal.

'We will remember him for the book that he has left us with. He has explained how he struggled from nothing and then moved to build a business empire," he said.

The death of Tanzanian dollar millionaire and executive chairman of IPP Group of Companies, Dr Reginald Mengi, has touched millions of Tanzanians and a veteran diplomat, Ambassador Juma Mwapachu, is one of them.

Eulogizing at the event to pay last respects to the body of Dr Mengi, Ambassador



Universal Health Coverage awaits next financial year

By Guardian Reporter, Dodoma

THE much-awaited Universal Health Coverage (UHC) bill is set for tabling in the National Assembly next financial year with the prospect of ending the burden of out-of-pocket payment for millions of Tanzanians.

House Speaker Job Ndugai (pictured) said here yesterday that all preparations for the proposed law are in place including learning tours by MPs to some African countries that have successfully implemented the programme.

"MPs went to several countries including Uganda and Ghana to learn how the Universal Health Coverage model works," he said.

The Speaker who spoke during the official opening of Medical Laboratory Scientists Association of Tanzania (MELSAT) at Nyerere Square here noted

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Envoy lauds Dr Mengi's good feelings for China

By Guardian Reporter

CHINESE ambassador to Tanzania, Wang Ke, (pictured) has delivered a message of condolence for the passing away of Dr. Reginald Mengi.

The message was personal and emphatic in character, where the envoy notably expressed her sadness "to hear about the passing away of IPP



Executive Chairman and my friend Dr. Reginald Mengi. I have been always impressed and inspired by not only his good feelings towards China, but his vision and spirit of innovation, dedication and social responsibility. I believe Dr. Reginald Mengi will be remembered forever for his relentless effort and great contributions to promoting economic and social development and improving people's well-being in Tanzania.

"At this sad moment, I would like to express my heartfelt condolences to Dr. Mengi's family, IPP workers and the business community of Tanzania for their tremendous loss. May Dr. Mengi's soul rest in peace."

Wang Ke is Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the People's Republic of China in the United Republic of Tanzania, a diplomatic rank which also shows the level at which relations with Tanzania are prized in the Chinese foreign ministry and diplomatic work as a whole, observers noted.

Serving the less fortunate, encouraging the despaired

By Henry Mwangonde

THE late Dr Reginald Mengi will go down in history as a man who dedicated his life to serving humanity, uplifting the less fortunate and encouraging the despaired.

Mourners who paid their last respects to the industrialist in Dar es Salaam yesterday described the fallen businessman as a rare species since he spent much of his fortune in empowering others.

Speaking during the requiem mass at the Karimjee Hall in Dar es Salaam, the Minister for Information, Culture and Arts Dr Harrison Mwakyembe said the nation has lost a great

man who played a key role in promoting the information and sports sectors.

"Dr Mengi believed in national unity. He supported everything as long as it was for the benefit of Tanzanians, at times giving what he has. The largest thing we could remember is the recent support to the Under 17 national football team (Serengeti Boys) during the Africa Cup of Nations finals some weeks ago," he said.

Tanzania Private Sector Foundation (TPSF) chairman Salum Shamte said Dr Mengi taught them a lot of things during his lifetime, one being that everyone was created important and in this

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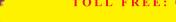






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Regina and Abdiel pay the last respects to their beloved father Dr Reginald Mengi at Karimjee Hall in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Photo: John Badi

By Guardian Reporter

A DAR ES SALAAM-based Regency Medical Centre in partnership with HCG Multi-Specialty Hospital in Ahmedabad, India will conduct hip and knee replacement surgical camp this week.

The camp is scheduled to start from May 9 to 11, this year whereby two days will be for screening and on 10th will be for surgery.

According to the statement from

Indian experts to conduct knee and hip replacement surgery in Dar

in a bid to reduce referrals abroad, save the foreign exchange of the country and train local experts in the latest cutting edge surgical technology.

orthopaedic surgeon, Dr Yuvraj Lakum, avail this latest cut edge small incision

Regency Medical Centre, this is done along with local experts, will conduct surgeries, screening of follow up and new patients will be carried out.

Those selected will be operated in next six weeks time. "This is a good The statement said the lead specialist opportunity for Fellow Tanzanians to

surgery with early mobilization at the door steps in Tanzania at Regency Medical Centre," the statement said.

It stated that this will also save the expenses of air fares of the patient and the escort and their upkeep and prolonged stay abroad.

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Mwapachu said the departed businessman believed in seven principles that shaped his life.

Dr Mengi died last week on the wee hours of Tuesday, aged 77 in Dubai and his body was flown to Dar es Salaam on

Speaking at the Karimjee Hall where mourners from across the country gathered to pay their last respects, Ambassador Mwapachu, a former EAC Secretary General, said: Mengi has been my friend for a period of 38 years. During the days, I came to realize that he believed in seven key issues."

He described the late Mengi as someone who had a strong conviction that all the money he had accumulated through his business dealings was from God. "He always put God first," he stressed.

He said the fallen tycoon hated poverty and showed that through his actions. He hated to see Tanzanians grapple with abject poverty yet the country is blessed with abundant natural resources, he pointed out.

"This was why he came up with various initiatives to help the needy. We all remember how he used to foot the bills of children with heart complications so that they can receive specialist treatment in India...From an education point of view, Mengi was the man behind the success of Maasai girls in Simanjiro," he said.

Ambassador Mwapachu said the late Mengi was the kind of a person who would be touched by the plight of people with disabilities, including those with albinism so much that he came up with initiatives to support them financially.

From a business point of view, the late Mengi was a down to earth

entrepreneur who was never satisfied with what he had acquired, he similarly

"Much as we could all believe that he was rich, he still had new plans of setting up manufacturing industries, in line with President John Magufuli's goal to industrialize Tanzania. Recently, he signed contracts for the manufacturing of electronics and for vehicle assembly," said Ambassador

Despite his age, Mengi's brain was never tired of thinking about new business ventures.

"During the past few months, he had been busy talking to health experts in India, Thailand and US to discuss ways of bringing the much-needed technologies to Tanzania," he said.

Through his Twitter page, the late Mengi would promote the youth with entrepreneurial thinking by giving them seed capital to realize their dreams.

"It was On the basis of his belief that one does not need to rush into getting employment, and instead they should consider self-employment, that's why Mengi kept on pushing the government to include entrepreneurial skills in the country's educational curriculum," he

Though he had little interest in politics, his views were always respected. He believed in the private sector as an engine of economic growth.

"This was why be decided to establish media companies so as to create a good relationship between the public and the private sector," the veteran administrator noted.

Besides, the late Mengi loved the environment and sensitized people to plant trees to overcome the adverse effects of climate change, he added.

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he wanted to see more millionaires like him in the country.

He stated that Dr Mengi believed in disciplined entrepreneurship which can contribute to the development of the majority of Tanzanians.

Shamte underlined that Dr Mengi believed in an economy that was inclusive, hence he will be remembered for his diehard spirit of ensuring that entrepreneurs were empowered.

"For us, we will remember Dr Mengi through various records that we have at our office but also through various undertakings that he personally participated in preparing," he said.

French Ambassador to Tanzania Frédéric Clavier said the government and the embassy received the news of Dr Mengi's death with profound shock as he was a polite patriotic and humble man who dedicated his life towards

"This is a tragedy to all development stakeholders. We have lost a great man who put the interest of his country first," the envoy said.

Ambassador Clavier said the fallen business people in the country.

philanthropist he will be remembered through his book 'I Can, I Must I Will' which the ambassador said was timely as Africa was shaping up on the global platform as an emerging economy

founded on entrepreneurship. The envoy said if the majority of Africans follow Dr Mengi's footsteps then their native countries would do a

The chairperson of the Tanzania Federation of Disabled People's Organizations (SHIVYAWATA) Ummy Nderiananga said People with Disabilities have lost a pillar and a father who worked tirelessly to ensure

them to live a dignified life. Joseph Kusaga of Clouds Media Group, on behalf of the Media Owners Association (MOAT) which Dr Mengi chaired until his death, said Dr Mengi was open for advice and ready to help anyone who needed help.

Confederation of Tanzania Industries (CTI) chairman Subash Patel said the establishment of CTI was an idea by Dr Mengi and that he dedicated his resources to ensure it stood up, and was vocal on issues that were important to



TASAF constructs five modern classrooms at

Widow Jacqueline Mengi paying last respects to her husband Dr Reginald Mengi yesterday. Photo: John Badi

Universal Health Coverage awaits next financial year

that the decision to adopt UHC was reached after it emerged that the cash for health approach was unattainable for most poor Tanzanians.

"This will bring transformation in our healthcare because no one will be left out as opposed to the current situation where many people cannot go to hospital because they have no money," he said.

Ndugai said after preparations and studies of best practices, his office will do everything possible to ensure that the bill sails through and gets signed into law since the majority poor Tanzanians will benefit a lot from the

And as Tanzania strives to build an industrial economy and attain middle income country status by 2025, UHC is inevitable as it is also a pre-condition for attaining the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), he stated.

a moral one, that it is not acceptable for some members of society to face death, disability, ill health or impoverishment for reasons that could be addressed at a limited cost.

UHC provides that all people and communities can use the promotional, preventive, curative, rehabilitative and palliative health services they need and of sufficient quality while ensuring that the use of these services does not expose the user to financial hardships.

This calls for governments to increase domestic allocation of resources for health to protect citizens from hardships and catastrophic health expenditure, ensuring the sustainable development goals.

The current reality is still the opposite is the case in Africa, where on average 38 per cent of health expenditure is covered from outof-pocket (OPP) expenditure which exposes individuals, families and Proponents of the plan say the communities to financial hardships, primary reason for investing in UHC is poverty and destitution.

Madobole primary school in Njombe township **By Guardian Reporter**

PUPILS at Madobole primary school in Njombe township council have all reasons to smile as they are now studying in a comfortable and conducive environment, thanks to the Tanzania Social Action Fund (TASAF) for constructing five modern classrooms, while capacitating the school with desks, toilets and teachers homes.

Worth 200m/- the project will among others improve attendance of children in class as well perk up their performances in school and national examinations.

Various reports point out that favourable learning and teaching

environment were vital in improving children's performance in schools.

Speaking, the school's head teacher Crispin Mlingwa commended TASAF, saying that most of the pupils were previously studying under unfavourable classrooms something which was affecting their attendance and performance.

He told a team of journalists who paid a visit to the school recently to witness its progress and challenges. The project at the school was implemented by TASAF with funds from Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC).

He said that the new classrooms had also made it easier for the teachers to supervise the pupils, while the old classrooms forced them not to be able has also constructed a dispensary to reach out to all the pupils.

Mlingwa however called upon the government to enrol more pupils for the Tasaf programme as it had shown tremendous impacts especially in performance in class.

TASAF coordinator at Njombe Township Council, Peter Magema pointed out that apart from other projects, TASAF III also focuses on improving education delivery in the country by supporting schools by constructing classrooms, providing desks, water, power and other equipment to enable better provision of education to children,

at Madobole primary school, TASAF

worth 74m/- at Ikisa village, whereas its construction is expected to be completed this month."

For his part, chairperson of the implementation of the project at the school, Edmund Msemwa observed that the reason for selecting the particular area was due to the challenge which the school had been grappling with for year.

"Comparing to the previous situation with the current one, there is now a big relief in this school. Previously, classrooms were outdated and unsafe for our children because they allowed water to penetrate inside the "Apart from constructing classrooms classrooms due to worn-out windows and floors," Msemwa noted.





Members of the Parliament wait to register their Airtel lines as directed by Tanzania Communication Regulatory Authority in Dodoma yesterday. Photo:

Zanzibar vows to reinforce relations with Brazil - Shein

By Guardian Reporter

ZANZIBAR President Dr Ali Mohamed Shein yesterday met and held talks with the ambassador of Brazil Antonio Augusto Cesar vowing to continue strengthening relationship between the two nations.

Speaking during the meeting at the Zanzibar State House, Dr Shein said that the two nations have been cooperating in various economic and social development issues for over 50 years insisting that the long historical ties should be maintained and honoured for mutual benefits.

He explained how Zanzibar has been blessed with plenty of resources thus calling upon investors from Brazil to come and grab a number of opportunities available in the Indian Ocean archipelago.

"The Isles government is well prepared and determined to market well its attractions and investments opportunities to enable more investors from Brazil to seize them for mutual benefits," he added.

He added" As we work to cement our relationship, we should also consider strengthening our businesses, tourism and cultural relations for the benefits of residents of the countries...," Dr Shein told the envoy.

For his part, ambassador Cesar hinted on the note that his government will continue working closely with the Tanzania

government, strengthen ties economically, socially and politically.

The envoy said that he is going to work to ensure that the two countries' relations flourishes and brings more positive impacts.

According to him, the already established relations have enabled more interactions among the peoples of the countries in sharing skills and experiences towards exploitation of available opportunities for sustainable development.

"We need to strengthen relation in tourism sector saying that Zanzibar has been blessed with a number of attractions and opportunities ...I will do my best to encourage and bring more investors from Brazil," he said.

Abdulsamad Abdulrahman, the Brazil's honorary consul in Zanzibar said that later next month at least 37 youths from Zanzibar and Tanzania mainland will travel to Brazil to attend a ten-day trade conference.

According to him, during the conference, the group will be able to learn and grab new skills and knowledge from their fellow on how to improve their business.

"The young Tanzanians will also get opportunity to visit various major cities such as Brasilia, Sao Paolo and Rio de Ianeiro. While in these cities, the group will get chance to visit small-scale industries of poultry, meat processing as well as oil and gas companies," he added.

By Guardian Correspondent, Dodoma

THE Small Industries Development Organisation's (SIDO) said here that its agro-industrial initiative known as one district one product (ODOP) is gaining ground countrywide.

Speaking to journalists recently, the SIDO Director General, Prof Sylvester Mpanduji, named Singida, Mbeya, Dodoma, Manyara and Morogoro regions as having excelled in embracing the imitative, explaining that sequel to SIDO: One district one product initiative gaining ground this production of sun flower, maize, base is gaining ground in innovative

"We have evidence that this Mpanduji explained. programme has encouraged economic growth in districts that have used it. Farmers have increased crop production and home-grown industrial

paddy and green vegetables has districts. The growth contribution increase and agro-industrial plants of this programme is now visible at have been built to process the produce. district up to national levels," Prof

> Under this programme, a district chooses the most popular crop or livestock or fisheries product and gives it priority in its development

programme in order to raise residents' by 2025. welfare and disposable income.

leaderships to embrace the ODOP initiative to speed up the national industrialization programme and contribute positively to the national efforts towards making Tanzania an industrialized middle-income nation

Acting Director for Marketing and He called on regions and district Investment, Shoma Kibende, said on the whole many districts have understood the logic behind the ODOP initiative and have used the initiative to mobilize peasants to increase crop production.

"Where the initiative has been used,

peasants have accessed ready markets because peasants are selling produce to their chosen agro-industries established in their own districts," she explained.

She said Sido's principal role in the initiative is to ensure districts produce quality products for local and external markets.

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COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 31ST MARCH 2019"

(ALL AMOUNTS IN TZS)

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

100570	Previous Quarter Group	Current Year Commulative Group	Previous Year Commulative Group	Current Quarter Company	Current Quarter Subsidiary
ASSETS					
Non Current Assets	31st December 2018	31st March 2019	31st March 2018	31st March 2019	31st March 2019
Property and equipment	550,860,714	510,066,033	629,944,556	497,954,949	12,111,085
Non-current prepayment	2,819,584,000	2,819,584,220	2,776,767,380	2,819,584,220	,,,
Intangible asset	103,672,000	94,244,053	104,535,274	54,553,886	39,690,167
Leasehold land	320,018,740	319,086,976	324,507,496	319,021,238	65,738
Deferred tax asset	66,000	0.0,000,070	024,007,400	010,021,200	00,700
Investment in Subsidiary	-	_	_	100,000,000	_
mreading in education	3,794,201,454	3,742,981,283	3,835,754,706	3,791,114,293	51,866,989
Current Assets					
Trade receivables	597,056,000	350,616,512	1,508,158,451	271,458,154	79,158,358
Prepayment & Other Receivables	690,419,259	1,022,743,038	1,280,592,420	1,024,857,241	45,777,710
Government Securities	5,699,728,794	5,699,728,794	723,099,300	5,699,728,794	-
Shorterm Deposits	11,071,295,844	10,771,295,844	14,934,240,129	10,771,295,844	_
Cash and cash equivalents	397,035,000	388,467,425	362,937,680	30,344,567	358,122,858
	18,455,534,897	18,232,851,613	18,809,027,980	17,797,684,600	483,058,926
TOTAL ASSETS	22,249,736,352	21,975,832,896	22,644,782,687	21,588,798,894	534,925,915
SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS AND LIABILITIES					
Shareholders' Funds					
Ordinary Share Capital DSE	9,529,608,000	9,529,608,000	9,529,608,000	9,529,608,000	
Share Premium DSE	1,850,374,351	1,850,374,351	1,850,374,351	1,850,374,351	-
Ordinary Share Capital to Subsidiary	-			-	100,000,000
Retained Earnings	7,773,326,000	7,958,529,974	8,206,606,873	7,692,289,138	266,240,836
Car Loan Fund	35,000,000	35,000,000		35,000,000	
Revaluation Reserve	331,195,000	331,195,000	332,524,359	331,195,000	-
Total Shareholders Funds	19,519,503,351	19,704,707,325	19,919,113,583	19,438,466,489	366,240,836
Non-Current Liabilities					
Capital Grants	1,337,308,000	1,292,240,520	1,614,603,832	1,292,240,520	-
Current Liabilities					
Borrowing	150,000,000		-	-	-
Contract Liabilities	566,033,000	355,193,988	474,846,920	355,193,988	-
Current Income Tax	42,290,000			-	-
Trade Creditors and Other Payables	634,602,000	623,691,044	636,218,351	502,897,879	168,685,079
Total Current Liabilities	1,392,925,000	978,885,033	1,111,065,271	858,091,867	168,685,079
TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS AND LIABILITIES	22,249,736,352	21,975,832,896	22,644,782,687	21,588,798,894	534,925,915

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS) FOR THE QUARTER ENDING 31ST MARCH 2019

(Amounts in Shillings)							
	Previous Quarter Group	Current Quarter Group	Current Year cummulative Group	Previous Year cummulative Group	Current Quarter Company	Current Quarter Subsidiary	
	31st Dec 2018	31st March 2019	31st Dec 2018	31st March 2018	31st March 2019	31st March 2019	
Revenue Listing Fees Transaction Fees Registry & CSD Fees Investment Income Other Income Total Operating Revenue	572,563,462 142,736,539 311,643,740 344,808,214 157,699,215 1,529,451,170	481,879,480 146,577,787 132,550,617 344,938,311 72,382,263 1,178,328,458	2,554,403,681 791,966,296 944,207,372 1,500,947,579 486,387,060 6,277,911,988	802,078,402 315,478,793 233,143,419 430,406,887 163,956,154 1,945,063,655	481,879,480 146,577,787 - 338,925,983 47,440,705 1,014,823,955	- 132,550,617 6,012,328 24,941,558 163,504,503	
Total Revenue	1,529,451,170	1,178,328,458	6,277,911,988	1,945,063,655	1,014,823,955	163,504,503	
Operating Costs Staff Costs Administrative Expenses Operating Expenses Total Expenses	603,745,408 451,601,601 147,579,584 1,202,926,593	615,882,917 312,193,049 65,048,956 993,124,922	2,254,063,849 1,751,155,876 522,665,359 4,527,885,085	531,296,399 436,768,426 139,078,287 1,107,143,112	463,318,717 256,416,982 36,229,801 755,965,499	152,564,200 55,776,067 28,819,155 237,159,422	
Profit Before Tax Tax Provision**	326,524,577 18,795,409	185,203,536	1,750,026,903 74,051,775	837,920,543 30,118,945	258,858,455	(73,654,920)	
Profit After Tax	307,729,168	185,203,536	1,675,975,128	807,801,598	258,858,455	(73,654,920)	
Basic Earning Per Share Diluted Earning Per Share	13 13	8 8	70 70	34 34			

STATEMENT OF CASHFLOW (COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS) " FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 31ST MARCH 2019 "

(Amounts in Shillings)

	Previous Quarter Group	Current Quarter Group	Current Quarter Company	Current Quarter Subsidiary
	31st Dec 2018	31st March 2019	31st March 2019	31st March 2019
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES				
Net Profit After Tax	307,729,169	185,203,536	258,858,455	(73,654,920)
Adjustments :				
Interest received	(344,808,213)	(344,938,311)	(338,925,983)	(6,012,328)
Current Tax				_
Amortization of Capital Grants	(44,526,228)	(45,066,545)	(45,066,545)	-
Depreciation and Ammortization of Intangible Assets	51,990,601	57,062,736	53,250,440	3,812,296
Operating Cashflows Before Changes in Working Capital Items	(29,614,671)	(147,738,585)	(71,883,633)	(75,854,952)
(Increase)/Decrease in Trade Receivable	39,619,239	246,439,488	178,615,846	67.823.835
(Increase)/Decrease in Prepayments and other receivables	(277,784,339)	(332,323,779)	(322,071,879)	(28,140,140
(Increase)/Decrease in Staff Receivable	23,258,425		-	
Increase/(Decrease) in Fees Received in Advance	(313,841,588)	_	_	_
Increase/(Decrease) in short term deposits		-	300,000,000	
Increase/(Decrease) in contract liabilities		(210,839,012)		
Increase/(Decrease) in short term borrowings		(150,000,000)		
Increase/(Decrease) in Trade Payables	203,117,203	(10,910,956)	(415,563,133)	19,411,889
NET CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	(355,245,732)	(347,662,167)	(330,902,799)	(16,759,368
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES				
Interest Earned	344,808,213	344,938,311	338,925,983	6,012,328
Acquisition of Fixed Assets	(29,923,805)	(5,843,000)	(4,003,000)	(1,840,000
NET CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES	314,884,408	339,095,311	334,922,983	4,172,328
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES				
Dividend Paid	(69,089,600)	_	_	_
NET CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES	(69,089,600)	-	-	-
INCREASE/(DECREASE) IN CASH & CASH EQUIVALENTS	(109,450,924)	(8,566,857)	4,020,183	(12,587,040
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE PERIOD	506,485,924	397,033,898	26,324,000	370,709,898
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE END OF THE PERIOD	397,035,000	388,467,041	30,344,183	358,122,858

Signed By

Moremi Marwa Chief Executive Officer

Mecklaud Edson Chief Internal Auditor

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Date

443 children reside with parents in Prison - govt

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

ABOUT 443 Children below the age of five years were residing in prisons with their parents between 2015 and 2017, the House heard yesterday.

Deputy minister for Health, Community Development, Gender, the Elderly and Children , Faustine Ndugulile said the children had their mothers either serving jail sentence or remand prisons.

He said in 2015, there 160 children in different prisons and remand cells in the country, in 2016 there were 85 while in 2017 they were 108 children.

However he said such children the cases facing them. are in day care centres where they learn various skills to build them psychologically, mentally, physically, morally and ethically.

to a question from Special Seats MP, their mothers to get their right to be

Mariam Kisangi (CCM) who had said breastfed. that children living in the prisons with their mothers go to school and come back to the prisons, terming it psychologically and morally wrong.

"This trend is not right for children who need a lot of care for their growth and development. What is the government doing to help children who face such challenges?" she asked.

The deputy minister in his response noted that the presence of such children in the prisons and remand prisons is due to the fact that their mothers be convicted, serving jail terms or waiting for court rulings on

He clarified that there are no such children who attend schools and come back to join their mothers in custody except those who are below two years The deputy minister was responding of age who are forced to live with

"In cases where children above two years old and not more than five years are obliged to stay with their mothers in prisons, the authorities ensure they attend day care centres," he said.

He said section 144 of the Law of Child Act, No 21 of 2009 and the regulations on child protection of 2015 and the regulations of child protection in prison of 2018, provides for how to take care of children and ensure they get all the needed support.

Ndugulile noted that the above legislations clearly state the requirements to provide complete meal, health services as well as vaccines.

He said the main reason for having the children attend day care centres during the day is to ensure they do not stay in prisons but get opportunity to learn other skills.



Banana vendors in Babati district, Manyara region look for customers yesterday. Most of the women in Babati do small businesses to make money for their families.

By Correspondent Amri Lugungulo, Kisarawe

been vaccinated against the human papilloma virus (HPV) vaccination with the authorities targeting to roll out 1,080 girls with the service in a new push to prevent and fight cervical cancer.

HPV is a virus with subtypes that cause diseases in humans ranging from common warts to cervical cancer.

The girls who included those who are in and out of school were vaccinated following a special national programme launched last year to provide the vaccination to the group.

Officials of the district hospital, Adam Mlowo and Vitalis Kateule on behalf of the District Medical Officer (DMO), Dr. Stanford John said that 78 out of the 242 girls were vaccinated recently during the World Week of Vaccination against other various diseases which took place between April 30 and May 6, this year.

242 in Kisarawe district vaccinated ABOUT 242 girls aged 14 years in Kisarawe district, Coast region have against the human papilloma virus

programme will reach all targeted girls in the region's seven districts of Kisarawe, Bagamoyo, Mafia, Rufiji, Kibiti, Mkuranga and Kibaha.

According to them, the vaccination will be provided to the girls in villages through health centres, dispensaries and the district hospital.

Regional authorities said last year during launching of the programme said that a total of 18,823 girls aged 14 years were expected to be vaccinated in the Coast region.

Launching the national programme in April, last year the Vice President Samia Suluhu Hassan directed regional and district medical officers to ensure that girls aged 14 are vaccinated against Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) vaccine to prevent them from cervical cancer.

She said that the target of introducing the HPV vaccine was to reach 3 The officials HPV vaccination million girls by December this year

adding that it was free of charge for all recommended girls.

According to the VP, the introduction of the HPV is aimed at reducing treatment costs of the cervical cancer

Suluhu detailed that according to Ocean Road Cancer Institute (ORCI) cervical cancer was the leading cancer by 32.8 per cent and contributes to 38 per cent of all cancer related deaths.

"Tanzanian government is today joining some countries in Africa like Rwanda, Uganda, Lesotho, Sevchelles, Botswana and South Africa introducing HPV vaccine to girls aged 14 years to prevent them from cervical cancer," she said.

She assured the public that HPV vaccine was safe and certified by the World Health Organisation (WHO) saying that it was globally used to prevent cervical cancer.

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

MORE than ten per cent of Tanzanians are suffering from obesity, causing fear among health authorities, the deputy minister for Health, Community Development, Gender, the Elderly and Children, Faustine Ndugulile told the House yesterday.

He noted that with the prevalence of non communicable disease (NCDs) increasing at an alarming rate in the country, obesity is one of the major health concerns among locals that pose serious challenges.

According to the minister, obesity prevalence had shown to be higher among urban men and women compared to their rural counterparts. "While talking of challenges of nutrition in the country we cannot forget to note that there is raising cases of obesity," he told the lawmakers.

The deputy minister was responding to a supplementary question by Special Seats MP, Zainabu Mwamwindi up maternal, infant, young child (CCM) who had argued that there is and adolescent nutrition, scaling

'Overweight, obesity: A major concern for health in Tanzania'

need to empower nutrition officers at up prevention and control of ward levels since there are growing malnutrition cases in the country.

"Malnutrition is a big problem among children in the country, what is the government doing to improve the situation including empowering nutrition officers at ward levels?" she asked.

Ndugulile said the government has started implementing the World Health Assembly plan to eradicate malnutrition by 2025 as well as other international treaties on the same.

He said one of the national strategies include the National Multi-sectoral Nutrition Action Plan NMNAP 2016/17-2021/22 which has six priority areas.

He said the NMNAP has identified key results areas such as scalingmicronutrient deficiencies.

Others include scaling up integrated management of acute malnutrition, scaling up prevention and management of diet related non-communicable diseases, integration of multi-sectoral nutrition sensitive interventions and improving nutrition governance.

He added that the government established the department for nutrition workers under his ministry in 2012 whereby a total 114 workers had been employed at different district councils in the country.

The deputy minister also noted that ministry of State in the President's Office, Regional Administration and Local Government, is also working on the plans to employ two nutrition officers in every village throughout the

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'Govt set aside **23.9bn/- for** construction of 27 hospitals'

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

THE government had set aside 23.9bn/- for the construction of 27 hospitals and renovated 52 health centres in the country in the 2019/2020.

Speaking in the House yesterday, the deputy minister of State in the President's Office, Regional Administration and Local Government, Josephat Kandege said that the construction is part of the whole plan to increase provision of health services throughout the country.

He was responding to a question from Special Seats MP. Zubeda Sakuru (CHADEMA) who had wanted to know what the government was doing to improve services at most health facilities in the country.

She asked, "What are the immediate steps by the government to ensure health centres, dispensaries and hospitals in the country provide the right needed services".

She argued that most of the health centres and hospitals in the country do not meet the required standards to provide quality health services.

Kandege, in his response said the government in collaboration with the local government authorities had done a lot to improve services at the dispensaries and health

He explained that in the 2017/18 and 2018/19, the government disbursed 285.17/- for the construction of 67 district council hospitals, renovation of nine district hospitals, 304 health centres and 39 dispensaries.

He said at the same time, the government had built and renovated 301 houses for health workers in the country.

"The government will continue improving infrastructure for the provision of health services like employing new workers, purchasing drugs and other treatment equipment," he said.

He said in the 2017/18 and 2018/19 the government employed 8,444 health workers of different levels within the local government authorities.

In additional response, the minister of State in the President's Office, Regional Administration and Local Government, Selemani Jafo noted that the government employed some 11,000 workers, some of them being in the health sector in efforts to improve services at all levels.



Emmanuel Mabula of BestOne Company (R) explains to Vodacom employees on how to use an electricity gadget at the climax of a week long training on health and security held at the Vodacom Tanzania Plc headquarters in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

By Correspondent James Kandoya

PERMANENT Secretary for the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries Dr Elisante Ole Gabriel has called on herders to change their mindsets and adhered to laws to avoid unnecessary conflicts when grazing their cattle in the forest game reserves.

Speaking to the herders recently in Meatu district in Simiyu region, Prof Gabriel said that there had been a tendency for some herders to graze their livestock in game reserved areas.

The PS tour came after groups of herders were arrested in Maswa forest reserve and admitted having grazed their cattle in the reserve and paid fines.

He said such situation tend to create misunderstandings between them and the management of the national parks

Govt calls on livestock keepers to abide by the country's laws and regulations

and forests reserves authorities.

"I call upon all herders to change their mindsets and start obeying the country's laws. This is the only way to avoid unnecessary conflicts, "he said.

PS noted that the responsible ministry would like to see all herders observe the laws and regulations adding that on doing so there will be mutual relationship.

According to the PS, the national parks or forest reserves management had a mandate to confiscate all animals grazingin the protected areas.

For his part, the Maswa game reserved manager Lusato Masinde said they were

planning to conduct awareness numbers but also the products campaigns to herders on laws governing it.

He highlighted the needed of proper communication between the community and the game reserve management to abide by their duties.

He said the ministry will ensure that animal husbandry sector improves in including allocation of trial plots to teach them the best practices.

Also urged them to use modern practices of keeping livestock that can produce more milk and provide best meat to compete in the markets.

"If you keep modern cattle, you will be proud not only the which are milk and meat adding that one cattle can fetch up to 88 kilogramme of meat," he said.

"We shall continue conducting awareness programmes to the communities so that they can know the laws and regulations including those governing game reserves," he added.

He clarified that as officer in charge of Maswa game reserve we need cooperation from the community especially the herders in Meatu district council.

Herders attended the meeting called on the government to increase awareness to enable them to keep modern cattle that can produce better products.

Karibu Kili Fair's tourism expo attracts 15 countries

By Correspondent James Lanka

FIFTEEN countries from across the world are expected to participate in Karibu Kili Fair, an international tourism fair, to be held in Arusha from June 7 to June 9, this year.

Dominic Shoo, coordinator of the fair, said the participation of foreign countries in the fair will help promote the east African country's abundant tourism attractions.

Shoo said more than 400 local exhibitors of tourism attractions will be joined by other participants from the 15 countries. "The tourism fair has the character of a business networking event for the tourism industry," Shoo told a news conference.

Victor Kitansi, a marketing officer with the Tanzania National Parks, said the wildlife conservation organization will continue supporting the tourism fair for the benefit of the country.

Tourism is the largest foreign exchange earner of Tanzania, contributing an average of 2 billion U.S. dollars annually, which is equivalent to 25 percent of all exchange earnings, according to the government data.

It also contributes to more than 17 percent of the national gross domestic product and creating more than 1.5 million jobs, 500,000 of which are

A report released in June 2017 rated Tanzania's tourism industry as one of the fastest growing sectors in the country with figures showing a surge on tourist arrivals.

The 2016 International Visitors' Exit Survey Report indicated that the number of tourists who visited the country continued to rise.



REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR THE SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF BIOMETRICS ACCESS CONTROL SYSTEMS TO THE FINANCIAL SECTOR DEEPENING TRUST (FSDT)

1. INTRODUCTION

The Financial Sector Deepening Trust (FSDT) was incorporated in Tanzania on 1st July 2004. The FSDT's overall aim is to make a contribution to All Tanzanians to (derive value) from regular use of financial services which are delivered with dignity and fairness. FSDT's objective are:

- 1. Advocating for an improved policy, institutional, legal and regulatory framework at national and sub-national levels of financial services
- 2. Promoting more relevant market infrastructure and ways to reduce transaction costs between FSPs and potential clients
- 3. Stimulating improved access to financial products and services that respond to the needs of **MSMEs**
- 4. Stimulating improved access to financial products and services that respond to the needs of households and individual.

2. OBJECTIVES OF THE ASSIGNMENT

The Financial Sector Deepening Trust intends to acquire services of a reputed Service Provider to supply and install Biometrics access control time attendance system in Government offices. The biometric devices will be utilized in nine (9) government offices for attendance management purposes.

Proposals are invited from the interested companies as per the scope of work below, and selection will be made on the basis of low premium cost with maximum benefits.

Service providers are invited to supply, install and commission Biometric fingerprint device in nine (9) Government institutions including their branches (Locations include: DSM, Dodoma, Mtwara, Tabora, Mbeya, Singida, Tanga)

3. SCOPE OF WORK

The service provider will be required to provide and supply:

- Biometric fingerprint devices with a warranty of at least two years after commissioning date.
- Training and support to the users after the installation of the system for a period of one year.
- Warranty and the maintenance plan after the expiry of the warranty. period.
- Implementation plan with identified timeframes.

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The **WWF** (World Wide Fund for Nature), an international conservation organization, is seeking for a competent and highly motivated Communications & Awareness Officer, to be based in Dar es Salaam.

Major Task: To ensure quality and timely delivery of outputs related to communications and awareness raising under the TCO Marine Programme. These include effectively communicating the objectives and achievements of the programme to a range of stakeholders; as well as facilitating knowledge management and awareness raising on issues surrounding sustainable fisheries and marine resources management amongst coastal communities in the programme area, as well as counterparts from partner institutions at higher levels.

Major duties and responsibilities:

Program budgets management

- Deliver communications and awareness related outputs stated in marine component of WWF TCO strategic Plan;
- Preparing a visibility plan, communication and awareness strategy for marine programme which is oriented around the social, cultural and religious characteristics of coastal communities;
- Coordinating a diverse awareness programme in conjunction with relevant partners, including design, production & distribution of relevant materials and implementation of appropriate activities and events, and raise awareness about the marine programme to all stakeholders;
- Coordinating local & national media coverage of noteworthy events and successes related to the TCO Marine Programme.

Required Qualifications and skills: Bachelor's degree or equivalent in environmental education, communications, natural resources management or similar. At least three years relevant professional experience in communication and / or environmental education, with an emphasis on sustainable natural resources management. Experiences in fisheries or marine resources management, sustainable coastal livelihoods will be an advantage.

information: Detailed Terms Additional of Reference can be obtained http://wwf.panda.org/who_we_are/jobs/. Applications must include a complete CV with full contact details of three referees and should be addressed to the People & Culture Manager, via email to: hresources@wwftz.org by Friday, 17th May 2019 at 4:30 pm. Only the shortlisted candidates will be contacted and the interviews will take place in Dar es Salaam. WWF is an equal opportunity organization.

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PAYING LAST RESPECTS TO LATE IPP GROUP OF COMPANIES EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN, DR REGINALD MENGI



The family of the late Executive Chairman of IPP Group Dr Reginald Mengi enter Karimjee Hall yesterday. All Photos: Selemani Mpochi



Mourners carrying the casket bearing the body of Dr Mengi enter in the Karimjee Hall for last respects ceremony.



 $\label{the continuous} \textbf{The family of the late Dr Mengi attend the last respects ceremony. Left is the widow, Jacqueline Mengi. } \\$



Vice President Samia Suluhu Hassan pays her last respects.



Former Prime Minister Mizengo Pinda, former First Lady Sitti Mwinyi and former Speaker of the National Assembly Anne Makinda pay their last respects.



Inspector General of Police Simon Sirro consoles Dr Mengi's family.



Mourners pay their last respects



Mourners wait to pay their last respects

PAYING LAST RESPECTS TO LATE IPP GROUP OF COMPANIES EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN, DR REGINALD MENGI



A large crowd of mourners waiting to pay last respects to the late Dr. Reginald Abraham Mengi at the Karimjee grounds in Dar es Salaam yesterday.



Some mourners pay their last respects before the body of the late Dr. Mengi.



 $\label{people living with disabilities pay their last respects.}$



Clouds Media Group Managing Director Joseph Kusaga delivers the media community condolences.



Members of the Red Cross assist one of the mourners who fainted shortly after paying her last respects.



Evangelical Lutheran Church of Tanzania (ELCT) Msasani Parish choir performs during the last respects ceremony.



The casket bearing the body of the late Dr. Mengi shortly after arriving at his Kinondoni home



The late Dr. Mengi's family spokesman Advocate Michael Ngalo delivers a vote of thanks

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Together we can fight corruption

form of dishonesty or criminal activity undertaken by a person or organisation entrusted with a position of authority, often to acquire illicit benefit. Corruption may include many activities including bribery and embezzlement, though it may also involve practices that are legal in many countries. Political corruption occurs when an office-holder or other governmental employee acts in an official capacity for personal gain. Corruption is most commonplace in kleptocracies, oligarchies, narco-states and mafia states.

Corruption can occur on different scales. Corruption ranges from small favours between a small number of people (petty corruption), to corruption that affects the government on a large scale (grand corruption), and corruption that is so prevalent that it is part of the everyday structure of society, including corruption as one of the symptoms of organised crime.

Petty corruption occurs at a smaller scale and takes place at the implementation end of public services when public officials meet the public. For example, in many small places such as registration offices, police stations, state licensing boards, and many other private and government sectors.

Grand corruption is defined as corruption occurring at the highest levels of government in a way that requires significant subversion of the political, legal and economic systems. Such corruption is commonly found in countries with authoritarian or dictatorial governments but also in those without adequate policing of

The government system in many often to acquire illicit benefit.

general, corruption is a countries is divided into the legislative, executive and judiciary branches in an attempt to provide independent services that are less subject to grand corruption due to their independence from one another. corruption (or endemic corruption) is corruption which is primarily due to the weaknesses of an organisation or process. It can be contrasted with individual officials or agents who act corruptly within the system.

> Factors which encourage systemic conflicting corruption include incentives, discretionary powers; monopolistic powers; lack of transparency; low pay; and a culture of impunity. Specific acts of corruption include bribery, extortion, and embezzlement in a system where corruption becomes the rule rather than the exception.

> We should give our new president thumps up for what he has been doing during the last four years. He and his Prime Minister have been running the country in a way that the President himself likes. He has been sending out clear massages to all friends and enemies as to how he would like to see the country run. Looting public property and avoiding paying taxes are not hallmarks of the capitalist system just as they are not hallmarks of the socialist system

In an effort to combat corruption and cultivate culture of ethical conduct amongst public officials, The government has directed all its employees to sign integrity pledges.

In general, corruption is a form of dishonesty or criminal activity undertaken by a person or organisation entrusted with a position of authority,

We ought to assess community needs and resources ■HE first shots have been city with not only green buses but

man, not the buses, who

You wouldn't have to be a genius to work out why most of the city's daladala drivers have a knowing smirk slapped right across their face.

And that they would, if they came face to face with the city bosses and the planners, tell them: "Well, didn't we tell you so!"

Yes, DART, the much vaunted, multi billion shilling transport system that was going to revolutionise our city and get us to the office on time and back again for our supper, is not exactly working as planned. All those years of preparation have come unstuck quickly and in a spectacular way.

Already many buses are out of commission after a series of accidents. It appears that DART, a system that functions adequately in many other megacities of the world, did not take into account the peculiarities of the citizens of Dar es Salaam.

The bosses may say DART is only in its infancy, it is suffering from teething troubles and these will be fixed when everyone gets used to the new traffic regulations.

The DART disaster though does highlight the sharp contrast between the dreams of city planners and the reality of putting those dreams into practice. If you don't quite believe me, then go on the internet and google The Dar Rapid Transit (DART) project. You will find 40 pages of utter wonder, pictures, graphics, bar charts, maps, all in beautiful technicolour. Wild claims are made. For instance what about this:

The system (DART) has not improved quality of living for city residents through improved mobility options and cleaner technologies.

The DART vision is also outlined. This is no less than introducing to the city a modern public transport system at reasonable cost to users using high capacity buses that are environmentally friendly, operating on exclusive lanes and run on schedule.

So there we have, writ as in the Bible in clear prose, a pledge to provide the

fired in the battle for our city ones that are also cheap and efficient. streets and it was the little Admirable. But the concept goes emergencies understand as crucial further. The planners also thought to include a further and surely overambitious set of claims.

> Wow! No wonder the scheme was passed. We would not merely be getting a decent and efficient set of buses, we would also be buying into an economic miracle. So there you have it. The fantasy as written in the prospectus of the planners and the reality as we see on the streets of the city today.

> So what exactly sunk the planners' concept? What element did these people who had so rigorously researched the project and had looked out for every eventuality overlook?

> So what was it that confounded the planners? These are the factors, the human factors, the planners and strategists overlooked to the extent that they have almost contrived to bring down the system.

They have done this by ignoring the new set of rules that were arbitrarily imposed on a city that has somehow coped, admittedly chaotically, with getting to work and working, for all of

What the planners forgot was that business life is not just confined to high rise offices in the city centre. Business life spills out onto the roads and the pavements. Yes, the entirety of Dar is a gigantic, sprawling octopus which spreads its tentacles from the ocean to the outskirts. They forgot this, they forgot that not all of its inhabitants wear suits and ties.

What the planners forgot was that outside under the rigours of jua kali men and women alive literally on the legs, toiling to earn a paltry few shillings by pulling carts and selling nuts and whatever cheap gadgetry the latest container ship has offloaded in

What the planners didn't account for is that the people who live and die outside the conventional economy need to work. The planners thought that progress was everything. In the bright shining world of the planners progress was everything and poverty, well that just didn't exist.

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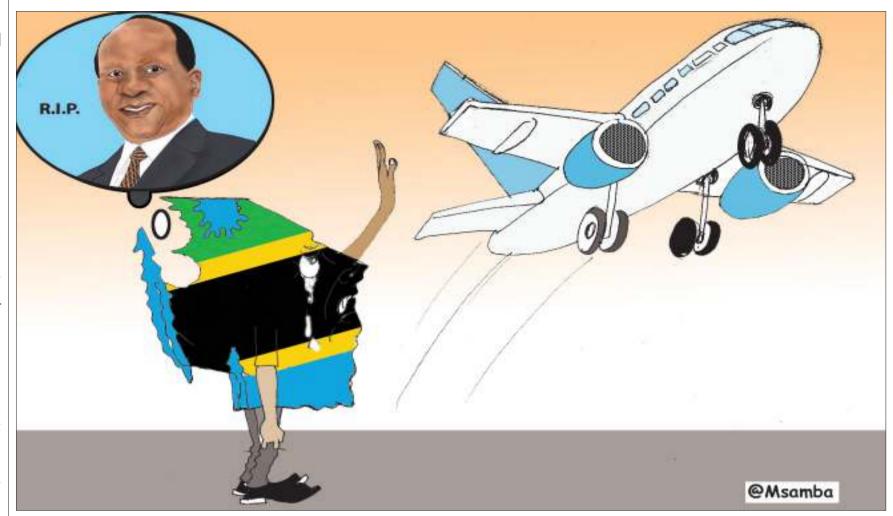
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UN Security Council fails to protect women and girls in conflict

Neha Singh

ECENTLY, the UN Security Council reaffirmed its commitment to ending sexual violence in conflict. However, after heated debate, the adopted resolution omitted words that many of us working with survivors of sexual violence during humanitarian

'reproductive and sexual health' rights and services. These words proved too controversial for the USA administration, which threatened to veto the resolution if included.

The UN estimates that 25.4 million people were forcibly displaced by the end of 2017 as a consequence of conflict and persecution - the largest increase ever seen in a single year. An estimated 1 in 5 displaced or refugee women and girls have experienced sexual violence, with the actual figure likely to be far higher as sexual violence is under-

By Mazeda Hossain, Natasha Howard and reported due to fear of stigmatisation, humanitarian experts and agencies spousal abandonment, or persecution from authorities or communities.

> For survivors of sexual violence in conflict, reproductive and sexual healthcare is essential. Complications from sexual violence are known to include traumatic genital injuries and tears, debilitating rectal and vaginal fistula, sexually transmitted infections, HIV, unwanted pregnancy and longterm psychological trauma (such as post-traumatic stress, anxiety, and depression). Minimum services for survivors currently includes access to services for the clinical management of rape, emergency obstetric and newborn care, sexually transmitted infections and HIV, contraception, and safe abortion care. Offered through a survivor-centred response, they have been shown to help survivors of sexual violence rebuild their lives after trauma. They are part of an evidence-based minimum package of essential sexual and reproductive health services that

have agreed should be provided in all humanitarian emergencies. We cannot risk the reduction or loss of crucial services, which are already frequently under-funded, due to political expedience.

By omitting these four words and thus refusing to explicitly express support for access to sexual and suggests that all member states who reproductive healthcare services in approved it are not committed to conflict, the international community is the provision of essential sexual and failing to ensure the right to healthcare and dignity for millions of innocent victims. While some may continue to provide appropriate care to survivors, without any wording on reproductive and sexual health, other donors and governments will not feel the pressure of collective agreement that the resolution could have provided, to ensure this necessary healthcare is embedded in programmes and funding. For those affected by sexual violence, a lack of treatment or care will lead to worsened physical and

mental health, and even the risk of death from the many complications of acts inflicted upon them.

Considering earlier commitments to sexual and reproductive health by the UN Security Council, it is unacceptable that Resolution 2467 was approved without reference to sexual and reproductive health. Its adoption reproductive healthcare for survivors of sexual violence in conflict-affected

As members of the Health in Humanitarian Crises Centre at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine and alongside dozes of our colleagues, we strongly condemn this decision.

Omission of these four words represents a major ethical and human rights setback, and ultimately threatens the wellbeing, rights and dignity of women and girls around the world.

Compare and contrast: A tale of two plates

By Tim Benton

ODAY, global agriculture is more efficient than ever. Between the 1960s and 2005, global agricultural output rose enormously. Whilst the global population rose 2.1 times, calorie production rose 2.7 times, with cereal production increasing from 843Mt to 2068Mt, and meat production increased from 72Mt to 258Mt. In 1961 there were 7.1bn livestock, in 2014 there were 28.2bn (mainly through increases

Over the same time period, the World Bank food price index trended downwards, declining by 37% in real terms. As the US Department of Agriculture says, "Over the past 50 years, productivity growth in agriculture has allowed food to become more abundant and cheaper". Yet at the heart of this remarkable achievement lies a real paradox: as the availability of food has become greater, its ability to nourish the world's population has declined.

The reason for this is, at least at one level, simple. We have built a food system that integrates the global with the local, so each country's

food depends, to a greater or lesser extent, on food produced locally and food produced globally. Through incentivising productivity growth - such as through research and technology, producer subsidies, regulations or infrastructure - and liberalising global trade, we have a globally competitive market that rewards countries with comparative advantage to produce at scale. A small handful of crops, those that can be grown at scale in breadbasket regions, have come to dominate the world's markets - wheat, rice and maize contribute 50% of the world's calories, and a further 5 crops, barley, potatoes, soya, sugar and palm oil, contribute another 25%.

These crops dominate the world's markets for a couple of reasons. Firstly, they can be stored, transported and processed easily (unlike, for example, lettuce). Secondly, they provide generic ingredients: starch, oil, sweetness, protein, that can form the basis of a huge array of processed foods. One only has to walk through a supermarket looking at food labels to see how ubiquitous they are in food items on shelves.

Thirdly, the sheer scale of the

growing these crops, and so, in many parts of the world, traditional crops have given way to these commodities.

The scale of production is driven by pragmatism, and economics. As these crops have taken over the world, everyone's diets have increasingly become underpinned by this same small handful of crops, so whilst the exact foods might differ from Algeria to Zimbabwe, increasingly people eat foods made from the same ingredients.

That would be all right but for two enormous constraints. Firstly, the "big 8" crops do not underpin diets that are nutritious, promoting good dietary health. If we compare the sorts of mixes of food that people should, on average, eat, we get a "plate" - estimated from the number of servings recommended by dietary guidelines - similar to the one on the left. In other words, this is a guideline based on proportion weighted by recommended serving size for the foods in question, noting that a serving of cheese (~50g) is different in weight, calories and nutrient profile from a serving of lettuce (1.5 cups,

In contrast, the economics of commodity markets incentivises food system produces food in the

proportions on the right. On the one hand, agriculture produces far more sugar than recommended for health, about 60% more grains, and nearly 3 times too much oil and fat; and on the other, it produces about two-thirds the amount of protein-rich food, and only a third the amount of fruit and vegetables. What the world grows, and what people need for healthy diets, are quite different.

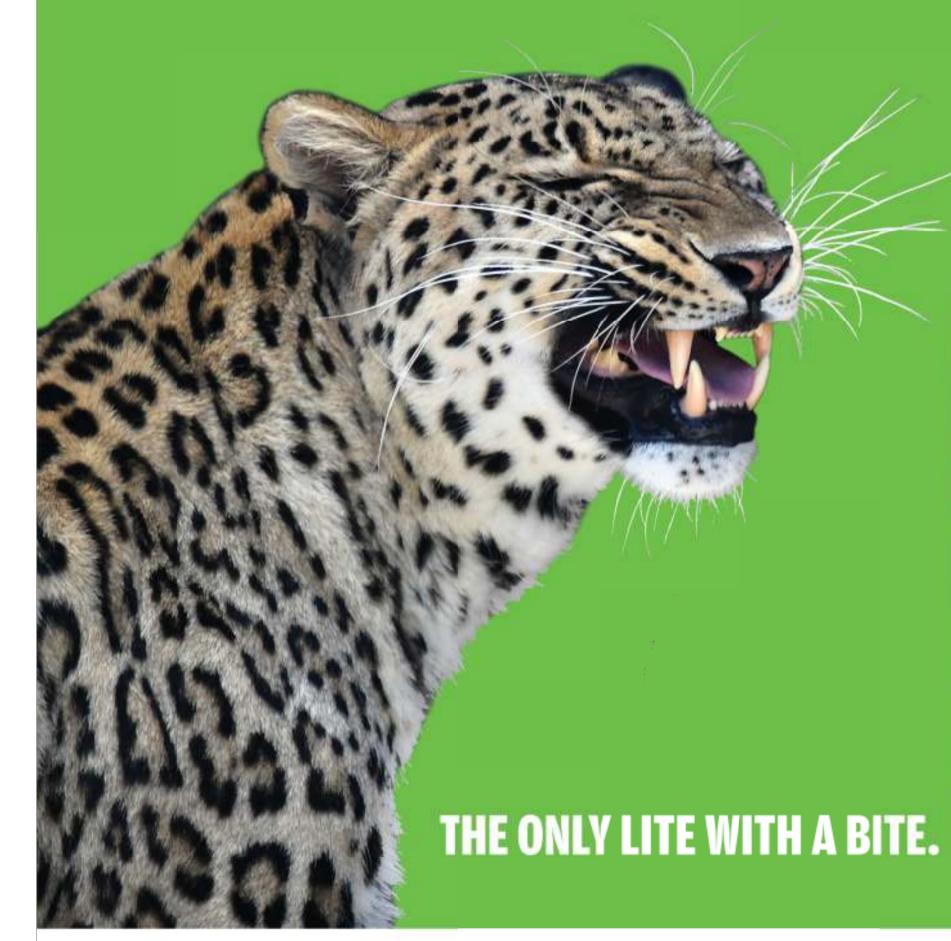
Second, concentrating on growing more of fewer crops has reduced the price and increased the availability of calorie-rich food. This incentivises over-consumption for many, and further wasting food becomes economically rational.

The sustainable intensification of agriculture will not fix these issues. We need to design a food system that puts people and planetary health front and centre. I am co-chair of the expert group leading on the elaboration of a second Global Panel Foresight report on future diets. This new evidence will provide vital information for the Global Panel and its partners to sensitise policymakers on the urgent need for food systems to deliver healthier diets and better nutrition for the future.

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The United Republic of Tanzania

Zanzibar Improving Students Prospects (ZISP) Project

Loan No./Credit No: P153277

Contract Title: Supply, Delivery and Installation of ICT Equipment for 24 Schools in Unguja and Pemba.

Reference No: TZ-MOEVT-1578-GO-RFB

The Government of United Republic of Tanzania represented by the Revolutionary Government of Zanzibar under Ministry of Education and Vocational Training has applied for a Credit from the International Development Association (IDA) toward the cost of Zanzibar Improving Students Prospects (ZISP) Project, and intends to apply part of the credit proceeds for payment under the contract for Procurement of Supply, Delivery and Installation of ICT Equipment for 24 Schools in Unguja and Pemba.

The Principal Secretary, Ministry of Education and Vocational Training, Zanzibar now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for Supply, Delivery and Installation of ICT Equipment for 24 Schools in Unguja and Pemba as follows:

Package No.	Description of Goods to be supplied	Quantities	Final (Project Site) Destination as specified in BDS
1	ICT Equipment	Various	Respective Schools
2	ICT Equipment	Various	
3	ICT Equipment	Various	
4	ICT Equipment	Various	
5	ICT Equipment	Various	
6	ICT Equipment	Various	
7	ICT Equipment	Various	
8	Solar	Various	

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Bids MUST be accompanied by an "Original Bid Security" in an acceptable form as described in the Bidding Document amounting to at least TZS. 4,000,000/- for each Package properly addressed to the Principal Secretary, Ministry of Education and Vocational Training, Zanzibar.

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City: Zanzibar town
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THE REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT OF ZANZIBAR

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING

SPECIFIC PROCUREMENT NOTICE (SPN)

The United Republic of Tanzania

Zanzibar Improving Students Prospects (ZISP) Project

Loan No./Credit No: P153277

Contract Title: Supply and Delivery of Laboratory Equipment, Chemicals and Reagents for 24 Schools in Unguja and Pemba.

Reference No: TZ-MOEVT-1574-GO-RFB

The Government of United Republic of Tanzania represented by the Revolutionary Government of Zanzibar under Ministry of Education and Vocational Training has applied for a Credit from the International Development Association (IDA) toward the cost of Zanzibar Improving Students Prospects (ZISP) Project, and intends to apply part of the credit proceeds for payment under the contract for Procurement of Supply and Delivery of Laboratory Equipment, Chemicals and Reagents for 24 Schools in Unquia and Pemba.

The Principal Secretary, Ministry of Education and Vocational Training, Zanzibar now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for Supply and Delivery of Laboratory Equipment, Chemicals and Reagents for 24 Schools in Unguja and Pemba as follows:

Package No.	Description of Goods to be supplied	Quantities	Final (Project Site) Destination as specified in BDS
	Laboratory Equipment	Various	Respective Schools in Unguja and Pemba
1	Chemicals	Various	
	Reagents	Various	
2	Laboratory Equipment	Various	
2	Chemicals	Various	
	Reagents	Various	
3	Laboratory Equipment	Various	
3	Chemicals	Various	
	Reagents	Various	
4	Laboratory Equipment	Various	
	Chemicals	Various	
	Reagents	Various	
5	Laboratory Equipment	Various	
	Chemicals	Various	
	Reagents	Various	
6	Laboratory Equipment	Various	
	Chemicals	Various	
	Reagents	Various	
7	Laboratory Equipment	Various	
	Chemicals	Various	
	Reagents	Various	

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VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Amref Health Africa is an independent, non-profit, non-governmental organization (NGO) whose mission is "to improve the health of people by partnering with and empowering communities and strengthening health systems". Amref Health Africa has over 1000 employees throughout Africa with its headquarters in Nairobi, Kenya. Amref Health Africa has offices in Tanzania, Ethiopia, Kenya, Uganda, and South Africa, Malawi, Zambia, South Sudan and Senegal and a number of offices in Europe and North America for fundraising.

Amref Health Africa-Tanzania is largely supported by Multilateral, Bilateral and National donors, implementing several programmes including HIV/AIDS/TB/Malaria, Reproductive, Maternal, New-born and Child Health, Water and sanitation, e learning programme and clinical outreach. Amref Health Africa -Tanzania has the following vacancy:

1. VACANCY POSITION: HEAD OF FINANCE
LOCATION: DAR ES SALAAM
REPORTS TO: COUNTRY DIRECTOR AND GROUP
CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER

JOB OBJECTIVES

To lead and manage the production of accurate and timely financial information needed to facilitate the efficient operations of the activities of Amref Health Africa Tanzania. To ensure that there is an effective financial management system in place required to maintain financial integrity and accountability as well as to protect and safeguard Amref Health Africa Assets and play oversight roles on Finance Procurement and IT functions.

KEY DUTIES/RESPONSIBILITIES/KEY RESULTS AREAS (KRAS)

1. Technical support

- Provide technical financial and accounting services to all Amref Health Africa operations in Tanzania and monitor their overall financial performance
- Provide technical support on Audit and following to ensure the action plan are implemented as agreed.(Statutory, Project and Internal audits)
- Review of various reports Management reports, donor reports and project to ensure its accuracy and completeness
- Supervising data posting and validation daily to facilitate monthly and annual closure of accounts.
- Filling in the Organization's Control Self-Assessment checklist online and reporting the program expenditure analysis to Headquarters
- Liaise with internal and external auditors and respond to queries, observations and recommendations

2. System development and Implementation

- Lead in developing, implementing and maintaining good quality, efficient financial systems that are appropriate in the setting and communicate the key controls across the relevant staff in the programme.
- Efficient and reliable accounting, banking and treasury services. Accounting transactions managed in real time.
- Leading the installation of the Microsoft Dynamics Navision system in Tanzania over the first few months in the role and make recommendations to improve its performance over time.

3. Accounting and cash flow management

- Ensure proper books of account are maintained and kept up to date and that the requirements set out in the Finance Manual and the Procurement Manual are met
- Monitor staff and other debtors' accounts regularly to ensure timely recover
- Manage donor call down requests and cash flow planning, ensure availability of adequate cash balances at Tanzania Country Office
- Ensure availability of cash office services within agreed hours and surplus cash balances at agreed ratio to support HQ
- Comply with all statutory requirements and deadlines as impact on the Finance function
- Manage the cash resources of AHA TZ as effectively as possible, recovering debtor balances quickly.

4. Policies and Procedures

- Ensure that statutory requirements affecting both Amref Health Africa and Amref Health Africa in Tanzania are met accurately and on time
- To ensure Amref Health Africa Tanzania is operating

business according to applicable regulatory requirements policies and procedures, reporting Noncompliance issues to management

5. Staff Management and Capacity Building

- Manage performance and development of all line reports and their teams
- Continuously evaluate the performance of the finance department in Tanzania and build individual and institutional capacity in financial management
- Ensure training needs are identified and satisfied.

6. Budgeting and Reporting

- Manage the budgeting, performance and forward planning systems including annual, quarterly and ad hoc budgets and report these to HQ on a timely basis
- Ensure timely preparation of financial reports to donors and management at all levels, explaining the outputs and enabling quality decision making across the programme

7. Compliance

- Ensure that statutory requirements affecting both Amref Health Africa and Amref Health Africa in Tanzania are met accurately and on time
- To ensure Amref Health Africa Tanzania is operating business according to applicable regulatory requirements policies and procedures. Reporting Non- compliance issues to management

8. Procurement and IT

- Ensure that oversight role on Program procurements is delivered in a fair and transparent manner in line with the procurement manual.
- Ensure administrative and transport functions provides efficient effective services to the Country program
- Oversight role on IT unit such as ensuring TCO receives better IT services (Navision system, Paymaster, Email Internets security and PABX)

QUALIFICATION AND EXPERIENCE:-

- Master's degree in Accounting and Finance/ Business Administration or other relevant discipline and must possess Bachelor degree in Accounting and /or Finance, or Post graduate in Financial management Professional Certifications /Qualification: CPA (T), ACCA, CIMA and Project Management
- Should have strong experience and background in managing compliance issues relating to donors regulations, statutory regulations and local/international established professional standards
- Minimum 8 years' experience in similar role, and working at least five (5) years in an NGO or a donor funded project

OTHER SKILLS AND COMPETENCIES

- Strong organization, management and reporting skills
- Close attention to detail and self-discipline
- Multi-task and flexibility
- Negotiation experience
- Ethical approach and Integrity

If you meet the criteria given above and interested in the vacancies, please send an application letter and CV combined in as one document indicating your present employer and position, daytime telephone contact, names and addresses of three referees. To be considered, your application must be received by 16.30 Hours May 22, 2019. Please mention the job title/vacancy name or use the job title as the subject line when applying for this position failure to do that your application may not be retrieved. All correspondences should be directed to: Email:_

<u>jobs.tanzania@amref.org.</u> Direct application through mail or hand delivery will not be accepted.

- 1. Only short-listed candidates will be contacted
- 2. Amref Health Africa is an equal opportunity employer and has a non-smoking environment policy; Women and People with disability are encouraged to Apply
- 3. "Amref Health Africa is committed to the principles of safeguarding in workplace and will not tolerate any form of abuse, wherever it occurs or whoever is responsible"
- 4. Amref health Africa –Tanzania regrets that only short-listed candidates will be contacted.



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MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING SPECIFIC PROCUREMENT NOTICE (SPN)

The United Republic of Tanzania

Zanzibar Improving Students Prospects (ZISP) Project

Loan No./Credit No: P153277

Contract Title: Supply, Delivery and Installation of Resource Language Equipment for 24 Schools in Unguja and Pemba.

Reference No: TZ-MOEVT-1580-GO-RFB

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	supplied		Destination as specified in BDS
1	Resource Language Equipment	Various	Respective Schools
2	Resource Language Equipment	Various	
3	Resource Language Equipment	Various	
4	Resource Language Equipment	Various	
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6	Resource Language Equipment	Various	
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FEATURE

ILO implements five years programme for appropriate, well designed and managed social protection measures

By Correspondent Crispin Gerald

HE International Labor Organization (ILO) with funding from Irish government is implementing a five years programme in the country called inclusive growth, social protection and jobs programme with an overall goal of ensuring that government use appropriate, well designed and managed social protection measures.

But also employment promotion approaches to the delivery of public investments in order to promote resilience, access to services and employment opportunities for poor and vulnerable people, contributing to inclusive economic growth.

According to ILO project statement, the programme has two components, social protection and Employment Intensive Investment Programme (EIIP) which is implemented in five countries including Tanzania, Zambia, Malawi, Mozambique and Vietnam.

Implementation of the EIIP activities has continued well with substantial scale of achievement as per work plan. This has being achieved due to successful setting up of project implementation structures, coordination and delivery mechanisms during the previous quarters including buying from relevant government's ministries, departments and institutions.

During a one day workshop with Zanzibar government officials and Tanzania Social Action Fund (TAS-AF), public works sector expert team members was conducted.

The overall objective of the workshop was to create awareness among participants on employment intensive public investment programmes and their impact for economic growth, present key findings on the comprehensive capacity assessment report for Zanzibar EIIP partners and discuss on the action based on the assessment findings.

Chaired by director of coordination in the second vice president of Zanzibar Amb Seif Ali Iddi, generally, the workshop was of the success with proactive participation and contribution of inputs to enhance the report for capacity needs assessment of EIIP project partners in Zan-

From the workshop, several study was highlighted including a study on employment impact assessment, the study is mainly to assess the employment impact of public investment in relation to application of employ-



Women entrepreneurs empowered under the ILO project focusing on creating and promoting employment among youth, women and vulnerable groups through enhancing employment and procurement policy frameworks.

ment intensive approach in six value business relationships. chains namely.

As part of the training, the 35 representatives from four Districts in Dodoma Region Mpwapwa, Kongwa, Chamwino and Kondoa partner organizations, were introduced to entrepreneurship and enterprises development using the ILO's entrepreneurship tools namely Generate Your Business Idea (GYBI). Start Your Business (SYB) and Improve Your Business (IYB).

They were taken through various business concepts, using a business game methodology which brought into light many faults especially in the areas of quality control, technical skills and

Commenting on the training, Eng Boniface Nandi from Kongwa district said the knowledge gained will be very appropriate and useful for the registered community groups as they will use it in undertaking their day to day roads rehabilitation and maintenance

Participants were also highlighted on the EIIP projects activities in Tanzania which is targeted at ensuring that propoor investment policy, strategy and programme address rampant unemployment and social protection deficits in target areas and contribute towards poverty reduction, social welfare and

The programme also aimed at ensuring that inclusive and transparent pro-employment investment strategies are mainstreamed in national employment policies and procurement systems at national and local levels are reformed and adopted to increase the participation of small scale enterprises and local communities.

"The main outcomes of the programme include mainstreaming pro-employment investment strategies in the National Productive Social Safety Net Programme," Nandi

Sustainable public procurement policies and legal frameworks reformed and adopted that increase participation of small scale enterprises and communities in the infrastructure delivery.

"But also capacity for an effective coordination and implementation of public works and beneficiary targeting sys-

tem developed for the TASAF Productive Social Safety Nets (PSSN)," Nandi said.

According to national project coordinator Dampu Ndenzako the project is key towards creating and promoting employment among the youth, women and vulnerable groups through enhancing employment and procurement policy

"But also promoting participation of local communities in economic engagements through enterprises development and institutionalizing the project interventions into technical and vocational training (TVET) systems for sustainability," he said.

The EIIP project is part of a 5 years (2017-2021) programme inclusive growth social protection and jobs programme (IGSP) funded by the Irish government with an overall goal of ensuring that governments use well designed and managed social protection measures and employment promoting approaches to the delivery of public investments.

Other countries participating in the IGSP programme include Zambia, Malawi, Mozambique and Vietnam.

The training was conducted using the ILO packages entrepreneurship and enterprises development using the ILO entrepreneurship tools start and improve your business (SIYB), Organizational development and management, management and labour based technology (LBT).

One of the leading instructors Eng Richard Kansimba from ATTI-Mbeya, insisted that LBT is economically feasible, creates employment, cost effective, creates and retains skills for local communities and utilize local resources while sustaining the environmental conditions.

"Tanzania has made many strides in the LBT through support from the ILO and other stakeholders...we call upon the LGAs at regional and districts level to continue promoting the technology as its one way to create decent employment for vulnerable groups especially youth, women and people with disability," he said.

Eng Kansimba said, to date, Tanzania through TASAF is implementing a productive social safety nets programme which covers, among others public works cash transfers and livelihoods interventions targeting the poorest population especially for rural areas which help in mitigating the risks of climate change, protecting the environment while enhancing the long term productivity of the poor.

He added that community groups will be formed and registered at district level and with the Contractors Registration Board (CRB) to participate in roads maintenance and rehabilitation.

Tanzania is implementing the above EIIP component of the Irish Aid/ILO programme Inclusive Growth, Social Protection and Jobs Programme 2017/21 (IGSPJ) targeted at ensuring that inclusive and transparent pro-employment investment strategies are mainstreamed in national employment policies and procurement systems, at national and local levels, are reformed and adopted to increase the participation of small scale enterprises and local communities.

Social protection is one among three key components under the Inclusive Growth thematic area of the United Nations Development Assistance Plan II (UNDAP II) with the targeted outcome; increase coverage of comprehensive and integrate social protection for all, especially the poor and vulnerable.

The UNDAP II supports the Government of Tanzania to invest in social protection, at the policy, procedural and programmatic level in accordance with the NSPF so as to ensure that 50percent of total households living below the basic needs poverty line benefit from social assistance.



FLEET TEAM LEADER

(Coca-Cola Kwanza)

Dar es Salaam

Position Purpose

Coca-Cola Kwanza Tanzania requires the services of a Fleet Team Leader, to be based in Dar es Salaam. The incumbent will directly report to the Fleet Services Manager.

The key responsibilities of the incumbent will be to execute maintenance plan, manage fleet maintenance, Assist Mechanics with breakdown repairs and troubleshooting of faults, Monitor costs, Prepare fleet reports, adhere to necessary legal road permits, People development and Performance management, Ensure proper usage and arrangements of resources and working tools, Pre and post maintenance inspection and sign off for work carried out, and Maintain workshop cleanliness.

The applicant should have at least a degree in Mechanical engineering, Automotive engineering or any other related field, excellent communication skills and at least 2 years experience in related field. Flexible, strong communication skills, good leadership qualities, good analytical skills, and a demonstrated high level of integrity.

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Wednesday, 23rd May 2019

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BUSINESS

DECELERATION

One of SA's biggest property owners just released a shocking number

JOHANNESBURG

Redefine Properties, which owns more than 300 large properties including big malls throughout South Africa and office buildings in Sandton, reported its half-year results on Mon-

Its share price rose by more than 2% on the news that its distributions to shareholders rose by 4% and revenue increased 11%. But there was one number that shocked Alpha Asset Management fund manager Keith McLachlan: the average rental reversion rate of negative 6%.

A rental reversion rate shows whether expiring leases that were renewed in the past six months had higher or lower rental rates than before. A positive rental reversion rate confirms that higher rental rates were

Over the past six months, Redefine reported rental reversions of -17.3% for its industrial properties, "That is massively lower," says MacLachlan. In the previous financial year, the rental reversion was a positive 2.9%.

"It was -6% across their SA portfolio, which is also very concerning." This indicated that expiring leases that were renewed in the period was on average 6% lower than previously.

To be clear, this is not for the entire portfolio - just for those properties where leases had to be negotiated. In the past six months, this was fewer than 5% of the total area that Redefine is letting out.

Still, it sets the bar for the rate per metre and implies that future renewals should start to come in lower as well, warns McLachlan. "Redefine could have serious trouble just over the horizon." No doubt it will also send a sobering signal to other landlords in South Africa.

In its results presentation, Redefine said a lack of business confidence, as well as growing vacancy rates and increases in rates and electricity prices, are putting pressure on lease escalations. In its malls, retailers continue to focus on "right sizing" which is driving down rent and escalations. In addition, excess retail space is impacting sales, and fashion retailers are opening shops in smaller, convenience centres - outside of big, expensive malls.

Redefine also agreed with embattled retailer Edcon to reduce its rent to the amount of R14 million over the next two years.

Redefine, which owns large buildings like Maponya Mall, East Rand Mall, and Blue Route Mall as well as office buildings on 90 Rivonia Road, Alice Lane, Rosebank Link and 90 Graystone Drive, currently has a 5.7% vacancy rate.

Average gross rent across its properties is 116.4m² - which is higher than the previous year 112.3m² - with retail commanding R163.4/m², followed by commercial (R158.9/m²) and industrial (R54.8/m²). Its local property portfolio is worth R72.9 billion, of which 73% is located in Gauteng, and 18% in the Western Cape.



AccessBank Tanzania's CEO, Armando Massimiliano Sirola.

APPRECIATION

Nyamagani DC lauds AccessBank for backing women's success

By Guardian Reporter

OMEN's empowerment through financing their businesses is in line with the government's plan to liberate the group economically.

Nyamagana District Commissioner, Dr Philis Nyimbi said in Mwanza yesterday during at AccessBank Tanzania meeting for business women, that most of the businesses are run by women but get less support from lenders.

Dr Nyimbi commended AccessBank Tanzania for initiating the movement to promoted business women promising her full support to such initiatives.

"AccessBank's initiative is in line with President John Magufuli's government efforts to empower women and give them financial freedom," she noted.

Speaking at the forum, AccessBank's CEO. Armando Sirola noted that, the bank backs women's businesses because it wants to see them grow.

"We want to connect, be closer and promote women in business, since we want to see them succeed. Bottom line: women clients are more risk adverse, reliable, trustworthy and overall a very good market segment to tap in," said Sirola.

He urged women to change their mindset regarding his bank and instead consider it as a good business partner.

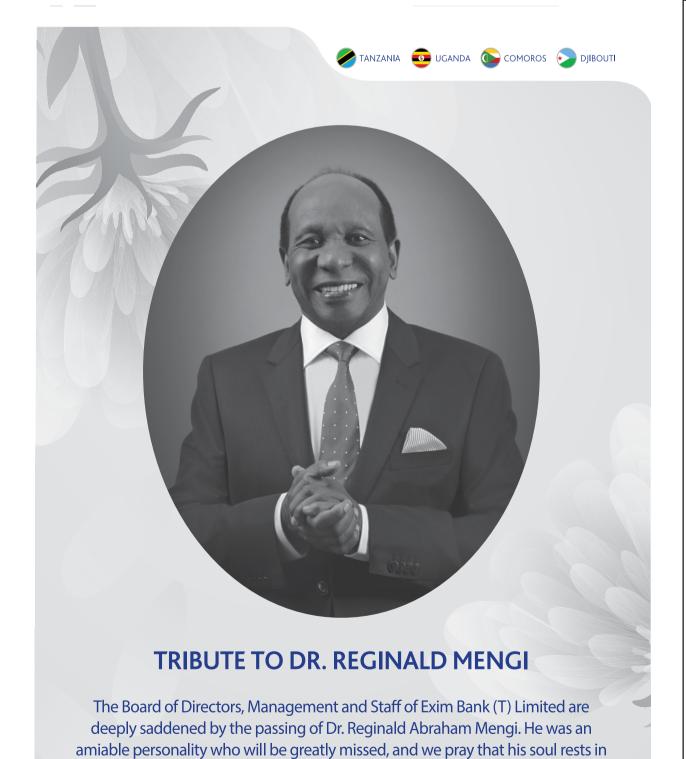
"This is why we have brought with us ing aggressively to achieve your person-Jennifer Bashwas; she is the co-founder and CEO of Alaska Tanzania Industries Limited, she is a popular businesswoman and excellent business coach with lots of experience running her own manufacturing and agro business," he added while noting that a similar business forum is scheduled for Mbeya city

The forum was organized in partnership with the European Investment Bank with Jennifer Bashwas as main business trainer who urged peers to trust AccessBank as a reliable business partner.

"AccessBank is on a drive to help women in business via loans for or saval goals, these training sessions provide a platform to promote good leadership within your business as well as your personal lives," Bashwas said.

AccessBank is a socially responsible commercial bank for small and medium businesses in the country with strong international shareholders such as AccessHoldings, International Finance Corporation (World Bank), KfW (German), African Development Bank and MicroVest.

ABT's vision is commitment to the development of financial systems that support social progress by rendering services to all people with the same ambition for excellence and quality.



eternal peace. Our heartfelt condolences go out to his family and friends during

this very difficult time.

We can, we will, we must. Your legacy lives on.



Department Network of English Language Enhancement

Introduction

Location Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

> The Network of English Language Enhancement (ELE_net) is part of the Office of the Provost. It was established to provide effective solutions for the enhancement of English language skills across AKU.

ELE_net functions as a distributed network. This means that it works closely with other parts of the University to identify English language needs and find effective solutions. ELE_net is directly involved in designing and delivering English courses. It also works with internal and external partners to do this.

Aga Khan University invites applications for the position of Specialist, ELE_net.

Responsibilities: You will be responsible for:

- · teaching on a variety of courses established to enhance English language skills within and outside AKU
- designing English languages courses in face-to-face, blended or online formats that are fit for purpose for
- assessing and providing feedback to learners as appropriate for the courses taught
- carrying out needs analyses to identify English language requirements of client groups working with client groups to establish appropriate provision for English language enhancement
- sourcing or developing appropriate assessment tools for the specific needs of different client groups playing a leading role in the development of quality assurance and enhancement systems to monitor and
- improve the quality of the English language services provided playing a leading role in the implementation of the mechanisms set up to monitor and improve the quality
- of the English language provision providing individual and small group consultations for a variety of client groups
- reviewing and improving courses taught on an on-going and periodic basis.

Requirements: You should have:

- · a recognised qualification in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) a Master degree in English Language or Applied Linguistics from HEC recognized or reputable foreign
- experience of coordinating English language programmes and a minimum of five years' TESOL experience, preferably gained in a higher education context
- up to date knowledge of TESOL methodologies and practice
- highly effective teaching skills, including an ability to employ a range of delivery techniques and
- high level of awareness and knowledge of the language and skills needed in an English medium university for successful communication in academic and professional contexts
- good understanding of quality assurance requirements in higher education and English language teaching contexts
- excellent time management and planning skills with a proven ability to manage competing demands effectively, responsibly and without close support
- ability to work effectively as part of a team, and to establish and develop effective working relations with AKU academic departments and professional services
- high level of competence in English language (equivalent to at least a high C1 in the Common European Framework of Reference), particularly in academic and professional contexts
- ability and willingness to use digital technology and devices for teaching, learning and administrative
- willingness to teach outside normal office hours (early evenings and weekends) if needed willingness to travel within East Africa and, if required, to other AKU campuses.
- Please send your CV and a cover letter detailing how you meet the job requirements to human.resources@aku.edu. Please mark the subject with position number "10027705".

Only shortlisted candidates will be notified.

To Apply

Call Centre: 0800 780 111 Email: customercare@eximbank.co.tz

Applications should be submitted latest by April 12, 2019.

BUSINESS NEWS

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PROGRESS

Tanzanian Royalty changes name to Tanzanian Gold Corporation

By Guardian Reporter

ANZANIAN Royalty Exploration Corporation officially changed its name to Tanzanian Gold Corporation last month but advised shareholders not to panic over the share certificates bearing names.

In a recent statement, the company's Executive Chairman, James Sinclair said name change was approved by shareholder during an annual general meeting in March. "The company's common shares will commence trading under the new name on April 22, 2019 on the Toronto Stock Exchange under the same trading symbol TNX and on the New York Stock Exchange American under the same trading symbol TRX," Sinclair said in the statement.

He said share certificates the previous bearing company name continue to be valid in the settlement of trades in common shares while pointing out that there is no consolidation or change in the share capital of the company.

"Shareholders are not required to transfer existing share certificates into the new

name," Sinclair advised. Meanwhile Tanzanian Gold Corporation announced that the first set of assay results from its deep level diamond core drilling program at

the Buckreef Project had indicated good results. The drilling was aimed at better defining potential mineralized zones below the open pit as reported and published last year in its pre-feasibility technical report.

drilling within the open pit is continuing, highlights from which are also announced," the statement added.

In another development, the new company also said its board of directors is pleased to announce the entering into subscription agreements for the sale of 606,165 common shares at \$0.5774 per share raising \$350,000 in the aggregate with three investors.

"The proceeds from the sale of common shares will be used in furtherance of the company's three-phase drill program at the Buckreef Project previously announced. The common shares are being offered pursuant to an effective shelf registration statement on Form F-3, which was previously filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission and declared effective on September 5, 2018," the statement noted.

The sale of the common shares closed down on April 22, 2019 after satisfaction of customary closing conditions, including acceptance of the listing of the common shares by the NYSE American and the Toronto Stock Exchange.

Upping the Ante



Tanzania Gold Corporation technicians collecting soil samples at Buckreef Gold Project in Geita. File photo.

ACQUISITION

Anadarko accepts Occidental bid; Chevron has four days to respond

ccidental offers more cash in takeover bid, boosting Anadarko's shares

MAPUTO

Anadarko Petroleum Corp.'s board has declared Occidental Petroleum Corp.'s sweetened \$38 billion takeover "superior," giving Chevron Corp. four days to either boost its offer or walk away from the oil industry's biggest deal in at least four years.

The announcement by Anadarko, which had rebuffed several prior bids from Occidental, comes almost a month after it agreed to be purchased by Chevron for \$33 billion. Chevron has so far refused to increase its offer, saying its proposal is a better long-term option for Anadarko shareholders. If it decides not to raise the bid, Chevron can walk away with a \$1 billion breakup fee.

The takeover of Anadarko has been a rare public fight for an oil industry that hasn't seen many bidding wars. Occidental Chief Executive Officer Vicki Hollub's recruitment billionaire Warren Buffett and an \$8.8 billion accord to offload African oil and gas fields to Total SA appeared to have been key milestones in winning the

board's favor. Anadarko directors had previously chosen Chevron's offer even though it was substantially cheaper than that

MODERNIZATION

■Value of revised Occidental bid for Anadarko ■Value of original Occidental bid ■Value of Chevron bid ■Anadarko Petroleum share price Graphic image of results after Anadarko accepted Occidental's bid.

of Occidental, which, as a smaller company, would have to take on much more leverage to do the deal.

"We think Chevron is likely to make a counter offer, but it may not be high enough to win the bid," said Leo Mariani, an analyst at KeyBanc Capital Markets. Chevron, boosted by more valuable stock, will have to offer around \$70 a share to be considered by Anadarko, costing it an extra \$3.2 billion, he said.

The period for Chevron's response may be extended under the terms of the original agreement, Anadarko said in a statement after the market

comment. Chevron rose as much as 0.4 percent to \$119 in after-hours trading in in New York. Occidental fell as much as 0.4 percent. Anadarko rose 3.8 percent in regular trading as investors anticipated a sweetened

closed Monday. Chevron declined to

Chevron CEO Mike Wirth has signaled he's willing to end his pursuit of a deal if the price gets so high that it imperils investor returns. "We strongly believe that the combination of our two companies create superior long-term value for shareholders of the combined company," Wirth said on an April 26 earnings conference

While buying Anadarko would

expand the producer's presence in the Permian Basin, which is now the world's largest oil patch, there are other operators in the region that Chevron could acquire. Chevron also has existing ambitious growth plans for the Per-

Houston-based Occidental over the weekend pressed to alleviate any remaining concerns from Anadarko. It said Sunday that 78 percent of the deal will be paid in cash, up from 50 percent, and it got rid of the need for a shareholder vote, which had previously been cited as a sticking point for Anadarko's directors.

"We have long been convinced that a strategic combination with Anadarko represents a compelling opportunity for the shareholders of both Occidental and Anadarko," Occidental said in a statement after Anadarko accepted the suitor's offer.

At least one major Occidental investor has signaled that it's ready to break with the company's board of directors. T. Rowe Price Group Inc. told Reuters it intends to vote against the board after the company eliminated the need for shareholder approval in its revised bid.

"With the OXY deal looking safer for APC to accept, I'd say this may force CVX to match the OXY bid or lose out on these terrific assets," said Bill Nygren, chief investment officer of Harris Associates LP, which manages \$120 billion and owns about 3 percent of Anadarko.

EXPANSION

SAA adds new direct route to China

JOHANNNESBURG

South African Airways (SAA) will launch direct flights between Johannesburg and Guangzhou, China, on 18 September 2019, giving customers access to the heart of China's export led manufacturing industries. This is yet another strategy implementation initiative aimed at enhancing SAA's route net-

"The decision to launch this direct service between Johannesburg and Guangzhou means we remain on track in executing our strategy to transform SAA into a fit for the future airline that will operate both efficiently and competitively," said SAA CEO, Vuyani Jarana.

The Guangzhou route will cater for a spectrum of travellers between Johannesburg and China including business and corporate travellers and will be of special interest to traders. Cargo operations will complement the viability of this route considering that high value cargo is sourced from Guang-

SAA will be the only carrier operating a direct service between Johannesburg and Guangzhou, with flight time of approximately 13 hours and 40 minutes, providing the shortest travel time on a nonstop basis between the two points.

There will be three new flights per week to Guangzhou, in South China, and these will complement SAA's current operations to Hong Kong. This means, SAA will fly four times a week to Hong Kong.

Airbus A340-300 aircraft will operate both the Guangzhou and Hong Kong routes. Guangzhou is the largest city in the Guangdong province in South China and the third largest Chinese city after Beijing and Shanghai. It is an important transportation hub and trading port, located on the Pearl River about 120km Northwest of Hong Kong.

"Adding a direct service to mainland China, combined with our current popular flights to Hong Kong provides SAA with immense growth opportunities to and from mainland China. It also gives our traders access to the centre of Chinese manufacturing," said Jarana.



SAA CEO, Vuyani Jarana.

Govt turns to new high yielding coffee varieties

Researchers Rwanda Agricultural Board have announced that they are planning on providing seeds to farmers to conduct on-farm trials for nine coffee varieties that are expected to produce high yields.

Simon Martin Mvuyekure, the researcher in coffee sub-programme at RAB told Business Times, that the varieties, dubbed "F1 hybrids," have already been tried at the research

He said that the new varieties are set to address challenges of coffee production in Rwanda considering that the main old varieties have well as little low yields.

"Farmers harvest around 5 kilogrammes of cherries per coffee tree. But the new varieties of F1 hybrids can produce up to 18 kilogrammes as on-site trials show and once we reach on-farm trials with farmers they can slightly decrease but still higher than the current production," he said.

The varieties are expected to keep increase of Rwanda's coffee production and exports. Total coffee production from July 2017 to June 2018 increased by 3,520,769 kg equivalent to 19 per cent from maintenance of seed mother 18,439,111 kilogrammes to 21,959,880

to 20,353,423 kilogrammes from 18,499,982 kilogrammes.

The researcher said that besides good yields, the new varieties have quality and they are resistant to coffee leaf rust disease. If not controlled, he explained, coffee leaf rust disease can cause yields losses up to 40 per cent of the whole coffee production per coffee tree.

"To cope with all the challenges we opted for developing new varieties, integrated pest management package, intercropping systems, soil and leaf analysis as well as gardens," he said and added that

issues of diseases and pests attack as kilogrammes. The exports increased since 2008 efforts were put in major pest of Arabica coffee and breeding program to develop disease resistant varieties.

> For instance, in 2015, researchers released RABC15 coffee variety with yields level that is high about 20 per cent than BM coffee variety and resistant to coffee leaf rust, he said. "The new F1 hybrid varieties will be released to farmers as well as climate analogue tools where we will use a software that shows which climate conditions fitting each variety," he

> Muyekure added that all these will go along with development of integrated pest management package to control antestia bug, the

other coffee berry diseases. "There are many pesticides tried but the main two were recommended to farmers and those are Fastac and cabrio (pyraclostrobin) against antestia bug and coffee berry disease. There are also those made

from pyrethrums," he said. He said that in 2015 researchers have mapped the main areas affected by Antestia bug whereby Northern Province faces the high occurrence. "We are also working on coffee-banana intercropping system and once validated a farmer will be able to benefit from both coffee and banana production," he said.



Warren Buffett (holding ice cream), CEO of Berkshire Hathaway during the conglomerate's annual shareholders meeting in Omaha.

CRISIS

First strike by central bank workers shuts Beirut Stock Exchange

BEIRUT

The Beirut Stock Exchange suspended trading on Monday after an indefinite strike by employees of Lebanon's central bank who fear their salaries could be cut by 25 per

The continuing strike at the Banque du Liban has affected the processing of transactions, Ghaleb Mahmassani, the acting head of the Beirut Stock Exchange committee, said on Monday. "The central bank has decided to stop trading in its markets until the aforementioned reasons cease and to protect the rights of investors in the stock market," Mr Mahmassani said.

The bank's directive takes effect immediately. The exchange closed on Friday up 0.17 per cent at 904.07. Although the statement was released after trading should have closed for the day, the website of the Beirut Stock Exchange showed no activity had taken place on Monday

But the impact of such a closure on the economy is limited, Nassib Ghobril, chief economist at Byblos Bank, told The National. There are only 10 companies listed on the Beirut stock exchange, which has a market capitalisation of \$9 billion (Dh33bn).

By comparison, the Dubai stock exchange has 68 listed companies and a market capitalisation of \$97.4bn. The country's 850 central bank employees have been on strike since Friday to protest against a possible cut in their wages by the government.

Abbas Awada, who leads the union behind the protests, told The National that this is the first time central bank employees had walked out. Mr Awada said that the 2019 budget, which is being examined by the Cabinet before being sent to Parliament for vote, includes provisions that would reduce the bank's employees' salaries by 25 per cent.

They are paid 16 months of salary a year, but this could be whittled down to 12 payments, he said. Mr Awada said employees would decide their next step at a meeting on Tuesday morning. "I think the decision will be positive and that we will suspend the strike", he said. But if the government approved the budget in its existing form, the strike could continue.

An open-ended strike could lead to a

shortage of Lebanese pounds in the market as transactions in the currency move through the central bank. The Banque du Liban governor, Riad Salameh, has called for an end to the strike.

The demonstrators say the government does not have the right to cut their wages because the regulator's budget is independent of the Finance Ministry. But President Michel Aoun and Prime Minister Saad Hariri have reportedly assured Mr Salameh that the new budget would not affect bank employees'

All inter-bank operations have been affected by the strike, Mr Ghobril said. "The clearing of cheques is delayed, exchanging foreign and local currencies is on hold, but transfers in and out of Lebanon are not affected," he said.

Founded in 1963, the bank operates independently from the government but must submit a financial report to the Finance Ministry every year. The nomination of the governor and the four vice-governors is approved by Cabinet, and 80 per cent of its earnings go to the Finance Ministry. The rest stays with the central bank.

Facing financial disaster and hoping to tap into \$11bn in international loans and grants to bolster the economy by rebuilding shattered infrastructure, the Lebanese government has drafted what officials call an "austerity budget."

Mr Hariri has said that ministries will see deep cuts to their budgets to try to bring spending under control. Lebanon is the third most indebted country in the world after the US and Japan, with a GDP to debt ratio of 140 per cent in 2018.

Foreign Minister Gebran Bassil tweeted in April that public sector salaries should be cut to reduce the country's ballooning \$85bn debt "or there will be no salaries left for anyone." The tweet prompted waves of strikes and demonstrations over the past few weeks across the country.

Employees of the National Social Security Fund were also on strike on Monday, the state-run National News Agency reported. After years of stagnation and social inequality, many Lebanese struggle to make ends meet. The UN says nearly a third live on less than \$270 a month.



Retired army officers and soldiers carry Lebanese flags as they block the Lebanese Central Bank during a protest in Beirut 30 April 2019 as a pre-emptive strike against any austerity measures in the 2019 draft state budget that might affect their retirement wages or benefits.

CRITICISM

Buffett slams private equity for inflated returns, debt reliance

NEW YORK

Warren Buffett, who has long slammed the hedge fund industry for charging high fees, escalated his criticism of private-equity firms that have been raising record sums of money in recent vears.

"We have seen a number of proposals from private equity funds where the returns are really not calculated in a manner that I would regard as honest," Buffett said Saturday at Berkshire Hathaway's annual meeting. "If I were running a pension fund, I would be very careful about what was being offered to me."

Buffett has a consistent history of blasting asset managers for charging high management fees and collecting performance fees on gains that sometimes don't beat broader markets. The presence of private-equity firms looking for leveraged buyouts of companies has also made

Buffett to find large acquisitions for Berkshire. "We're not going to leverage up Berkshire," Buffett said.

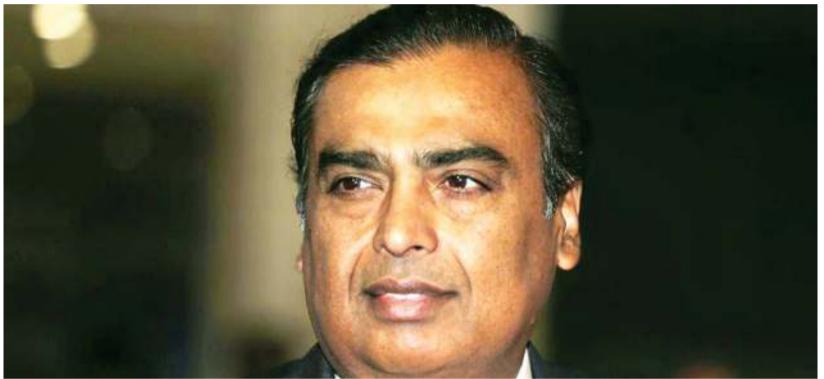
Berkshire Buffett and Chairperson Charles Vice Munger criticised how some private equity firms portray performance. Firms will include money that's sitting in Treasury bills waiting to be deployed when charging management fees, but will exclude it when calculating a so-called internal rate of return, the performance measure in which most funds are judged, Buffett said.

"It makes their return look better if you sit there a long time in Treasury bills," Buffett said. "It's not as good as it looks." Munger described the practice as "lying a little bit to make the money come in." He added that many pensions are picking private equity because they don't have to mark down the value of the assets

it tougher in recent years for as steeply in a downturn, saying that this was "a silly reason to buy something."

> Buffett has previously criticized the use of debt by private equity funds, saying in his 2014 letter to shareholders that Berkshire offers another, more permanent buyer, when people are looking to sell their businesses. He acknowledged on Saturday that leveraged investments would outperform in good environments, but he cited the 1998 collapse of hedge fund Long-Term Capital Management as an example of the downside.

While some have argued that Berkshire has embedded leverage by being able to use cash flows from its insurance businesses in acquisitions, Buffett said he wouldn't be adding debt to chase deals. "Covenants to protect debt holders have really deteriorated," Buffett said. "I would not get excited about socalled alternative investments."



Mukesh Ambani, chairman of Reliance Industries, aims to disrupt the Indian e-commerce sector.

DIVERSIFICATION

Reliance's move into e-commerce set to shake up huge Indian market

NEW DELHI

Reliance Industries, controlled by India's richest man Mukesh Ambani, is progressing on its plans to launch an e-commerce venture that would compete with online giants Amazon and Walmart-owned Flipkart.

The oil-focused conglomerate which reported annual revenue for the financial year until the end of March 2019 of \$87 billion - has diversified interests ranging from telecoms to real estate. Its planned entry into the e-commerce space is being closely watched, given the huge impact it would have on the industry, analysts and business leaders say.

"It's going to be a game-changer in India's online retail industry," says Anthony Dsouza, the managing director of Mespack, a manufacturing company based in Mumbai. "Reliance already has a huge footprint across India in other sectors and e-commerce development is highly important as it tries to compete."

Mr Ambani, the chairman of Reliance Industries, in November said that his firm was working on "creating the world's largest online-to-

offline new commerce platform". At this stage, there is still little in the way of exact details known on the new e-commerce platform and when it will open for business. But in January, Mr Ambani said its companies Reliance Retail and Reliance Jio Infocomm would jointly launch an e-commerce platform, starting in the western Indian state of Gujarat, benefiting some 1.2 million small retailers and shopkeepers by enabling them to sell their products online. The business model is similar to that

of Alibaba in which local offline merchants team up with an online marketplace.

Reliance Industries declined to comment on its planned e-commerce venture. A source at Reliance said that the company was still working "on formulating plans" for the venture and that it did "not have a

timeline for its launch. The move would be part of Reliance's broader strategy as it tries to diversify away from oil and gas, which accounts for 80 per cent of its business. Mr Ambani in the next decade has said he wants to generate half of the group's revenues from its consumer businesses.

As a homegrown firm with a wide presence in both retail and telecoms, Reliance would be a force to be reckoned with in the online shopping sector. Reliance Retail has close to 10.000 stores across in India, while its telecoms firm, Jio, which only launched in 2016, has close to 300 million subscribers. Reliance's Jio took the market by storm with promises of free calls for life and cut-price data deals, forcing some companies out of business and prompting others to merge, as it caused huge disruption to the landscape of the telecoms industry in India.

It even played a role in forcing rival telco Reliance Communications - controlled by Mr Ambani's brother, Anil Ambani - to shut up shop. It emerged on Tuesday that Reliance Communications is entering into bankruptcy again and will try to sell off its assets.

That's why many experts say that rival companies will have to sit up and take notice as Reliance prepares to enter the e-commerce industry. UBS in a report says that Reliance can gain "significant share" in e-commerce, adding that it has "a home-court advantage, similar to Alibaba's success in China." Reliance has the potential to emerge as the Amazon or Alibaba of India, according to UBS. The stakes are high for companies in the e-commerce space in India, which is the world's fastest growing major economy.

For now, the online shopping sector is still in a nascent stage, with online sales accounting for just 2 per cent of retail sales in India in the financial year to the end of last March, according to Morgan Stanley. But India's e-commerce market is growing by 30 per cent a year in terms of gross merchandise value and is expected to be worth \$200bn by 2027, helped by an expanding middle class and a rapid rise in the number of internet users, according to Morgan

Stanley's projections. To tap this potentially huge market in a country of more than 1.3 billion, Amazon has earmarked \$5.5bn of investment for India, while Walmart last year forked out \$16bn for a majority stake in the Bangalore-based market leader Flipkart.

Some analysts say there is only room for a limited number of companies in the sector in India. "Typically, e-commerce and other such internet platforms are a winner-take-all model," says Ravi Menon, the lead IT analyst at Elara Capital, a financial services firm based in Mumbai. "There is likely to be only one or at max two successful firms in the space."

He adds that Reliance setting up its telecom company, Jio, is part of a broader strategy. "India e-commerce has huge potential and they probably started Jio at least in part to create this market opportunity," Mr Menon

Jio has helped to drive data costs down and bring more Indians online, which along with cheaper and cheaper smartphones becoming available, creates an opportunity for more people to shop online. The majority of internet users in India access the web via the smartphones. There are other factors working in Reliance's favour when it comes to its e-commerce plans, Mr Menon says.

The government in February introduced a new foreign direct investment (FDI) policy that placed restrictions on discounting, exclusive tie-ups with brands and ownership of retailers selling on their websites. This forced Amazon and Flipkart to scramble to make changes to adjust to the requirements. The policy is something that could give Reliance an advantage over its foreign com-

"The recent e-commerce regulation has stacked the deck in favour of firms which are backed purely by domestic capital," says Mr Menon. "FDI in this important sector is now at a disadvantage." Indian business newspaper Mint reports that Reliance Retail has already started testing a food and grocery app among its employees, which suggests it is rapidly moving closer towards a launch.

Reliance does already have some presence in the online sector through its grocery website Reliancesmart.in and fashion website Ajio. com, but nothing close to the scale of what it is working on currently.

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WORLD

Two Reuters reporters freed in Myanmar after more than 500 days in jail

TWO Reuters journalists jailed in Myanmar after they were convicted of breaking the Official Secrets Act walked free from a prison on the outskirts of Yangon yesterday after spending more than 500 days behind bars.

The two reporters, Wa Lone, 33, and Kyaw Soe Oo, 29, had been convicted in September and sentenced to seven years in jail, in a case that raised questions about Myanmar's progress toward democracy and sparked an outcry from diplomats and human rights

They were released under a presidential amnesty for 6,520 prisoners yesterday. President Win Myint has pardoned thousands of other prisoners in mass amnesties since last month.

It is customary in Myanmar for authorities to free prisoners across the country around the time of the traditional New Year, which began on April

Reuters has said the two men did not commit any crime and had called for their release.

Swamped by media and well-wishers as they walked through the gates of Insein Prison, a grinning Wa Lone gave a thumbs up and said he was grateful for the international efforts to secure their

"I'm really happy and excited to see my family and my colleagues. I can't wait to go to my newsroom," he said.

Kyaw Soe Oo smiled and waved to reporters. The two were then driven away by Reuters colleagues and reunited with their wives and children.

Before their arrest in December 2017, they had been working on an investigation into the killing of 10 Rohingya Muslim men and boys by security forces and Buddhist civilians in western Myanmar's Rakhine State during an army crackdown that began in August 2017.

The operation sent more than 730,000 Rohingya fleeing to Bangladesh, according to U.N. estimates.

The report the two men authored, featuring testimony from perpetrators, witnesses and families of the victims, was awarded the Pulitzer Prize for international reporting in May, adding to a number of accolades received by the pair for their journalism.

Calls to a spokesman for the Myanmar government were not immediately answered.

Reuters Editor-in-Chief Stephen J. Adler welcomed the news.



Two reporters, Wa Lone (L) and Kyaw Soe Oo

U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres was he was relieved to learn of the release, a spokesman said. The United Nations in Myanmar said it saw the release as a sign of the government's com-

The U.S. embassy also welcomed the release and said it was glad the two could return to their

'DIALOGUE WORKS'

the Yangon High Court dismissed an earlier appeal in January.

The Reuters journalists were released at the prison to representatives of Reuters and to Lord Ara Darzi, a British surgeon and health care expert who has served as a member of an advisory group to Myanmar's government on reforms in Rakhine State.

"This outcome shows that dialogue works, even in the most difficult of circumstances," Darzi said in a statement.

Darzi said discussions about the pardon for Wa Lone and Kyaw Soe Oo had involved the Myanmar government, Reuters, the United Nations and representatives of other governments.

He did not elaborate.

A Reuters spokesman said Darzi had made the company aware earlier this year of his efforts to secure the journalists' release.

Darzi has been a member of an advisory commission that was formed in 2016 to see through the advice from a panel headed by former U.N. chief Kofi Annan on solving the long-running conflict in western Myanmar's Rakhine State.

lims in Myanmar. Hundreds of thousands fled to Bangladesh after a military-led crackdown on the region in 2017. Agencies

Regner said next year's anni-

versary events will include the

UN Commission on the Status

of Women's annual meeting in

March 2020 devoted to Beijing's

implementation, a high-level

meeting when world leaders

gather for their annual General

Assembly session in Septem-

ber 2020, and a "Global Gender

Equality Forum" co-hosted by

France and Mexico in France

bringing civil society representa-

tives and activists of all ages to-

gether to look to the future. No

date has been announced yet for

Putin may receive Pompeo in Sochi on May 14

MOSCOW

RUSSIAN President Vladimir Putin can meet with US Secretary of State Michael Pompeo in Sochi on May 14, Kremlin Spokesman Dmitry Peskov said.

He recalled that the talks between Pompeo and Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov were scheduled to be held in Sochi on May 14.

"That's the main thing planned for Pompeo in Sochi, but we do not rule out that Pompeo will be received by the Russian president following these negotiations," Peskov said.

That will be the second Lavrov-Pompeo meeting this month. They held talks in Finland on May 6, which lasted about an hour and made it possible, according to Russia's top diplomat, to take a step forward in continuation of the May 3 telephone conversation between Russian President Vladimir Putin and his US counterpart Donald Trump initiated by Washington.

S. Africa's largest union federation rallies support for ANC ahead of elections

CAPE TOWN

SOUTH Africa's largest union federation on Monday called on all workers and South Africans in general to come out to vote for the African National Congress (ANC) in the upcoming elections.

The Congress of South African Trade Unions (COSA-TU) is throwing its full weight behind the ANC in the 2019 national and provincial elections, scheduled for May 8, COSATU national spokesperson Sizwe Pamla said.

"The ANC's record in government and a comparison of the ANC election manifesto with those of all the other parties make it quite clear that it is the only force that can take forward our national democratic revolution and complete the transformation of South Africa," Pamla said.

Although COSATU has at times disagreed with the ANC-led government over certain issues, the government has a proud record of success in building a democratic South Africa and improving the lives of the majority, he said.

COSATU, together with the South African Communist Party (SACP), has been a coalition partner with the ANC since 1994 when the ANC first came to power. At its 13th National Congress last year, COSATU, which has more than 3 million members. reaffirmed the federation's solid support for its old ally.

The coalition was once on the brink of collapse due to deepening difference among the three parties, but after Cyril Ramaphosa took over Jacob Zuma as ANC president late last year, COSATU mended ties with the ANC. The SACP has also called on its members to vote for the

"Our occasional differences are nothing compared

to the gulf that separates us from such parties as the Democratic Alliance, which would like to put the ANC's reforms into reverse and pursue policies that would deepen rather than reduce the inequalities in our society," Pamla said, referring to the main opposition coali-

"Our task now is first and foremost to make sure that the ANC wins a comprehensive victory, nationally and in every province," he said.

Trade unions, civic organizations, nongovernmental organizations and the ANC itself have to be strengthened so that they can push from below to assist the government to overcome any resistance to its policies, Pamla

Members of Parliament and cabinet ministers have to play a leading role in transformation but they cannot do it alone, he said.

Under the ANC leadership, South Africa has achieved massive advances in winning democracy and human rights and has started to improve the lives of the majority, but more needs to be done to achieve a similar improvement on the economic front, where the structure of society has changed little since the apartheid days, Pamla said.

Wealth is still concentrated in the hands of a tiny rich elite who own and control the all-powerful banks and mines, while the majority still suffer from mass unemployment and poverty and far too many communities still lack the basic essentials of life, according to Pamla.

"COSATU will do everything in its power to make sure not just that the ANC is victorious but that the votes it receives are repaid in real improvements to our lives," he said. Xinhua



COSATU national spokesperson Sizwe Pamla

"We are enormously pleased that Myanmar has released our courageous reporters, Wa Lone and Kyaw Soe Oo. Since their arrests 511 days ago, they have become symbols of the importance of press freedom around the world. We welcome their return," Adler said.

mitment to the transition to democracy.

families.

Myanmar's Supreme Court had rejected the journalists' final appeal in April. They had petitioned the country's top court, citing evidence of a police set-up and lack of proof of a crime, after

The reporters' wives wrote a letter to the government in April pleading for a pardon, not, they said, because their husbands had done anything wrong, but because it would allow them to be released from prison and reunited with their fami-

The state was the home to most Rohingya Mus-

New UN campaign to bring youth into gender equality fight

UNITED NATIONS

THE UN women's agency launched a campaign Monday to bring a young generation of women and men into the campaign for gender equality ahead of next year's 25th anniversary of the conference that adopted the only international platform to achieve women's rights and empowerment.

UN Women announced its new "Generation Equality: Realizing women's rights for an equal future" at a news conference where it also made public events planned to mark adoption of the 150-page platform for action to achieve gender equality by 189 governments at the 1995 Beijing women's conference.

"Today, nearly 25 years after the historic Beijing conference, the reality is that not a single country can claim to have achieved gender equality," said a statement from UN Women's executive director, Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka. "Despite some progress, real change has been too slow for most women and girls in the world, and we see significant pushback in many

"Women continue to be discriminated against and their contributions undervalued," she added. "They work more, earn less and have fewer choices about their bodies, livelihoods and futures than men – and they experience multiple forms of violence at home, at work and in public spaces.

Mlambo-Ngcuka said the General Equality campaign is aimed at speeding systematic change "on the laws, policies and outdated mindsets that must no longer curtail women's voice, choice and safety." UN Women's deputy execu-

tive director, Asa Regner, said at the news conference that there have been positive results since Beijing. She pointed to a record number of girls in school, better access to health care, a decrease in maternal mortality, more women in top positions in the business world and fresh efforts to address violence against women and to put women at peace negotiating

But she said the biggest challenges are to change male-dom-



UN Women Executive Director Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka (top row, 5th right) and Pakistan Minister for Human Rights Shireen Mazari (top row, 6th left) poses for photographs with guests after a dialogue on the harassment faced by women with disabilities in Pakistan, during her visit to Islamabad yesterday.

leave far more women and girls facing poverty and violence.

Ahead of next year's anniversary events, UN Women has asked all 193 UN member nations to submit details and data on what plement the 1995 Beijing platform, Regner said.

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inated "power structures" that the data ahead of next year's anniversary, she said.

The Beijing platform called for bold actions in 12 critical areas for women and girls including combatting poverty and violence, improving human rights their countries have done to im- and access to reproductive and sexual health care, and ensuring that all girls get an education and As of Friday, she said, it had that women are at the top levels received 22 responses but hopes of business and government, and the entire membership will ant the top table in peace negotia-

UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said at Monday evening's opening of an exhibition on women who were part of the Soviet Union's military effort in World War II that "we will not

that event.

achieve peace" or any of the UN's development goals for 2030 "without the full and equal participation of women." "Yet we all know that there is still a stark imbalance of power around the world, and we are even seeing a backlash in some areas against women's rights," he

Germany seeks 'more Europe' in upcoming EU elections

ROUGHLY 65 million eligible voters in Germany will soon have their say in who will be leading the next era of European politics. Germans can choose candidates from dozens of parties to fill the 96 out of 751 seats that Germany has in the European Parliament.

As Germans head to the polls on May 26, German politicians, industry and academia have been presenting their visions and hopes for the future direction of the European community. MORE STABLE AND SOCIAL EU-

Amidst growing global economic Europe. turbulences, most German industry voices are calling for a stronger and more united Europe. The European Union (EU) elections "are a great opportunity for a reorientation of Europe", said Marcel Fratzscher, president of the German Institute for Economic Research (DIW).

The community of European states must continue to grow together in order to "stop divergence and polarization", said the president of the German economic research institute. "More Europe" summarizes the DIW's vision for a "more stable and social"

The German Federation of Industries (BDI) and the Confederation of German Employers' Associations (BDA) have also been calling for "more Europe" as they presented a plan entitled "10 goals for a strong Europe".

The two German industry associations' support for a strong Europe was clearly mirrored in their main message. The German industry "is clearly committed to Europe. Europe is not the cause, but the solution to many problems".

As the umbrella organization of German industry and industry-related

services, the BDI has placed particular emphasis on the economic benefits of Europe.

"The European Union is one of the strongest economies in the world. Europe is the home market for the German industry," president of the German Federation of Industries, Dieter

Kempf, told Xinhua. The basis for the EU's success and prosperity "is and remains the internal market", BDI president Kempf added. For this reason, the BDI and BDA called for the untapped potential of Europe's internal market to be "fully exploited".

BENEFITS OF EU MEMBERSHIP

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The benefits of EU membership are also recognized by Germany's employee representatives, whose umbrella organization the Confederation of German Trade Unions (DGB) has taken the position that "if the European Union did not exist, it would have to be invented".

Germany's two largest trade unions -- IG Metall and ver.di -- both members of the German trade union association, have each presented their similar visions for a more social and solidari-

ty-based Europe. "European unification is one of the

greatest achievements of European history and has been shaping our coexistence for 70 years," said Joerg Hofmann, chairman of Germany's largest trade union IG Metall.

"The European Union has brought us enormous prosperity. And only as a strong community will we Europeans still be able to play a role in the global fabric of the future and defend our values," said Hofmann. The EU should be "a protective power in transformation, a protective power for the employed, a protective power that secures our social standards".

Xinhua

Climate change missing as US defends Arctic policy

ROVANIEMI

THE Arctic is melting, but don't ask US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo to mention climate change. Nor to agree a text that mentions it.

For the Trump administration, disappearing sea ice in the world's "high north" is first and foremost an opportunity to exploit rather than a crisis to

That position was made clear by Pompeo over two days as the foreign ministers of the eight members of the Arctic Council met in Finland, which is wrapping up its two-year chairmanship of the Arctic Council.

Finnish Foreign Ministry Timo Soini said yesterday there will be no joint declaration at the after the summit couldn't get the United States to agree on a text that includes language about climate change. Instead, he said there would be statements from ministers and Finland which currently holds the chair of the Arctic Council.

Bill Erasmus, the chairman of the Arctic Athabaskan Council, a Canadabased group of indigenous people, expressed disappointment that a joint declaration had not been reached.

"We have some real concerns," he said. "We recognize that climate change is real. Climate change is manmade, and our elders tell us that we are clearly in trouble."

Official US statements and documents prepared for the meeting did not refer to "climate change" and their scientific focus was limited to reductions in US carbon emissions that predate the administration and research.

In a roughly 20-minute speech outlining the Trump administration's Arctic policy on Monday, Pompeo acknowledged melting ice but didn't use the phrase "climate change."

In fact, his address was largely an admonition against increasing Russian activity in the Arctic. Nor did he indicate that the administration places any priority on easing the melting that scientists say is already causing oceans to rise.

"Steady reductions in sea ice are opening new naval passageways and new opportunities for trade, potentially slashing the time it takes for ships to travel between Asia and the West by 20 days," he said in the speech, which was met with polite but muted ap-

"Arctic sea lanes could become the 21st century's Suez and Panama Ca-

Asked directly about climate change and the Arctic in an interview with a Finnish newspaper, Pompeo declined the opportunity to mention the phrase and downplayed the importance of the Paris climate accord.

"My view on this and President Trump's view on this is what we should put all our emphasis on I outcomes," he said. "We can call it whatever we like, but I shared some of the data in the speech.

The United States is kicking it when it comes to getting its CO2 down. I mean, compare it to China, compare it to Russia, compare it, frankly, to many European nations, each of whom signed the Paris agreement."

According to the statistics he presented, US energy-related CO2 emissions fell by 14% between 2005 and 2017, while global energy-related CO2 emissions increased more than 20%. In terms of black carbon, which is a particular threat to the Arctic, US emissions were 16% below 2013 levels in 2016 and are projected to nearly halve by 2025, he said.

"I'm sure it was a good party," Pompeo said of the negotiations in Paris. "I'm sure it felt good to sign the agreement. But at the end of the day, what matters to human health, what matters to the citizens of the world, is that we actually have an impact on improving health.

And our technology, our innovation, the R&D we put in in the United States, that's what will drive better cli-



Front row from left, Norway's Foreign Minister Ine Eriksen Soreide, Russia's Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov, Sweden's Foreign Minister Margot Wallstrom, US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, Finland's Foreign Minister Timo Soini, Canada's Foreign Minister Chrystia Freeland, Denmark's Foreign Minister Anders Samuelsen, Iceland's Foreign Minister Gudlaugur Thor Thordarson and Governor Hannele Pokka pose for a picture during an Arctic Council Ministerial Meeting at the Lappi Arena in Rovaniemi, Finland, yesterday. (AP)

matic outcomes, that's what will create cleaner air and safer drinking water, and that's what I hope the whole world will focus on."

Pompeo again declined the opportunity to mention "climate change" yesterday when he met with Canadian Foreign Minister Chrystia Freeland who pointedly referred to the phenomenon as she played down a dispute with the United States over the sovereignty of the Northwest Passage.

"We have a very close, very fruitful collaboration," she said. "And actually, as we see the conditions of the Northwest Passage changing with our changing climate, I think that's actually grounds for closer collaboration be part of a collective solution." with the United States."

Pompeo replied by saying the US is more concerned about Russia in the Arctic than ownership of the Northwest Passage.

"The challenges in the Arctic aren't between the United States and Canada, let me assure you," he said. "There are others that threaten to use it in ways that are not consistent with the rule of law."

Canada's Freeland said recent scientific studies that indicate temperatures could increase in Canada's Arctic by 11 degrees Celsius are "terrifying" and that "we have a responsibility to

She also noted that "unpredictable weather patterns caused by climate change" are causing security threats and navigational issues.

Soini, the Finnish foreign minister, said his country had sought to use its position to highlight and ease "the rapid change of the Arctic climate and its impact on nature and people."

His Icelandic counterpart, Gudlaugur Thor Thordarson, was bleak in his assessment. "We can expect due to climate change more drastic changes in the next two decades than we have seen in the last 100 years," he said.

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Russia to start development of nuclear-powered aircraft carrier in 2023 – source

MOSCOW

RESEARCH and development (R&D) work to create the first Russian nuclear-powered aircraft carrier will start in 2023; it was included in the state arms program. A source in the shipbuilding industry told TASS about it yesterday.

"R&D work on the new aircraft carrier was included in the operating state arms program by 2027 and will start in 2023," the source said.

He specified that "the ship will have a nuclear energy unit and displacement of about 70,000 tonnes." The source did not specify the estimate cost of the work and the period of the ship's construction.

The United Shipbuilding Corporation (USC) told TASS that they "haven't received any design specifications for the given ship from the Russian Defense Ministry yet."

The corporation noted that it did not stop the development of proposals on advanced ships, including the aircraft carrier. "In case of receiving an order from the Defense Ministry, the corporation's enterprises will be ready to implement it," the USC add-

The Russian Navy earlier stated that the Russian fleet expects to receive an advanced aircraft carrier with a nuclear energy unit by late 2030. The Defense Ministry noted that the contract to build the aircraft carrier may be signed by late 2025.

The Russian fleet currently has one aircraft carrier - the heavy oil-fueled aircraft carrier Admiral Kuznetsov. It is being repaired and upgraded to rejoin the fleet in 2021. **Agencies**

Southern Africa calls for concerted regional efforts in managing elephant

KASANE, Botswana

ENVIRONMENT ministers from southern African nations on Monday called for concerted regional efforts in managing the elephant species on Monday.

The meeting, a precursor to the May 7 summit, was held in Kasane, northern Botswana, and attended by ministers from Angola, the host Botswana, Namibia, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

The summit is expected to generate a better understanding of elephant management and associated challenges as well as come up with measures to address the challenges.

It is expected that the summit will agree on actions and effective trans-boundary initiatives that will address the challenges faced in the management of elephants.

Addressing the meeting on Monday, Botswana's Environment, Natural Resources Conservation and Tourism Minister, Kitso Mokaila said the region has the majority of the world's elephant population.

Botswana's elephant population has increased from an estimated 55,000 in 1991 to the current 160,000. "This increase has brought associated challenges and one major challenge that is haunting us is that of human-



elephant conflict," he said.

While the elephant range is increasing over the years, the demand for agricultural land is equally increasing and has resulted in growing competition between people and wildlife for living space, he said.

"In the process people lose lives, crops and agricultural infrastructure and this tends to reverse the government's efforts in improving the livelihoods of our communities," he said.

"It would be a failure on governments' part if the state of affairs is not addressed," said Mokaila. The increase in the number of elephants has also resulted in poaching and it is a considered view that local communities should be engaged to close the loopholes for poaching, which is a threat to successful conservation, said Mokaila.

"The region should speak with one voice when it comes to regional elephants in order to

curb hostility from the international community at the upcoming Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) conference of parties," he said.

"We as a region, have become victims of our own success and this calls for concerted efforts in order for us to make head way and we call upon the international community to respect our community-rooted approaches," Xinhua

China steps up support for SMEs via structural tools **BEIJING**

CHINA announced a targeted cut in reserve requirement ratio (RRR) in its latest attempt of using structural tools rather than an across-the-board stimulus to help cash-strained

On Monday, the central bank announced that it would apply a relatively low RRR, or the amount of money banks must set aside as reserves, for some small and medium-sized banks starting from May 15.

About 1,000 county-level rural commercial banks will enjoy a favorable RRR, unleashing long-term capital of about 280 billion yuan (41.4 billion U.S. dollars), which will be used as loans to private as well as micro and small enterprises, the People's Bank of China (PBOC) said in an online statement.

The cut was not only a timely move to ease the financing strain for smaller companies, but also an important step in optimizing the country's policy framework, in which financial institutions of different sizes and functions are subject to differentiated RRR, analysts said.

"Differentiated reserve requirement ratios will promote the healthy and stable development of small and mediumsized rural commercial banks and help form a multi-level banking system, bringing better service to private and small companies," said Dong Ximiao,

deputy dean of Chongyang Institute for Financial Studies at Renmin University of China.

China has been increasingly relying on a variety of monetary tools to adjust liquidity rather than resorting to acrossthe-board interest rate cuts or RRR adjustments.

tral bank injected funds into the market via the targeted medium-term lending facility (TMLF), a tool introduced in December 2018 to encourage loans to small and private businesses.

"The operating environment of the small and medium enterprises (SME) has improved markedly since the beginning of this year, helped by supportive policy initiatives on multiple fronts," said investment banking firm CICC in a research report.

Lending to small and micro

businesses surged 19.1 percent year on year to 10.05 trillion yuan by the end of the first quarter of this year, according to a PBOC report. The recovery of SME senti-

ment and profitability will likely boost consumption growth and service sector capital ex-In a recent move, the cen-penditure from the second quarter of 2019 onwards, CICC

The targeted RRR cut Monday is an indication that China's monetary policy continues to hold a supportive stance towards economic growth, it said.

The cut will not be the end of structural adjustments, as the central bank has a wide range of choices in its monetary toolkit, including expanding the scale of eligible collateral for refinancing and increasing the use of TMLF, said Lian Ping, chief economist with the Bank of Communications. Xinhua



Belt and Road development becomes steady, extensive as second forum closes

THE Second Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation (BRF), which was held in Beijing on 25-27 April 2019, will serve as a new starting point for joint construction of the Belt and Road Initiative.

During the forum, leaders of countries and heads of international organizations conducted in-depth discussions under the theme of "Belt and Road Cooperation: Shaping a Brighter Shared Future", improved the concept for cooperation, identified cooperation priorities, bolstered coopera-

tion mechanisms and mapped out a new blueprint for joint construction of the BRI.

Yangi Lake International Convention Center, venue of the leaders' roundtable meetings of the 1st and 2nd BRFs, has witnessed the expanding of the "circle of friends" of the BRI.

At the leaders' roundtable meeting during the first BRF in May 2017, Chinese President Xi Jinping and leaders of 29 countries and heads of the United Nations, the World Bank, and the International Monetary Fund gathered together to discuss how to promote international

cooperation and realize win-win development.

This year's roundtable meeting was attended by 40 leaders of countries and international organizations, and saw the signing of a joint communiqué which contains more than 6,000 words and a list of deliverables with over 9,000

Some 283 concrete results were achieved before and after the second BRF, and cooperation projects worth over \$64 billion were signed at the Belt and Road CEO Confer-

These remarkable figures have

eloquently demonstrated that the joint construction of the BRI, a massive and great endeavor as it is, accords with the trend of the times, conforms to people's aspirations, serves people's livelihood, and benefits the whole world.

With unwavering faith in the initial aspirations for the joint construction of the BRI, international cooperation under the framework of the BRI has embarked on a new journey starting from Yanqi Lake.

"Here from Yanqi Lake, let us spread our wings, soar to the sky, and reach out together for a future of peace, development and winwin cooperation!" President Xi addressed the leaders' roundtable meeting at the first BRF.

Today, as world leaders seek further concrete steps and stronger synergy for the joint construction of the BRI with the aim of delivering greater benefits to people around the world, President Xi made the proposal to work with all parties to improve the cooperation concept for high-quality development of Belt and Road cooperation, identify cooperation priorities and strengthen all-round connectivity, and bolster cooperation mechanisms and foster partnerships on

connectivity.

By declaring publicly the three expectations of the joint efforts at the construction of the BRI, Xi has envisaged a bright future for the BRI, where the BRI will fly with stronger wings, facilitate steady and extensive cooperation, inject new impetus into the world's economic growth, and open up new space for global development.

The success of the 2nd BRF manifested China's sense of responsibility to build on the sound momentum generated to steer the BRI construction toward greater success through meticulous implementation.

In the keynote speech delivered at the opening ceremony of the 2nd BRF, President Xi announced that China will expand market access for foreign investment in more areas, intensify efforts to enhance international cooperation in intellectual property protection, increase the import of goods and services on an even larger scale, more effectively engage in international macro-economic policy coordination, and work harder to ensure the implementation of opening-up related policies.

Xinhua



Tanzania's junior tennis player, Emmanuel Mallya, participates in a past International Tennis Federation (ITF) East Africa junior circuit in Kenya.

Wanted: Ideas to transform domestic sports

BY CORRESPONDENT LLOYD ELIPOKEA

I guess that even for those who are far removed from the ever-dynamic arena of sports in the present-day that it is an unquestionable truism that excellence and success in sports can provide for a truly rewarding career in more ways than one.

Now, seeing as this is patently the case, I would like to make the argument that it is incumbent upon us all in the country to toil relentlessly in a bid to ensure that we as Tanzanians are able to reap maximum rewards from the sports sector.

I hasten to insert, here, that the rewards to which I am alluding are not just those of the explicitly monetary kind.

Indeed, the context in which I used the word 'rewards' includes other things such as national pride and greater national unity among other things, which, despite being mostly intangibles, are pretty much invaluable intangibles which are necessary for a country, a people's well-being.

Nonetheless, having strayed a tad far from the original theme of this piece, let us now endeavor to firmly get back on track.

Regarding how we in the country can reap big from our domestic sports scene, which, in essence, means how we as Tanzanians can achieve sporting success in the broadest terms possible there are a few ideas which I shall put across in this commentary that hopefully will spark off a wider debate about the matter under our consideration today.

First off, I would like to call for deeper professionalization of our domestic sporting realm.

Indeed, I can easily envisage how taking such a measure would be of benefit in one area in particular.

Here, on our distinctive home patch, it is quite common to find that the upper echelons of various sports associations are peopled by individuals who are often working as sports administrators as a second job.

However, just imagine how the possibilities for greater achievement would be unleashed and unlocked if the sole and exclusive occupation of our sports administrators was as just that: sports administrators.

Indeed, I, myself, cannot calculate in exact terms, numerical or otherwise, just how such a move could potentially transform our sports sector for the better.

Nevertheless, logic dictates that the more time that a person has to devote to an activity, the greater and more glorious levels of success that that same person is likely to achieve from engaging in the activity.

Switching gears, another mammoth-sized woe which has long devastatingly hobbled our genuine strivings to put our country on the global sports map has been the seemingly perennial lack of reliable financing to fund a whole manner of sports.

Indeed, in some ways, cash-flow crises have ominously hovered over the doings of many sports bodies just like the proverbial Sword of Damocles

This then leads me to assert that successfully tackling this particular boil of grossly inadequate funding would go an extremely long way towards solving a hefty chunk of our extensively chronicled sporting troubles.

As a final word, I would like to restate the hope expressed in the early stages of this commentary that the ideas which I have put across will kickstart a debate of much wider proportions, which, would, of course, most likely give rise to better, fresher and innovative ideas on how to transform domestic sports into one of the most successful sectors in the country.

After all, as the age-old adage goes, two heads

Harden scores 38 as Rockets even series with Warriors

HOUSTON

AMES Harden and the Houston Rockets dug out of a 0-2 hole to even their Western Conference staffinals series with the Golden State Warriors after another game where they fought, scrapped and held off a late rally to get a victory.

Harden scored 38 points and the Rockets got a 112-108 win on Monday night to even the best-of seven series at 2-2.

"When you're dealing with these guys, if you let Klay (Thompson) and Steph (Curry) run around and shoot 3s you don't have no chance," Harden said. "The only chance we have is to be in to their bodies and make every shot that they take contested."

The Rockets were up by nine before the Golden State scored the next seven points, capped by a 3 from Stephen Curry, to get within 110-108 with 19 seconds left. Harden made one of two free throws with 11.5 seconds left. Kevin Durant missed a 3 after that. But the Warriors got the rebound and Curry also missed a 3-point attempt before Golden State was forced to foul Chris Paul.

"We got a couple of wide-open looks," Durant said. "They just didn't fall for us."

Paul made one of two free throws with 2.9 seconds left to secure the victory.

Golden State coach Steve Kerr was asked about the physical play of the Rockets, who have several players who are much stockier than his squad.

"They've got a lot of middle linebackers on that team," he said. "They're sturdy and we're like volleyball players, long and lean ... everybody tries to be physical with us because they should. That's the best way to try to beat us."

After losing the first two games of the series on the road, the Rockets head back to Golden State for Game 5 on Wednesday night with momentum on their side after their overtime win in Game 3 before Monday night's victory.

The Warriors got 34 points from Kevin Durant, who had 46 in the Game 3 loss. Curry, who was criticized after shooting 7 for 23 in Game 3, got off to a good start,



Golden State Warriors guard Stephen Curry, left, falls down after being bumped by Houston Rockets guard James Harden during the first half of Game 4 of a second-round NBA basketball playoff series, Monday, May 6, 2019, in Houston. (AP Photo)

scoring 11 points in the first quarter. He cooled off after that, but finished with 30 points on 12 of 25 shooting. "I didn't think we got great shots for much of the night," Kerr said. "We've got to be more poised and that has to be a focus."

Eric Gordon added 20 points for Houston and P.J. Tucker had 17 points and 10 rebounds.

Despite two straight win, the Rockets still don't think they've played their best.

"We've got to be better," Tucker said. "We've got to be more aggressive. We've got to pick it up." Houston made 17 of its 50 3-point attempts, while the Warriors shot just 8 of 33 from downtown with Curry making just 4 of his 14 attempts.

The Rockets were up by nine after three and used an 8-2 run, with four points from Harden, to open the fourth and extend the lead to 101-86. Golden State used an 8-3 run, with six points from Draymond Green, to cut it to 104-94 midway through the quarter. Houston had a 10-point lead

Houston had a 10-point lead with about four minutes left before a 5-2 run, with a 3 from Curry,

got them within 108-101.

Green was shaken up when Harden inadvertently knocked him in the head on the follow through after he made a 3-pointer that put Houston up 71-59 with nine minutes left in the third quarter. Green fell to the court where he remained holding the left side of his head for a couple of minutes. The Warriors called a timeout and he collected himself and remained in the game. The lead grew to 77-60 before Golden State got going.

AP

Giannis has 39, Bucks beat Celtics 113-101, lead series 3-1

BOSTON

WHEN Giannis Antetokounmpo picked up his fourth foul early in the third quarter of a tie game, the Boston Celtics sensed a chance to pull away.

Instead, Milwaukee took control. Of the game, and the series. Antetokounmpo watched the Bucks bench open a doubledigit lead, then returned with a dominating fourth quarter to finish with 39 points and 16 rebounds as Milwaukee beat Boston 113-101 on Monday night to move one win from its first trip to the Eastern Conference finals since 2001.

"If we're honest with you, when Giannis and Khris (Middleton) go to the bench, you're concerned," Bucks coach Mike Budenholzer said after his reserves outscored Boston's 32-7 in the game and turned a 59-all tie into a 78-68 lead. "But you have confidence that that group can play."

George Hill scored 15 points – nine in the third quarter – and Pat Connaughton had nine points and 10 rebounds off the bench for Milwaukee, which outscored Boston's bench 42-16 in Game 3. After sitting out the last 8:18 of the third quarter, Antetokounmpo scored 17 points with seven

rebounds in the fourth to help the Bucks pull away.

"It's always hard to take out Giannis; let's start there. But at the end of the day, we are conscious of trying to keep him fresh," Budenholzer said. "It's hard to find the words (for) what he does for our team, both ends of the court. He's special, but he's very hungry. He wants more, and he's playing that way." AP

Trump awards highest US civilian honour to Tiger Woods

WASHINGTON

WHEN Tiger Woods won the Masters on April 14, President Donald Trump declared he was going to award him the Presidential Medal of Freedom, and ordered his aides to schedule the event as soon as possible.

On Monday, Trump got what he asked for. At a ceremony in the sun-splashed White House Rose Garden, Trump made the 43-year-old Woods the fourth, and youngest, professional golfer to receive the nation's highest civilian honour, after Arnold Palmer, Jack Nicklaus and Charlie Sifford

With 81 PGA Tour victories, Woods is one shy of Sam Snead's all-time record, and with 15 major tournament victories, he trails only Nicklaus, who has 18.

But it was his dramatic Masters victory at Augusta National Golf Club last month, ending an 11-year major championship drought, that capped a years-long comeback from injuries and drama in his personal life, including an arrest two years ago for driving under the influence.

Trump eagerly leapt onto the Tiger bandwagon. The two have played golf



President Donald Trump gives professional golfer and business partner Tiger Woods the Medal of Freedom during a ceremony in the Rose Garden at the White House on May 6 in Washington, D.C. (Agencies)

a number of times, most recently with Nicklaus in February at Trump's course

in Jupiter, Florida. At a ceremony attended by several U.S. lawmakers, Trump called Woods "a true legend."

"He's a great guy," said Trump. "He introduced countless new people to the sport of golf, from every background and walk of life. ... Tiger Woods is a global symbol of American excellence, devotion and drive."

Woods, wearing a blue suit (not the Masters green jacket) was joined at the ceremony by his mother, Kultida, his two children, Sam and Charlie, his girlfriend, Erica Herman, and his caddie, Joe LaCava.

"You've seen the good and the bad the highs and the lows, and I wouldn't be here without your help," Woods said.

Speaking directly to his loved ones, Woods added: "You guys have meant so much to me in my life. I've battled and I've tried to hang in there and I've tried to come back and play a great game of golf again."

With the golf world wondering if he has enough high-level golf in him to match Nicklaus' record of 18 majors, Woods left a clue as to his aspirations, calling his recent Masters experience "certainly one of the highest that I've accomplished so far in my life on the golf

course."

Meanwhile, Tiger Woods, who stunned the sports world when he won his fifth Masters title last month, received his country's highest civilian honour, the Presidential Medal of Freedom, from U.S. President Donald Trump on Monday.

Last month's Augusta triumph ended an 11-year major title drought for the 43-year-old golfer, who had endured personal and professional setbacks including a highly-public divorce and multiple surgeries over the previous decade.

An emotional Woods thanked those in attendance at the Rose Garden ceremony at the White House for their support through the years when he was

not winning.

"You've seen the good and the bad, the highs and the lows, and I would not be in this position without all of your help," he said after Trump placed the medal

around his neck.
Woods recalled his breakthrough
triumph at Augusta 22 years ago which
the then 21-year-old celebrated with
his father and mentor Earl, who died in

"In '97, yes, I won the Masters and

I ended up hugging my dad and my

mom," he said.

"My dad is no longer here but my
mom is here, I love you mom," he added,
his voice cracking with emotion as he
went on to thank his two children and
girlfriend Erica Herman.

"The amazing Masters experience I just had a few weeks ago certainly is part of the highlight of what I've accomplished in my life on the golf course."

Trump, an avid golfer, described the 15-times major champion as a "a global symbol of American excellence, devotion and drive".

Woods joined Arnold Palmer, Charlie Sifford and Jack Nicklaus as the only golfers to have received the award.

It is awarded annually to people who have made outstanding contributions to the security or national interests of the country, to world peace, or to cultural or other significant public or private endeavours.

Since taking office Trump has given the award to several athletes, including former professional NFL players Roger Staubach and Alan Page as well as posthumously to baseball great "Babe" Ruth.

REUTERS

Epic Premier League title race goes down to final day

MANCHESTER, ENGLAND

FOR the only eighth time in Premier League history, the title will be decided on the final day of the season with Manchester City well poised to win their second straight championship.

A one point advantage over Liverpool means that City will collect their club's sixth English domestic top flight title if they win at Brighton and Hove Albion on Sunday even if Juergen Klopp's men beat Wolverhampton Wanderers at Anfield.

Although the lead at the top of the table has changed hands 32 times this season, the bulk of those swaps have been due to the timing of their fixtures.

That ends on Sunday with all games kicking off at 1400 GMT as the final blast of tension is packed into 90 minutes.

Nothing during the title run-in suggests that either side is about to slip-up.

City have won 13 successive Premier League matches and Liverpool their last eight games and both survived real tests of nerves in their penultimate matches.

Liverpool grabbed a 3-2 win at Newcastle only thanks to an 86th minute header from substitute Divock Origi whilst City beat Leicester on Monday after a thundering 70th minute long-range drive from

MANCHESTER City captain Vin-

cent Kompany said he ignored

calls "not to shoot" from his team

mates as he fired in from long range

to earn his side a crucial 1-0 win

over Leicester City in the Premier

the top spot in the standings after

their win at Newcastle United on

Saturday, City looked nervy as they

reached the hour mark at the Eti-

Kompany then came to the res-

cue by arrowing in a stunning strike

into the top corner in the 70th min-

son, his first-ever from outside the

box in the Premier League, to win

"Everyone was saying don't shoot

but I've not come this far in my ca-

reer to be told when I can and can't

"I've had 15 years of top-level mid-

fielders telling me not to shoot but

I always told them one day I am go-

ing to have a shot from outside the

he was one of those urging his cap-

tain not to shoot but praised the im-

City manager Pep Guardiola said

box and I'm going to score a goal."

shoot," Kompany told Sky Sports.

ute to score his first goal of the sea-

had without scoring a goal.

With Liverpool having reclaimed

MANCHESTER, ENGLAND

League on Monday.

the match for City.

Kompany ignored advice to put

Manchester City on verge of title

captain Vincent Kompany.

City enjoyed a lap of honour in front of their fans after their last home game of the campaign but their minds quickly turned to Sunday's challenge against 17th placed Brighton - who showed their resilience in a 1-1 draw at Arsenal on

"One game left and it will be so tough like today, we are away and we saw Brighton had a good game at Arsenal," said City manager Pep

"But it is in our hands, don't forget but we could have been 10 points behind if we lost to Liverpool here. We were seven points behind, but here we are in the last game and it is in our hands. We are going to prepare well," he added.

"We'll see if Brighton defend deep or will be more offensive. It will be tough, but hopefully we will have the performance to be cham-

If City do clinch the title, Liverpool, on 94 points having lost only once all season, will end with the highest points title by a secondplaced team in Premier League

City have now scored 100 goals in all competitions at the Etihad this season – the record for most home goals by an English top-flight team in a single campaign.

pact Kompany has had on the club.

be who were are today – Joe Hart,

Pablo Zabaleta and Vincent Kom-

pany," Guardiola said.

at the end of the season.

for the club."

"There are players who help us to

"When he (Kompany) is fit, he is

an incredible centre-back. Not just

for the goal. He is a leader. I am

happy for him for the club, and for

Guardiola also said a new con-

"We spoke with him one month

ago. We are going to take a beer

together (at the end of the season)

and decide what is best, especially

A 14th consecutive league win for

City at Brighton and Hove Albion

on Sunday will mean they will re-

tain the Premier League title for the

first time in the club's history, but

Guardiola said the pressure is still

because they know it is not in their

hands," Guardiola added. "It is easy.

"Brighton got a result against Ar-

senal. We ... know how tough it will

be. They are strong with set-pieces.

It is in our hands, one more game."

"Liverpool play without pressure

very much on his side.

We have the pressure.

tract for Kompany will be discussed



Manchester City's Vincent Kompany scores their first goal against Leicester City during their Premier League match at Etihad Stadium in Manchester, Britain on Monday. (Agencies)

Kompany winning City the title would be fitting farewell

MANCHESTER, ENGLAND

VINCENT Kompany obviously wasn't going to score from there. His teammates knew it, his manager knew it, and, crucially, Leicester City's players seemed to know it as well.

There were 20 minutes remaining in a match of cloying tension on Monday at the Etihad Stadium when Aymeric Laporte squared the ball to Kompany midway inside the Leicester half. This is where Manchester City were. Their centrebacks camped on the halfway line, their forward players clustering ineffectively around the opposition penalty area, they had thrown everything at Leicester and were rapidly hurtling toward last-roll-ofthe-dice territory.

In the run of 12 straight wins that preceded this game, Pep Guardiola's side had taken the lead no later than the 63rd minute. This was unfamiliar and uncomfortable terrain.

Kompany pushed the ball a few feet in front of him. Leicester had been in their opponents' faces throughout the game, but here, no doubt lulled into a false sense of security by the identity of the player in possession, they backed off. Wilfred Ndidi and Hamza Choudhury continued to jog across the edge of the penalty area. James Maddison stood off. So Kompany took another touch. Then he let fly.

The camera angle from behind Kompany told the story best. He hit across the ball with the laces of his

right boot, the effort of the strike match exchange between Kompany lifting both of his feet clean off the ground. The ball arrowed high toward goal, beyond the despairing hands of Kasper Schmeichel, and hit the top-right corner as squarely as it is possible for the top-right corner to

It was a wonder goal, a one-in-amillion strike, and the more you unpicked it, the more absurd it became. It was Kompany's first goal in more than a year, and it gave him a first Premier League goal from outside the box at the 37th attempt. He had not hit even the target from outside the box since December 2013.

In its significance and its tensionpopping explosivity, Kompany's goal recalled the header at the other end of the pitch against Manchester United in April 2012 that provided the spur for City to go on and win their first title in the Premier League era. He celebrated this goal with the same kind of abandon, leaping into the air beside the corner flag in the stadium's northeast corner before sprawling himself on his back and allowing himself to be smothered with kisses by Bernardo Silva.

vision cameras landed on Guardiola, he was in an almost messianic pose, standing on the touchline with his open-palmed hands in the air, a sea of limbs behind him.

What had he been thinking as Kompany lined up his shot, Guardiola was asked afterward. "Don't shoot, Vinny," he replied. A clip of a postand Sergio Aguero revealed that the Argentinian had been thinking exactly the same thing. It was, Guardiola said, "an incredible goal."

Kompany's goal -- the 100th City have scored in front of their home fans this season -- was his reward for a characteristically influential performance. Aside from a wild challenge on Maddison, for which he was booked, he defended with carefully controlled aggression, keeping City's back four high up the pitch and preventing the dangerous Jamie Vardy from turning with the ball and running at him. Not for nothing, he has successfully supplanted John Stones from City's starting XI on knife-edge nights such

as this. The home side came within inches of taking the lead shortly after the half hour, when Aguero's header bounced down off the crossbar and was clawed off the line by Schmeichel, but as the game wore on, the tension swelled. Early in the second half, Guardiola could be seen scurrying in front of a bemused ball boy to retrieve the ball for a quick throw-in. The home fans month, looked tearful after the In the stands, there was an exploalternated between anxious silence game as his children joined him on sion of joy and relief. When the tele- and howls of desperation. Then the pitch for a lap of appreciation. Kompany delivered them.

> On a night of multiple parallels, Brendan Rodgers found himself with a second chance to win the title for Liverpool after his agonising nearmiss as Reds manager in 2014. The Liverpool fans nervously watching on TV could not have faulted the Leicester manager or his side for

The 72nd minute almost provided the ultimate moment of déjà vu when Kompany slipped while in possession in a manner that recalled Steven Gerrard's fateful tumble against Chelsea in 2014, but to a soundtrack of gasps around the ground, he recovered the situation, and City were able to clear.

There was one last scare when Leicester substitute Iheanacho, a City old boy, wastefully squandered a clear sight of goal with three minutes remaining. His shot from Choudhury's pass trundled apologetically wide of Ederson's goal, and Liverpool's title hopes probably went along with it.

Such has been City's superiority over their opponents that their title surge has been almost totally devoid of dramatic moments, but Kompany's goal was an instant classic. If he goes on to lift the Premier League trophy after City's final game at Brighton and Hove Albion on Sunday, as he surely will, it will become an emblem for the whole campaign.

Kompany, who turned 33 last The Belgium international is out of contract at the end of the season, and both he and Guardiola were cov when asked if he will be at the Etihad next season.

If this was goodbye, he could not have penned a more beautiful

(AGENCIES)

Casillas released from hospital, uncertain about future

PORTO, PORTUGAL

A CHEERFUL Iker Casillas was released from the hospital on Monday, five days after having a heart attack.

said he was thrilled with his recovery but didn't give any hints about whether he would keep playing professionally.

The veteran Porto goalkeeper

during a practice last Wednesday, was rushed to hospital, and underwent a catheterization.

everything that happened," he said. "It was a very difficult situation but thankfully I'm doing

Speaking to reporters outside of the hospital, without taking questions, an emotional Casillas said he doesn't know "what the future holds," and that the most important thing was to be standing there talking about until the end of the 2019-20

"I'm feeling much better," he said. "I'll rest for a couple of

weeks, or a couple of months, I'm not sure yet. The most important thing is to be here.'

Porto doctor Nelson Puga said last week the playing future of Casillas would depend on several factors, including the goalkeeper's will to keep competing.

Casillas said on Monday he feels "very lucky" the incident didn't have more serious consequences, The 37-year-old Casillas fell ill and thanked the outpouring of support from players and clubs from across the world.

"I want to thank the thousands "I can only smile after of messages of support that I've received," he said.

Casillas joined Porto in 2015 after helping Real Madrid win five league titles and three Champions League trophies.

He also helped Spain win one World Cup and two European Championships.

Casillas recently had his contract with Porto extended season, with an option for another year.

(AP)

VAR under fire in Germany: 'We're totally on the wrong path'

RAGE, confusion and disbelief: fans, players, coaches and former referees are united in their criticism of the Bundesliga's video assistant referees after another weekend of questionable decisions in Germany's top league.

"We're totally on the wrong path. We have to take two or three steps back to get back to the football," Freiburg coach Christian Streich said. "Everyone thought everything would be fine with technology. But behind the technology are people. It can't go on like this, it's crazy. The whole game is not the game it should be anymore. It's not football anymore."

The previous weekend's games had already shone the spotlight back on the unpopular addition to the league, with Borussia Dortmund coach Lucien Favre complaining that players would have to cut off their arms to avoid conceding penalties after Julian Weigl was penalized for blocking a shot from close-range in the side's 4-2 loss to bitter rival Schalke.

"The biggest scandal in soccer in years," Favre complained.

Freiburg bore the brunt of a questionable penalty decision last weekend that allowed Leipzig to grab a 2-1 win. It was then awarded a dubious penalty of its own and also had Janik Haberer harshly sent off in Sunday's 1-1 draw with Fortuna Duesseldorf.

"It's not a foul in the penalty area crazy because they don't know what



File - In this July 20, 2017 file photo, referee Sascha Stegemann sits in front of screens showing match sequences in a video assistant referee center in Cologne, Germany. Players, coaches and former referees have united in their criticism of the Bundesliga's video assistant referee after another weekend of questionable decisions in Germany's top soccer league. (AP)

just when there's contact, but when they should do. They're coming unthere's a foul. That's the first thing. That's the way it always was and that's the way it should be," Streich said. "It's handball when a clear goal chance is stopped or when the hand is up there where it doesn't belong. Otherwise it's not handball."

Streich refused to criticize the referees, however.

"The referees are being driven

der such pressure that you nearly couldn't blame them for what's happening," Streich said.

Prior to this past weekend, statistics showed the highest number of penalties for handball since the Bundesliga began in 1963. Twentynine had been awarded, well over the average of 11.7 and already more than the previous high of 23 from the 1967-68 season, with three rounds of

games still to play.

VAR - or the lack of its use - has also been felt in the German Cup.

Bayern Munich progressed to the final thanks to a questionable penalty decision in a 3-2 win at Werder Bremen on Apr. 24 when Kingsley Coman went down under Theodor Gebre Selassie's challenge. Referee Daniel Siebert did not consult replays despite the Bremen players' furious protests, and Robert Lewandowski converted the spot kick for the win.

Jochen Drees, who oversees VAR for the German soccer federation, criticized what he called a "not correct" decision.

Adding to fans' frustration with what often turn out to be wrong decisions are the delays that lead to uncertainty, and celebrations with brakes applied.

Lutz Michael Froehlich, the German soccer federation's head of the referees, defended his officials, saying they were sticking to the rules "consistently and calculatedly. So I cannot understand when people talk of 'confused' rule interpretation or even that 'no one knows what handball is anymore."

But three decisions across games in Munich, Berlin and Bremen on Saturday have renewed the debate and have led many fans to call for VAR to be scrapped altogether. Banners against VAR have been a common sight at games. **AP**

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Afghanistan Cricket Board's Chief Selector, Dawlat Ahmadzai.

Captaincy row past, Afghanistan eyeing semis - chief selector

AFGHANISTAN's leadership overhaul has not created any bad blood in the dressing room and the players are toiling to achieve the goal of reaching the semi-final at this year's World Cup, chief selector Dawlat Khan Ahmadzai said on Tuesday.

Ahmadzai and his selection panel colleagues effected a leadership revamp last month, naming different captains for different formats, which resulted in Gulbadin Naib replacing Asghar Afghan as their ODI skipper.

Senior players including spinner Rashid Khan, who has been named Afghanistan's Twenty20 captain, took to social media to criticise the overhaul while many others questioned its timing.

Ahmadzai said it was the right time to blood a new captain even though Asghar remains part of their World Cup squad.

"At this point, Afghanistan cannot win the World Cup with Asghar or with Gulbadan (as the captain). But it's a great opportunity to promote a young captain... we have to go for the transition phase," he told a news conference in New Delhi.

He said dissenting senior players like Rashid and Mohammed Nabi have since been taken into confidence and it was now a united dressing room.

"That was their personal opinion... we handled it very professionally and now they are happy," Ahmadzai said. "Gulbadan has said he'll make use of Asghar's experience. There is nothing wrong with the team environment. Changes do happen, like Sri Lanka did with their

"The top management wanted a change in captaincy. There must have been reasons why we took such a decision - keeping the betterment of the team in mind rather than individuals. We are hopeful of good results."

Afghanistan made their World Cup debut in Australia four years ago, beating Scotland but crashing out from the opening round but have scripted a fairytale rise

They beat Sri Lanka and Bangladesh at the 2018 Asia Cup and played a thrilling tie with a depleted India and became the 12th test playing nation last year.

"In 2015, there was no Rashid or Mujeeb. So we are expecting a lot this year and looking for semi-finals in the World Cup," he said.

"We have identified teams we can beat but obviously I can't tell you which teams."

Ahmadzai said fit-again paceman Hamid Hassan's return to the squad would significantly improve their pace attack which would complement their world class spin attack spearheaded by Rashid.

"I don't accept that our batting is weak, but we need some order there," Ahmadzai said.

"With Dawlat Zadran and Hamid Hassan, we have a good fast bowling attack."

Afghanistan begin their World Cup campaign against

holders Australia in Bristol on June 1. REUTERS





government Chairman, Reginald Mengi, played an important role in the development and growth of sports in Tanzania.

Minister for Information, Culture, Arts and Sports, Mwakyembe, issued the statement when he paid his last respect to Mengi at Karimjee Hall in Dar es Salaam yesterday.

Mwakyembe described the passing of Mengi as a big loss to the country.

In his moving eulogy, the

Minister for Information, Culture, Arts and Sports, Harrison Mwakyembe, offers tribute to IPP Executive Chairman, the late Reginald Mengi, at the Karimjee Hall in Dar es Salaam yesterday. PHOTO: SELEMANI MPOCHI country would always cherish Mengi's contributions to the development of sports.

He said Mengi was very passionate at seeing to it that sports, especially football, is growing in the country.

"Here is a man who was very passionate about the development of sports in the country, he did all he could to see to it that the country is doing well in sports...we will miss his contribution to sports and other sectors which he was supporting," he said.

Mengi's recent contribution to sports promotion at the domestic level turns out to be his willingness to be patron for national U-17 football team, which is popularly known as Serengeti Boys.

He promised good rewards to business people turned up at the team should they perform well at the 2019 AFCON U-17 championship that took place in Dar es Salaam last month.

Mwakyembe said after dismal performance by the team at the championship, Mengi called him to discuss the way forward for the team.

"After Serengeti Boys had performed badly at the AFCON U-17 finals, everyone was disappointed, but Mengi called me to chart the way forward for the team, it's unfortunate that he has passed away before we had the meeting," he said.

Many high profile dignitaries included President John Pombe Magufuli, Vice President Samia Suluhu Hassan, politicians, religious leaders,

the Karimjee Hall to pay their last respects to the late Mengi. His body will today be flown

to his home village, Nkuu-Sinde Kiserani in Machame, Kilimanjaro for burial set for tomorrow.

There was a somber atmosphere at the place when the body of the pathologist, Mengi, was taken inside the hall.

Many people failed to control

their emotions and were seen weep uncontrollably. The somber mood increased when domestic musicians Ben

Paul, Ruby and Joe Lwangwa performed their touching

In an interview on Monday, Member of Parliament for Ilala Constituency, Mussa Azzan,

alias Zungu, said he firstly knew well Mengi in late 1980s when Mengi was the chairman of a committee for rallying support for Mainland Tanzania's soccer team, Kilimanjaro Stars, in a CECAFA tournament which was

held in Kenya. "Mengi was a man of the people, a true patriot, he did everything for his country... I first knew him well when he was the chairman of the Kilimanjaro Stars committee, he did all he could to help his country in all

the sectors," Zungu disclosed. During his life, Mengi was also closely supporting artists from all sectors and one of his companies was also sponsoring a basketball tournament in the country.



Tanzania's women cricket squad's players in a group picture with coaches, Riziki Kiseto (Sitting front row) and Hamisi Abdallah (Standing left) prior to the start of this year's ICC Women's T20 Qualifiers, Africa in Zimbabwe early this week

National women cricket team lose to Zimbabwe in ICC T20 Qualifiers

By Guardian Reporter

SENIOR national women cricket team has experienced a frustrating start to their campaign in this year's ICC Women's T20 Qualifiers, Africa, given they suffered a 92-run loss to hosts, Zimbabwe, at the Old Hararians Sports Club venue in Harare on Monday.

After winning the toss, Zimbabwe girls elected to bat in the Group A match and went on to register 143 runs for four wickets in the allotted 20 overs.

A 50-ball 65 by opener, Shame Mayers, which consisted of two sixes and eight boundaries, helped Zimbabwe stay in control of the innings, with fellow opener, Modester Mupachikwa, chipping in handsomely with 30 runs that consisted of two boundaries.

Mary-Anne Musonda and Mugeri recorded 19 runs and 15 runs respectively for the team.

Experienced all-rounder, Monica Paschal had the best bowling spell for the Tanzania women team, given she took two wickets and conceded 20 runs

The rest of the team's bowlers did little to prevent the opponents from recording a convincing score.

Needing 144 runs to win, the senior national women team was though less impressive with the bat, given the squad managed 51 runs for eight wickets to concede the loss.

Gertrude Leopold and Tabu Omary were the batters with meaningful performance, in the innings, posting unbeaten 16 runs and 10 runs respectively. Zinaida Kelvin chipped in with unbeaten eight runs.

Anesu Mushangwe, Tasmeen Granger and Audrey Mazvishaya successfully foiled Tanzania's chase, as they took two wickets each for the hosts.

Participating squads have been put into groups A and B. Mozambique, Rwanda, Nigeria, Tanzania and Zimbabwe make Group A and Group B has brought together Kenya, Sierra

Leone, Uganda and Namibia. The tournament is looking to build on an excellent run of African qualifying events of late.

The competitions include a dramatic Under-19 tournament in Namibia, as well as the rapidly approaching Men's T20 World Cup, Africa Finals tournament in Uganda later this month.

Uganda female cricketers are the defending champions for the women's tournament, having memorably held off Zimbabwe in Windhoek two years

The hosts will be out to settle that score, and also to do well in front of their home supporters.

As women's cricket continues to flourish in Africa, it is tournaments of this nature that will ensure that the game thrives even further, and this is thus an important week for the region.

The group winners at the end of the week will contest the final, where the winner will seal passage to the Global Qualifiers.

The competition's champions will secure a place in both ICC Women's T20 World Cup Qualifiers 2019 and ICC Women's Cricket World Cup Qualifiers

Australia set for marathon home summer after India rebuff

MELBOURNE

AUSTRALIA's international schedule will stretch into late-March for the first time in 41 years in 2020 after the country's cricket board was unable to cut a deal with India to move a one-day tour.

Cricket Australia had hoped to host New Zealand in an ODI series in January but Aaron Finch's team will instead travel to the subcontinent after India's board declined to shift their home series.

That has pushed the three-match New Zealand series back to the middle of March, with the final ODI in Hobart on March 20 making it the latest finish to a home international schedule since Australia hosted Pakistan for a test in Perth in 1979.

"CA took the position that while January was our preference for these ODI matches there are times we need to honour our commitments to work in the greater context of international cricket scheduling," CA's Peter Roach said. "We evaluated different options for an

alternative and saw the most value in the March opportunity to extend our window in the traditional cricket season." The Gabba returns as venue of the opening

test of the summer in a two-match series against Pakistan from Nov. 21. Last summer, the Brisbane ground was snubbed

as one of the venues for the marquee test series against India and relegated to a January test match venue for the short Sri Lanka tour.

Adelaide Oval will host the second and final test against Pakistan, a day-night match, from Nov. 29. Australia also host New Zealand in a daynight test at Perth Stadium from Dec. 12, before the three-match series moves to the Melbourne

and to Sydney in the New Year. In a tweak to the usual day-night scheduling, the Perth test will start at 1 p.m. local time and finish at 8 p.m. to cater to Australia's dominant TV

Cricket Ground for the traditional Boxing Day test

audience in the east of the country. It will also have the longer 40-minute lunch break at the first interval, while the Adelaide pink ball test will continue to have the 20-minute tea break between the first and second sessions with

the longer "dinner" break in the evening. The international summer opens in late-October with back-to-back three-match Twenty20 series against Sri Lanka and Pakistan.

Women's international cricket will also play a prominent role in the schedule as Australia play a T20 tri-series against England and India from late-January in the leadup to hosting the women's T20 World Cup from Feb. 21.

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