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## Police shoot dead 4 suspected bandits

By Guardian Reporter

POLICE in Dar es Salaam have killed four suspected bandits in what law enforcers say was an exchange of fire.

In a media statement yesterday, city Special Police Zone Commander Lazaro Mambosasa (pictured) said that the suspected criminals were raided and gunned down on Saturday at Kinyerezi in Ilala District.

He named the suspected robbers as Nuru Thadei, Godfrey Faustine, one Antony popularly known as "Mnyamongo" and Peter Seba.

"The police task force also found a pistol and one bullet, along with a torch and two locally made explosives," he said.

Earlier, the police had arrested one of the suspects, Thadei (34), a resident of Kinyerezi for questioning on various crimes where he admitted that he was recently in remand prison in connection with the killing of a Chinese national in Kurasini area in 2011.



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Thadei admitted that after being released from prison in 2017, he formed a criminal gang which carried out several banditry actions, the RPC asserted.

"After interrogation, Thadei led police officers to show his fellow gangsters and the weapons they were possessing. However after arriving at the area, Thadei shouted and other bandits started to shoot and the police responded," the statement intoned.

After an intensive search, the police found cash totaling 600,000/-, five mobile phones, a laptop, marriage rings, three bags and clothes stolen in criminal incidents.

"Victims of the criminal actions by the suspected bandits were able to identify their stolen properties. The bodies of the bandits are kept at the Muhimbili National Hospital (MNH) Mloganzila facility for identification," the zonal commander elaborated.

The public must refrain from evil actions because the police force is prepared to fight all such activity in society, the statement added.

# 'Grain sufficiency fully assured for 2020/2021'

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

THE government has projected that Tanzania will record food sufficiency of over 100 per cent in the year 2020/2021 even as demand for supplies is set to increase.

Addressing a press conference here yesterday, Agriculture minister Japheth Hasunga said the national demand for grain is projected to reach 14,347,955 tonnes in the current financial year, up from 13,842,536 tonnes demand level in 2019/2020.

The main part of about 9,131,803 tonnes are cereals and 5,216,152 tonnes are non-cereal staples, with the demand and actual production countrywide expected to raise a surplus produce of 3,394,434 tonnes whereby 1,322,020 tonnes are cereals and 2,072,413 tonnes are non-cereals.

In terms of the self-sufficiency ratio (SSR), the country is expected to attain 124 per cent sufficiency in the current farming season, up from 119 per cent in 2018/2019.

There is sufficient food in the country but people must store enough food staples for future use at household level, he said.

He said the country's annual demand for maize stands at 5,737,132 tonnes and there is a surplus of 651,314 tonnes, twice the surplus level in the 2018/2019 farming year. Demand for rice is pegged at 1,087,646 tonnes, with



NMB Bank Plc board chairman Dr Edwin Mhede congratulates Ruth Zaipuna (R) moments after her confirmation as the bank's Managing Director was announced at a meeting for workers in the bank's central zone held in Dodoma yesterday. Left is NMB board of directors member Margaret Ikongo. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## NMB CEO rewrites top banks history

By Guardian Reporter

RUTH Zaipuna has made history as the first lady to become chief executive officer of a leading financial institution following her appointment to head NMB Bank Plc effective from yesterday.

NMB board chairman Dr Edwin Mhede said Zaipuna, who joined the bank in June 2018 as chief financial officer, has made a significant contribution in strategy, governance, cost efficiency and overall leadership. She has been acting CEO since October 2019.

Her efforts have immensely contributed to



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the stability, business continuity and increased profitability of the bank, a statement said.

"As acting CEO, Ruth has been instrumental during the transition period and a key player in the growth realization of NMB. Now with full responsibility, she will continue to drive the strong performance agenda of NMB towards a sustainable delivery of its strategic objectives," it states.

She began her career in 2002 at PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) specializing in audits of commercial banks and other financial institutions for a decade, and then

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## 'Tanzania leading the way in recovery of African tourism'

By Correspondent Marc Nkwame, Arusha

TANZANIA and Kenya stand a better chance of leading the way in revival of the African tourism industry, thanks to their decision to resume international flights.

Safari Bookings.com, a leading online travel market online outlet for global travel and



tourism, said in a write up that there are signs that some recovery will begin, probably in the next month once the border between Tanzania and Kenya opens and as more flights are starting.

"We believe that the chances are high that business will improve by up to 50 per cent," a

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a surplus of 1,855,249 tonnes from what is produced by farmers.

"If one compares the expected production and the actual demand, one realises that availability of food in the country is satisfactory," he said, noting that a ministerial evaluation during the past farming year, 2019/2020 showed that maize contributes 36 per cent of total needs for food staples.

Rice followed with rice 16.6 per cent contribution, cassava 14 per cent, potatoes 9.2 per cent while, millet (5.9 per cent) and wheat 4.0 per cent of the demand. However, despite there being enough food staples in the country, there are districts where grain shortage will be experienced, he said.

Twelve districts in seven regions have indications of likely food shortages, with ten located in regions with adequate grain levels and two regions with surplus production of staples, he pointed out.

Districts likely to face shortages in food staples are Kilwa, Lindi, Liwale and Ruangwa in Lindi Region. In Singida Region Ikungi, Itigi and Manyoni Districts face shortages, and in Manyara region only Simanjiro is likely to experience shortages. Meatu District in Simiyu Region, Musoma District in Mara Region and Sumbawanga District in Rukwa Region are also exposed to the risk of

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Works, Transport and Communications ministry permanent secretary (Communication) Dr Zainab Chaula (L) has a quick word with telecommunication experts when she toured a national fibre centre at Namanga in Arusha Region yesterday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

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moved to Standard Chartered as executive director for finance and Chief Financial Officer for seven years.

She is an associate Certified Public Accountant, holding a Master's degree in Business Administration (MBA) in finance and a Bachelor of Commerce

(B.Com) degree in accounting from the University of Dar es Salaam.

The new CEO comes in at a time that the financial sector is still adapting to a new operational environment, as the total number of commercial banks and banking institutions stands at 52, a drop from 56 as of December 2015.

About 31 banks or nearly two thirds of the total are headed by Tanzanian nationals, but observers say that the number of women CEOs was still small.

The Tanzania Bankers Association boasted a membership of 43 banks in 2015, of which only four were being headed by women CEOs. Similarly, TBA membership was 44 in 2019, with

women CEOs dropping to three!

Other banks headed by women include Ecobank (T) and NIC Bank headed by Mwanahiba Mohammed and Margaret Karume respectively.

In December 2015, 30 out of 56 banking institutions nationwide were headed by foreign CEOs, and locals heading 26 institutions.

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study report affirms.

A total of 344 safari tour operators included in the study reported to be suffering from a 75 per cent drop on average in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic, which continues to cause global upheaval.

The impact is being acutely felt in Africa's travel industry, ordinarily valued at US \$12.4 billion with many parks and reserves having lost most of their revenue. Job losses are being felt in local communities which rely on the safari industry, the report noted.

SafariBookings.com, an online marketplace for African safari tours, recently ran its sixth monthly survey among safari tour operators to obtain a detailed understanding of the Covid-19 impact, with the downturn in travel.

The results were in line with five earlier surveys, with an overwhelming number of tour operators still reeling from the downturn.

"The impact of the virus is global and has been devastating for many people. Of course, the safari business in Tanzania is no exception. We have seen a decrease by more than 90 percent in bookings and requests, closing for more than four months now," an operator stated.

"This pandemic has affected the tourism sector to the extent that since February I have not received any quotes or bookings for safaris," an Ugandan operator

asserted.

Around 91 percent of operators said they had lost up to three quarters of bookings they normally rely upon at this time of year.

An extraordinary drop in business was experienced, with many operators unable to afford to maintain staff. A Namibian operator summed up the situation in Southern Africa, "In Namibia, South Africa and Botswana, our tourism is suffering badly without our usual international clients. Many places have closed until further notice; many people have lost their jobs. It's really sad for tourism."

About 70 percent of operators who responded to the survey said that cancellations had increased by 75 percent or above on existing bookings. "Less than four percent said it was business as usual," the study noted.

"Covid-19 has affected our business negatively, and caused us to lose some of our staff members as most of our clients have cancelled for this year," a Namibian operator told us.

But a Kenyan operator even saw the pandemic as an opportunity for improvement. "The pandemic has definitely affected business in the negative. But on the other hand it has caused us to think deeper about our business model, which has resulted in us designing a more strategic model that will remain viable even in a crisis," he declared.

By Guardian Reporter

THE Tanzania Human Rights Defenders Coalition (THRDC) has shelved its operations after its 'bank accounts were blocked' for failure to comply with the newly passed law.

A statement from THRDC released yesterday said a temporary decision came in order to give room for reconciliation with the police force.

This comes after the police force ordered CRDB Bank to block the THRDC's account, for allegedly signing contracts with donors without consulting the Treasury and office of the Registrar of non-governmental organisations.

"Dear members and stakeholders, following an emergency board of directors meeting, the board has come into conclusion to temporarily suspend the Coalition's operations until further notice," read part of the statement by

## THRDC suspends operations after 'bank accounts blocked'

the rights body.

The statement signed by THRDC board chairperson Vicky Ntetema further added: "The board apologises to its members and stakeholders for the inconveniences caused by the decision including the delay in payments and related issues."

The rights body said on Friday, August 14, it received complaints from some of its members who claimed that they were denied access to receive funds via the Coalition's bank account (CRDB).

The Coalition sought clarification in which they later told that the account was blocked by the bank on a police order pending investigations.

According to the statement,

THRDC national coordinator Onesmo Olengurumwa was on Monday, August 16 summoned at the police force at the headquarters for interrogation in connection to the alleged offence.

Olengurumwa was freed on a bail of 200m/-, according to the statement.

The government amended the Non-Governmental Organization (NGOs) Act (Amendments) Regulations 2018, which requires contracts or agreements entered by a donor or a person granting funds exceeding 20m/- to be first submitted to the Treasury and to the Registrar of the organisations.

According to the regulation, contracts or agreements should be submitted for approval not later than ten days from the date of striking the deal.

By Guardian Reporter

THE National Electoral Commission (NEC) has urged voters to respect the existing laws governing elections in the country ahead of October poll.

NEC chairman judge (ret) Semistocles Kaijage made the call yesterday in Dar es Salaam when speaking to editors and journalists ahead of the general election in October.

Judge Kaijage was responding to questions from journalists who wanted to know the challenges which NEC was facing ahead of the polls.

"If we read and follow the law, everything will go as planned because there is nowhere on earth where elections are run without following the constitution," he said.

The NEC chairman said page 34 of the presidential election guideline handbook, 2020 issued by the commission, fully elaborates the

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shortages, he said.

Despite there being stable availability of food staples nationally, the situation is likely to differ from region to region, with 11 regions having an oversupply of food staples, namely Geita, Morogoro, Kagera, Iringa, Kigoma, Njombe, Mbeya, Katavi, Songwe, Rukwa and Ruvuma, at more than 120 per cent level.

Those with sufficient amounts ranging from 104 to 109 percent levels group 14 regions, namely Arusha, Coast, Tanga, Kilimanjaro, Tabora, Mtwara, Dodoma, Lindi, Singida, Mara, Mwanza, Shinyanga, Simiyu and Manyara, with Dar es Salaam likely to experience a three percent shortage of grain.

The government urged farmers to adopt modern farming technologies to

improve productivity, with the minister promising to ensure a conducive environment to enhance productivity.

In the 2019/2020 food production year, the national average level of maize harvest increased from 1.5 tonnes per hectare in 2018/2019 to 1.6 tonnes per hectare.

Rice production increased from 3.0 tonnes per hectare in 2018/2019 to 3.4 tonnes per hectare in 2019/2020, despite that the season had experienced various challenges that has affected expected levels of food staples in the 2020/2021 farming season.

Floods were experienced in Morogoro, Lindi, Kilimanjaro, Arusha, Dodoma, Singida, Katavi, Kagera, Tanga, Coast, Songwe, Iringa, Mbeya and Rukwa regions resulting in low production of crops, the minister added.

## Lukuvi forms probe team to resolve land dispute of 17 years at Nyakasangwe

By Correspondent Crispin Gerald

MINISTER for Land, Housing and Human Settlements Development William Lukuvi has formed a three-man probe team to investigate land conflict that existed for 17 years at Nyakasangwe area in Dar es Salaam's Kinondoni District.

Lukuvi who visited the controversial area yesterday, ordered the suspension of all ongoing activities, pending investigations in the area.

The probe team comprises three investigators from central police office in Dodoma, who will work for three months. The team is to probe the legality of the 3,350 residents who have been living in 2,878 hectares of land since 2003, whereby some people

have title deeds. In the past, the land was owned by National Development Corporation (NDC), which later gave the land to people.

The minister however said that the team should determine the source of the conflict, including interviewing NDC officials on the matter.

"From what I see, there are lots of information, which are missing on this issue, that's why I'm tasking the probe team to dig deeper and come up with comprehensive information that will help to end this conflict," he said, noting the government's move is to help the residents to have a legal ownership of their pieces of land they have.

According to Lukuvi, no one will be evacuated from the area and no house will be demolished.



Natural Resources and Tourism deputy minister Constantine Kanyasu (2nd-R) pictured yesterday presenting working documents to permanent secretary Dr Aloyce Nzuki moments after the installation of a new board of directors for Mweka Wildlife College Board of Directors in Kilimanjaro Region. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## NEC boss urges Tanzanians to adhere to election laws, ethics

power and roles of electoral ethics committees at national, regional and district levels on punishment by those who go against.

He said the commission is prepared towards protecting the electoral systems from hacking and interference. The chairman asked media houses to give airtime to all sides to allow them air their agenda and manifestos.

He said the electoral body will prepare training to journalists to build capacity on the exercise.

NEC director of elections Dr Wilson Mahera said journalists who will cover elections will be accredited and given special identity cards to facilitate entrance into polling centres.

NEC set Wednesday October 28 as the date for this year's general election—a break from the tradition of conducting the polls on Sundays since independence.

For decades, there have been agitations from some quarters, especially religious bodies, for the elections to be held on other days but not those designated for prayers by religious organisations.

According to NEC, campaigns for the October polls will kick off countrywide on Wednesday, August 26 and end on Tuesday October 27, 2020.

The commission's timetable has set the polling date for Wednesday, October 28, 2020.



Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa exchanges greetings with Mic Mdegele, a student at Dar es Salaam's Mwalimu Nyerere Memorial Academy, at a graduation ceremony held in the city on Monday. Photo: PMO

# Bishop calls upon citizenry to promote peace and unity

By Guardian Reporter, Moshi

THE Head of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania (ELCT) Bishop Dr Frederick Shoo, yesterday called on Tanzanians to maintain and promote peace and unity ahead of the country's forthcoming general election.

Dr Shoo made the appeal yesterday during the 36th general meeting of the ELCT's northern diocese.

He asked religious leaders to unite and preach about peace and avoid indulging themselves in political life. "I am calling for the general public to exercise their constitutional right by voting in a peaceful, fair and transparent way so as to get good leaders who will be able to address challenges facing the

country," he said.

He condemned evil acts from groups of people who have been attacking and causing chaos in the meetings of politicians who are touring various regions to seek for guarantors.

"These things should be strongly condemned by everyone; this is very dangerous in a peaceful nation like this, their aim to ruin the country's peace and unity. We should all remember that peace is the fruit of justice and when oppression and injustice increases in the society, peace can be lost," Dr Shoo noted.

He urged Tanzanians to be very careful when choosing leaders. He called upon them to take time and listen to the candidate's policies before casting their votes. "It is true

that religious leaders should not side with any political party but we have a responsibility to help people choose best leaders to serve them and bring development," he added.

Dr Shoo further urged ELCT leaders and followers to provide closer cooperation to the government and its bodies, so as to ensure that the election is peacefully conducted.

"Do not look on parties when voting, choose a leader whom you think will address Tanzanians' challenges. We should look on ethical and trustworthy leaders and who are God fearing," he said.

He also urged politicians to conduct peaceful campaigns while ensuring that they maintain peace and unity in all their activities.

Speaking on the incident where one of the presidential candidates was recently attacked in Hai District, the Kilimanjaro Regional Commissioner (RC) Anna Mghwira condemned the incident saying that she is working on the matter and will send it to the top authorities.

"It is true that last Friday, one of the presidential candidates was attacked here at Hai, there were some few youths who fueled the fight, let me make it clear that there was no reason for the attack, we are working on the matter and will give my statement soon," Mghwira said.

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## Mweka Wildlife college to acquire hunting block for practical training

By Guardian Reporter

NATURAL Resources and Tourism deputy minister Constantine Kanyasu has directed the ministry's Permanent Secretary to allocate a tourist hunting block to Mweka College of African Wildlife Management to be used for practical training for students taking professional hunting.

Kanyasu gave the instructions yesterday when unveiling the College's board of governors at Mweka, Moshi District, Kilimanjaro Region.

He said as for now tourist hunting experts in the country were foreigners with a few nationals who are aged, and added that the college will assist in tackling the issue of pastoralists invading tourist hunting blocks as many of them are not fenced.

Deputy Minister Kanyasu praised the chairman of the board of governors of Mweka College of African Wildlife Management Prof. Faustine Bee for his reappointment including many governors who have also been reappointed.

Earlier, the College's Principal Prof. Jaffari Kidegesho said as for now students at the college lack areas for conduction practical training on tourist hunting.

He said they have reserve forests for the purpose, but now the forests have been upgraded to national parks status where no human activities are permitted by law.

The ministry's Permanent Secretary Dr Aloyce Nzuki has called on the College to improve its training curricula to produce experts to compete in the markets.

The Moshi District Commissioner Alhaj Rajab Kundyia said the tourism sector has had great contribution in the country's economy.

## Former Union and Zanzibar cabinet member Moyo dies

By Guardian Correspondent

A former Cabinet minister in the post Union governments of Zanzibar and Tanzania (mainland), Hassan Nassor Moyo (87) died yesterday at his home in Bombo Raskazoni area in Tanga city.

A spokesman for the family, Mohamed Moyo, the son of the deceased said his father died at around 1.00 am yesterday.

Mohamed Moyo, CCM secretary for Muheza District, said he received information about his father's death from Tanga.

He said he travelled to Tanga and made arrangements to transport the body by air to Unguja for burial today.

He said Moyo had 15 children from five wives he married in Tanga, Songea and Zanzibar.

Moyo, a towering figure in Zanzibar politics served in different ministerial portfolios for many years both in the Zanzibar and Union governments.

In 2015 he was expelled from the ruling party, CCM for his advocacy for a more autonomous Zanzibar.

He was first appointed minister in 1964 to head the Legal and Constitutional Affairs ministry in the first Union government while simultaneously serving as a member of the Zanzibar Revolutionary Council.



## Appointment of Ms. Ruth H. Zaipuna as Chief Executive Officer



The Board of Directors of NMB Bank Plc (henceforth "NMB" or "the Bank") is pleased to announce the appointment of Ms. Ruth H. Zaipuna as the Chief Executive Officer of the Bank with effect from 18th August 2020. Ruth, who has been acting in the role since October 2019, joined the Bank in June 2018 as Chief Financial Officer (CFO) and has made significant contribution in Strategy, governance, cost efficiency, and overall leadership of the Bank. All these contributed to the stability, business continuity, and increased profitability of the Bank.

As Acting Chief Executive Officer, Ruth has

been instrumental during the transition period and a key player in the growth realisation of NMB. Now, with full responsibility of the leadership of the bank, she will continue to drive the strong performance agenda of NMB towards a sustainable delivery of its strategic objectives.

Ruth started her career in 2002 at PriceWaterhouseCoopers Limited (PwC), specialising in the audits of commercial banks and other financial institutions for a decade; and with Standard Chartered Bank as an Executive Director Finance and CFO for seven years before joining the Bank.

She is an Associate Certified Public Accountant, holds a Master of Business Administration (MBA) in Finance and a Bachelor of Commerce (B.Com) degree in Accounting, both from the University of Dar es Salaam.

The Board, Management and Staff of NMB take this opportunity to congratulate Ruth on her appointment.

**Dr. Edwin P. Mhede**  
Board Chairman

# University to set up new campus in Dar

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

THE Hubert Kairuki Memorial University (HKMU) is to set up a new campus in Dar es Salaam to produce more medics and improve the ratio between doctors and patients.

This was said yesterday by HKMU Vice Chancellor Prof Charles Mgone when speaking to this paper about academic developments of the institution, revealing that preparations are underway to build the new campus at Boko area in Kinondoni District.

Prof Mgone said at the time of independence there was one doctor for every 25,000 patients and currently one doctor attends to at least 20,000. He said this was bad considering the fact that the plan is to achieve one doctor per 4,000 patients.

"To mitigate this, the Hubert Kairuki Memorial University has taken a bold and ambitious decision to improve its teaching, research and health delivery services by establishing a new campus at Boko, this is in keeping with the university's values of striving for professionalism, excellence, adoptability, competitiveness and working partnership," he said.

He said the move is also to fulfill the late Professor Hubert Kairuki vision and dream of making HKMU a model university that provides highest quality education, conducts cutting edge research and provides exemplary services to the society.

He said HKMU has been working in partnership with many and it intend to raise funds to build a Ultra-modern campus which will comprise teaching, recreation, healthcare services and accommodation facilities including lecture theatres.

According to Prof. Mgone the campus will include also school of medicine, pharmacy, nutrition, public health, biotechnology, social sciences and medical laboratory sciences.

Professor said the campus will also include recreation and sports facilities, modern teaching and research

laboratories, teaching health center and students' hostels and cafeteria.

He said when fully operational the university will have capacity for training 5,564 students annually, 4,010 in the new and 1,554 in the old campus.

He narrated that these will include 1,525 medical students, 120 masters of medicine, 495 diploma in pharmaceutical sciences, 390 bachelor of pharmacy, 495 diploma in health laboratory sciences, 110 masters of science in public health, 390 bachelor of environmental in nursing and 898 diploma in nursing.

He said HKMT which is the first private university to be established in 1997 currently have student population of around 1,500 with 80 faculty members and 65 supporting staff.

He said as the university 22 years since the university opened its doors they are thrilled that they have accumulated experience in the delivery of quality higher education in Tanzania. "When people talk about quality education they often refer to the kind of education that gives students the knowledge and skills they need for the job market but at HKMU, quality education has a wider view," said Professor Mgone.

He said HKMU strives to develop individuals to fulfill their intellectual and academic potential including a sustainable culture of professional service to humankind



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Exim Bank Mtwara Branch manager Ramadhani Magera briefs a meeting held in Lindi municipality last week on how the bank supports cashewnut growers and other stakeholders across Tanzania. The bank was one of the event's main sponsors. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## Make Zanzibar cleaner to help it have city status - Shein

By Guardian Reporter, Unguja

AUTHORITIES in Zanzibar Urban West Region have been tasked to ensure the municipality is cleaner as it now has all requirements for city status.

Zanzibar President Dr Ali Mohamed Shein gave call at the weekend at Zanzibar State House when he met with the leadership of the President's Office (Regional Administration and Local Government) and special Zanzibar government departments as it presented its implementation report for its work plans for 2019/20 and 2020/21, the meeting also attended by the Second Vice President, Amb. Seif Ali Idd.

Dr Shein said there was a need for having in place special strategies to ensure the Zanzibar municipality continues to be attractive to attain city

status from the prerequisites it has.

He said there was the dire need for the regional authorities to look into the issue of cleanliness especially in the markets and roadsides as many traders have invaded the areas making them filthy.

In that score Dr Shein called on the Zanzibar Urban West regional authorities to conduct businesses according to the existing laws and regulations.

He said despite the government's plans for new markets, the Mwanakwerekwe market for instance was heavily congested with traders conducting businesses on the pavements, thereby calling for special procedures when removing traders from one area to another.

He hailed the decision to establish a main auction at the new Jumbi auction market that has reduced congestion at

various markets.

Dr Shein said Zanzibar had recorded great development strides that made it attain middle economy status due to good revenue collections.

He said these achievements enabled the government initiate various development projects including the construction of the Kwahani housing estate, purchase of ships, construction of big supermarkets at Michenzani area, upgrading of Amaan Stadium. Constructions of roads in both Zanzibar and Pemba and many other projects.

The Second Vice President, Amb. Seif Ali Idd congratulated President Shein for his leadership and the President's Office in general for huge efforts in strengthening education and health infrastructures and agricultural development.

Earlier, the Minister of State in

the President's Office (Regional Administration and Local Government) Haji Omer Kheri said his office continues serving 327 elementary and primary schools.

He said primary health services including mother and child health is being provided in 154 health centres in both Unguja and Pemba.

He said his office, in collaboration with the Ministry of Health and the Second Vice President's Office has fully participated in tackling the Covid-19 pandemic through various strategies including the establishment of quarantine camps in every district wherein 715 immigrants who entered the Isles via unauthorised ports were placed and 7 vessels impounded.

Kheri also during 2019/20 CCTV cameras were installed in Zanzibar's main roads and 256 incidents recorded were followed up.

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- Bachelor Degree in Business Administration or Accounting

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VisionFund Tanzania Microfinance Bank Ltd (VFT MFB) formerly known as SEDA is a fast growing and reputable Micro Finance Bank (MFB) with a loan book of TZS 15 billion and an existing customer base of 30,000 of which 5,000 are small holder farmers. VFT-MFB is an equal opportunity employer that needs dynamic, loyal and committed young men & women who have passion for people's economic development to fill in the vacant positions detailed here below;

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**Reporting to: Chief Executive Officer**

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- Identify risks, prioritize and measures current and foreseeable risks
- Ensures that Risks are kept within the scope
- Develop clear annual Risk objectives for VFT-MFB
- Asses and identify risks areas of implementing audit findings, regulators concern and other bodies.

##### Main tasks

- Heads & Supervises Risk and Compliance Department
- Identify risks, prioritize and measures current risks
- Ensures that Risks are kept within the scope
- Develop clear annual Risk objectives for VFT-MFB
- Asses and identify risks areas of implementing audit findings, regulators concern and other bodies.
- Develop Risk Policy for VFT-MFB and Compliance standard
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- Trains and orient staff on AML and CFT awareness
- Work with Board Credit and Risk Committee
- Responsible for developing and implementing of Compliance Monitoring Plan.
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Tanzania Distilleries Ltd factory manager Aranyaeli Ayo (L) briefs Angellah Kairuki (C), Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office (Investment), on operations at the company. Looking on is Tanzania Investment Centre executive director Dr Maduhu Kazi. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

# Kitulo National Park wins NEMC praise for valuing water points

By Guardian Correspondent, Makete

THE Board Chairman of the National Environment Management Council Board of Directors, Professor Esnati Chaggu, yesterday commended efforts made by Kitulo Game Reserve in protecting the environment of the park, especially water sources that feed Ruaha River.

Prof Chaggu, accompanied by the Director General of NEMC, Dr Samuel Gwamaka and other officials, said leaders and workers of the park were doing an exemplary job in preserving water sources and forest cover found in the reserve primarily because the reserve authorities and surrounding villagers were united in preserving the environment.

"This reserve is known to have many water sources that pour water

into Ruaha River. You have preserved the natural environment of the park, especially water sources, without clashing with villagers around you. We ask you to pass your accumulated experience to villagers so that they too can preserve water sources in their own villages," she appealed.

Atian Sanga had earlier said villagers living near Kitulo National Park had no education in protecting environment and water sources.

Makete District Environment Manager, Raphael Kalongola had reported that Makete District has 966 registered sources. However, he said because water flowing from the district to Mbarali District was poorly managed, little water reached Ruaha River.

Prof Chaggu said water sources feeding Ruaha River were important

because Ruaha River poured water into Rufiji River where the government was constructing the Julius Nyerere Hydropower project using a lot of tax payers' money.

Dr Gwamaka, at Kilingano Village, in Kitulo Division, Makete District, assured Makete District Council officials of NEMC's unflinching cooperation in protecting water sources in the district.

He told villagers that water from their district finally reached Rufiji Basin where the giant hydropower project was being built by the government explaining that the project was very important for the nation. "We are determined to ensure villagers get education on how to protect water sources. We shall cooperate with all stakeholders to ensure this kind of education reaches villagers," he pledged.

## RC underlines need to establish EPZ at Mirerani township

By Guardian Correspondent, Babati

MANYARA regional commissioner Joseph Mkirikiti has highlighted the need for establishing an of the export processing zone (EPZ) at Mirerani Town in Simanjiro District to strengthen its economic activities.

Mkirikiti was speaking here yesterday to leaders and officials of Manyara Minerals Association (MAREMA) on strategies to establish EPZA.

He said he had information about such plan that did not materialize hence, he added there was need to revive it.

"President John Magufuli has already said he wants to see Tanzania's industrial development, hence the idea for EPZA at Mirerani now needs a strong push," he said.

He said he will ensure he

pursues the issue to identify the obstacles in order to implement it.

MAREMA's Chairman Justin Nyari thanked the Regional Commissioner for his perception on the important issuer, saying EPZA establishment will enhance the area's economic activities.

Nyari said EPZA at Mirerani was accorded with long term plans but its implementation was not done.

MAREMA's Deputy Chairman Money Yusuf said the government had allocated a huge area for EPZA's establishment that is yet to be developed, hence he said it was now appropriate time to start implementing the project.

He said in the event the government establishes EPZA at Mirerani, it will spur the much needed economic activities for the people surrounding the town.

## UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 2020



### Extracts of The Financial Statements

The Board of Directors of Tanzania Cigarette Public Limited Company (TCC Plc) is pleased to announce the unaudited results for the six months ended June 30, 2020

### Half year performance to June 30, 2020

The impact of COVID-19 on the trading environment, consumer incomes and spending patterns negatively impacted results for the period.

Net sales were TZS 140.1 billion, down 9% compared to a similar period in 2019. This decline was driven by a 14% volume drop and consumer down-trading to cheaper, lower margin brands.

Operating costs declined by 12% to TZS 41.4 billion versus the corresponding period in 2019, reflecting lower sales volume and prudent cost saving initiatives. These cost savings partially off-set the impact of lower net sales on profits.

Gross profit was TZS 73.3 billion, or 15% lower on the corresponding period in 2019. Profit before tax was TZS 31.8 billion and profit after tax was TZS 21.6 billion - a decline of 19% versus a similar period in 2019.

The Company generated TZS 50.6 billion in operating cash flow to June 30, 2020 of which TZS 15 billion was used to pay corporate tax, TZS 2.5 billion was used to pay investment activities and the final gross dividend of TZS 25 billion for the year ended December 31, 2019.

### Prospects to December 31, 2020

Going forward, the primary focus remains the safety of our employees, business continuity and recovery preparedness. Some positive signs of recovery are emerging as trading conditions return to normal, supported by fiscal and monetary measures announced by the government in June, 2020.

### Dividend

The Board of Directors has approved an interim gross dividend of TZS 250 per share for the half year ended June 30, 2020 (June 30, 2019: TZS 300 per share). The dividend will be paid less 5% withholding tax on or about October 07, 2020. Shares will trade cum-dividend until September 07, 2020.

I wish to thank all stakeholders for their continued support to TCC Plc. I look forward to updating shareholders on the full year performance in early 2021.

Condensed statement of comprehensive income for the six months ended June 30, 2020 (Unaudited)			
	June 30, 2020	June 30, 2019	%
	TZS M	TZS M	
Gross turnover	237,547	264,686	-10%
VAT	(33,667)	(36,920)	-9%
Revenue	203,880	227,766	-10%
Excise duty	(63,746)	(73,878)	-14%
Net sales	140,134	153,888	-9%
Cost of sales	(66,829)	(67,564)	-1%
Gross profit	73,305	86,324	-15%
Operating expenses	(41,471)	(47,104)	-12%
Profit before tax	31,834	39,220	-19%
Income tax expense	(10,217)	(12,522)	-18%
Profit after tax	21,617	26,698	-19%
Earning per share			
Basic and diluted (TZS per share)	216.17	226.98	

Condensed statement of financial position as at June 30, 2020 (Unaudited)			
	June 30, 2020	December 31, 2019	
	TZS M	TZS M	
<b>Assets</b>			
Non-current assets	94,502	97,824	
<b>Working capital:</b>			
Current assets	178,853	170,512	
Current liabilities	(74,334)	(66,511)	
<b>Net working capital</b>	<b>104,519</b>	<b>104,001</b>	
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>199,021</b>	<b>201,825</b>	
<b>Capital and reserves</b>			
Share capital	2,000	2,000	
Retained earnings	175,885	179,269	
Defined benefit reserves	5,872	5,872	
<b>Shareholders' equity</b>	<b>183,757</b>	<b>187,141</b>	
Non-current liabilities	15,264	14,684	
<b>Total equity and liabilities</b>	<b>199,021</b>	<b>201,825</b>	

Condensed statement of cash flows for the six months ended June 30, 2020 (Unaudited)			
	June 30, 2020	June 30, 2019	
	TZS M	TZS M	
Cash generated from operations	50,604	79,845	
Interest received	709	1,045	
Defined benefit paid	(978)	(98)	
Interest paid	(15)	(85)	
Taxation paid	(14,849)	(13,489)	
<b>Net cash generated by operating activities</b>	<b>35,471</b>	<b>67,218</b>	
Net cash used in investing activities	(2,528)	(6,207)	
Net cash used in financing activities	(25,285)	(25,000)	
<b>Net decrease in cash and bank balances</b>	<b>7,658</b>	<b>36,011</b>	
Cash and bank balances at beginning of period	27,771	20,351	
<b>Cash and bank balances at end of period</b>	<b>35,429</b>	<b>56,362</b>	

Condensed statement of changes in equity for the six months ended June 30, 2020 (Unaudited)				
	Share capital	Defined benefit reserves	Retained earnings	Total
	TZS M	TZS M	TZS M	TZS M
<b>At January 1, 2019</b>	2,000	5,173	183,021	190,194
Profit for the period	-	-	51,248	51,248
<b>Other comprehensive income</b>	-	699	-	699
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>5,872</b>	<b>234,269</b>	<b>242,141</b>
Dividend paid (Final 2018 and Interim 2019)	-	-	(55,000)	(55,000)
<b>Balance as at Dec 31, 2019</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>5,872</b>	<b>179,269</b>	<b>187,141</b>
At January 1, 2020	2,000	5,872	179,269	187,141
Profit for the period	-	-	21,617	21,617
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>5,872</b>	<b>200,886</b>	<b>208,758</b>
Final dividend paid 2019	-	-	(25,000)	(25,000)
<b>Balance as of June 30, 2020</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>5,872</b>	<b>175,886</b>	<b>183,758</b>

## ACT-Wazalendo clears 13 women as Z'bar House of Reps contestants

By Guardian Correspondent, Zanzibar

THIRTEEN women aspiring for parliamentary and Zanzibar House seats have been endorsed by the ACT-Wazalendo opposition party.

However, the list of aspirants endorsed by the party issued yesterday shows that the 13 women were for Unguja alone, while none was for Pemba constituencies, despite it being the party's stronghold after many former CUF members switched to ACT-Wazalendo.

Former Minister for Education in the Zanzibar Government of National Unity formed after 2010 elections Zahara Ali Hamad has been endorsed to vie for Dimani House seat.

Mwanamrisha Taratibu Abama has been endorsed to contest the Chumbuni

Parliamentary seat while Mtumwa Ali Makame has been cleared to contest the Tumbatu Parliamentary seat.

Halima Ibrahim Muhamed has been cleared to vie for Malindi Parliamentary seat after unseating several party heavyweights including the constituency's former MP who emerged number one during primaries.

On the other hand Pavu Abdalla Juma has been cleared to contest the Donge House seat while Mauwa Muhamed Mussa was cleared to vie for Shauri Moyo Parliamentary seat, similar to Hidayat Yusuf for Chwaka Parliamentary seat.

Others who were endorsed by the party include Aisha Mohamed Said (Tunguu House seat), Sabahi Khamis (Paje Parliamentary seat), Raisa Abdallah Mussa (Mfenesini Parliamentary seat) and Thuwaiba Juma (Mahonda House seat).

Paul Makanza  
Chairman of the Board, TCC Plc

# CRDB Bank Marathon reach the goal of raising TZS 200 Million to support surgeries of children with congenital heart defects at JKCI, thanks to the 4,000 participants.

**D**ar es Salaam 16th August, 2020 - The 2020 CRDB Bank Charity Marathon has proven an enormous success, with TZS 200 million raised, thanks to the hard work and dedication of the more than 4,000 participants who signed up to raise funds to support surgeries of children with congenital heart defects at Jakaya Kikwete Cardiac Institute (JKCI).

The Vice President, H.E Samia Suluhu Hassan commended CRDB Bank's efforts in organizing charity marathon to support the government's effort in providing better healthcare to children and raising public knowledge of the plight of children born with congenital heart disease in the country. "To be able to enjoy the best possible health is a fundamental human right, one which has a decisive impact on human development and, in particular on the ability of our children and young people to learn and grow," said the Vice President.

The Vice President also thanked the 2020 CRDB Bank Marathon participants and partners who participate in fundraising and called upon everyone to continue supporting the Bank and JKCI in saving the lives of children. "They say whoever saves a life saves the world, this should not end today, let us continue support JKCI in their remarkable work that brings hope to our children," emphasized the Vice President.

With yells of joys and loud dance music, the Bank's Managing Director and Group CEO, Abdulmajid Nsekela announced during his speech that the marathon reached its fundraising goal of TZS 200 Million. The marathon galvanizes true sporting excellence through a strong commitment towards cause and community support. And resonates with the #KasilsambazayoTabasamu ethos of the event.

Nsekela said the bank has been supporting JKCI for many years through its Corporate Social Investment (CSI) initiatives but decided that this year it will involve all of its business partners to meet the growing need of funds to finance children waiting for heart treatment at the institute.

"Sport has the ability to both inspire and ignite change. It is immensely gratifying for us, that the CRDB Bank Marathon has played a transformational role in creating a positive impact on society.

"...I am pleased to see a large number of people joining us for the well-being of our children. Our success wouldn't have been possible without the generosity of our partners and supporters. Thank you for all of your efforts that has enable us to reach our goal of raising funds for surgeries of 100 children at JKCI," added Nsekela.

Minister of Information, Sports, Youth and Culture Dr Harrison Mwakymbe who also took part in the charity marathon paid tribute to CRDB and other stakeholders who contributed towards fundraising efforts. "This Bank has shown that apart from delivering quality banking services to Tanzanians it is also responsible in supporting community services because CRDB's leadership understands that a healthy nation starts from healthy children," Dr Mwakymbe said.

The Minister further noted that CRDB's all Tanzanian leadership has also shown that



Vice President, Samia Suluhu Hassan presenting a cheque worth TZS 1.5 Million to the winner of 21km cycling race in men's category, Joseph Panga, who clocked 0:59:31.



Vice President, Samia Suluhu Hassan presenting a cheque worth TZS 1.5 Million to Jamila Abdul, the winner of 42km race in women's category. Faulina recorded 1:15:06 to win the top prize.

locals can successfully lead world class banks saying some years back banks such as CRDB were managed by expatriates.

"The government is very proud and happy with CRDB Bank's board, management and staff because they are delivering on both fronts, commercially because you are making profits but also charitably because you are investing in community services such as this support to vulnerable children admitted at JKCI," he stated.

According to Prof. Mohammed Janabi, JKCI Executive Director there are more than 500 children who need heart surgery at institute but whose families are unable to meet the

costs. Prof. Janabi commended CRDB Bank's fundraising efforts while calling for other partners to join hands in saving hundreds of Tanzanians suffering from heart conditions. The event was also attended by former President Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete who also paid tribute to CRDB leadership for various initiatives taken to support ordinary and marginalized children.

The exciting run was remarkable as participants went all out to run for every child. In the end, Boniface Ngwata clinched the Men's 42km cycling, while Jamila Abdul won the Women's 42km cycling. Joseph Panga won Men's Half Marathon and Faulina Mathayo Women's Half Marathon. Men's

and Women's 10km Overall Championships were Mathayo Yamhenda and Angelina Mboya respectively.

"I've run a couple of marathons or so half's and usually found them to be relatively solitary experiences, but I loved being able to give and receive a little smile and wave to other people running in their Kasi Isambazayo Tabasamu shirts," said Boniface Ngwata.

"CRDB Bank Marathon is an inspiring event to be involved in, I dedicate this win to all the children in need of heart surgeries, may God protect and heal them," Faulina Mathayo Women's Half Marathon champion.

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Vice President of the United Republic of Tanzania, Samia Suluhu Hassan (Center) receiving a dummy cheque worth TZS 200 million from CRDB Bank Managing Director and Group CEO, Abdulmajid Nsekela (Second from left) and handing it over to the Director General of the Jakaya Kikwete Heart Institute, Prof. Mohamed Janabi (right) during the CRDB Bank Charity Marathon that took place on 16th August, 2020 at the Green grounds, Oysterbay in Dar es Salaam. The marathon aimed at raising funds to support heart surgeries of 100 with congenital heart defects.



Vice President, Samia Suluhu Hassan cheering the participants after completing a 2 km charity walk. She was accompanied by the Retired President, Jakaya Kikwete, Government officials and CRDB Bank Management.



Hundreds of runners competing in 21km race during the CRDB Bank Charity Marathon themed "Kasi Isambazayo Tabasamu" to raise funds for children in need of heart surgery. The event featured more than 4,000 athletes from various regions in the country and neighboring countries.



"Children supporting children". Some of the children who participated in the CRDB Bank Charity Marathon to help raise funds for their fellow children in need of heart surgeries at Jakaya Kikwete Cardiac Institute



Runners from different countries who participated in 10km race to help raise funds for children in need of heart surgeries.



Vice President, Samia Suluhu Hassan presenting a cheque worth TZS 1.5 Million to the winner of 42km cycling race in men's category, Boniface Ngwata who clocked 0:59:37.



Vice President, Samia Suluhu Hassan presenting a cheque worth TZS 1.5 Million to Failuna Abdi, the winner of 21km race in women's category. Failuna recorded 1:16:13 to win the top prize.

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## Approval of EAC emergency vote, budget progress a relief

**F**INALLY the East African Legislative Assembly (EALA) has approved the disputed 'Vote on Account' proposal by the Council of Ministers, upon notification that the new financial year Budget estimates are to be presented at midweek. This turn has put to an end, hopefully in a stable manner, a rather acrimonious situation where members of the EALA were putting to doubt ministers' sense of duty, observance of EAC protocols, for failure to prepare the EAC budget proposals on time. Obviously where were many things to think about, not least of which was the Covid-19 pandemic as it disturbed revenue expectations all over.

At the start of the week EALA members finally sat to endorse the 68bn/- 'Vote on Account' to help run EAC institutions until October, with the House ready for the main 2020/2021 Fiscal Year budget plenary session expected to start August 21. With nearly a month having elapsed from the sitting of the EALA session where the Budget would have been presented up to this week, doubt had started creeping into the minds of a breadth of observers on the issue. The fact that there were tit for tat actions in relation to air travel or 'open skies' in the wake of Covid-19 restrictions or relaxations didn't alleviate this mood, at all.

Early on Monday, the EALA session considered the report of the Committee on General Purposes on the EAC Vote-On-Account for the first quarter of fiscal year 2020/2021. It was the first time the matter had been broached since the EALA members unanimously stayed a request by the EAC Council of Ministers to approve a Vote on Account of USD 29,402,292 in its July sitting. This emergency vote is

meant to support normal operations of the EAC, waiting for the tabling of actual budget estimates by the council.

There were a number of legal and procedural tussles on the matter at EALA, where a seemingly normal prerogative could this time be put to the regional legislative body while it failed in the past. It was the move by EALA Speaker Ngoga Martin to put forward the emergency vote proposal, where reports say "upon request by the House agreed to invoke section 12 of the EAC Budget Act 2008, to extend the period for consideration of the EAC Budget for fiscal year 2020/2021." EALA members kept insisting that the Secretariat, via the Secretary General, work closely with the Council of Ministers "to comply with provisions of the treaty and the EAC Budget protocol in regards to budget preparation and presentation."

It can only be surmised that there was a certain amount of confusion with regard to budgeting for EAC activities, as member states often fail to pay up their membership fees on time. That means the proper issue of budgetary requirements is chiefly a foreign aid issue, in which case economic diplomacy must have worked this time as well. It can't be said where post-budgetary funding could have been obtained but there are new inflows which can help the EAC run its activities, like regional post-Covid 19 measures.

So long as the council has now been able to give assurance to the regional legislative body that they will a budget framework within the week, it can be said that the air has been cleared. For in the first place the key problem isn't finance but strategic intentions of the member states. Loyalty to EAC isn't a fixed idea.

## Yes, indeed, surveying all land vital for investments

**I**N a recent address, Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa has emphasized on the need for villagers everywhere to survey the plots of land they hold to raise its value and attract investors. He made a stark contrast between that is surveyed and land parcels that aren't part of proper maps, as the latter do not fetch a good price in the market, since unmapped land fails to attract investments. The premier was on a tour of some development projects in his native Ruangwa District of Lindi Region, reviewing the sort of progress that has been made in industrial sector activities over the past few years, a topic he often recalls.

It is understandable why the minister is laying stress on mapping rural areas, especially those near urban areas, as arising from the fact that many people tend to think of land as something that is owned in a traditional way, to be handed over through generations. Things like maps do not arise as families know the boundaries and these are usually not contested, though it can't be said that everything is peaceful in that direction. At times there are bitter inheritance contentions like dividing land between brothers, etc.

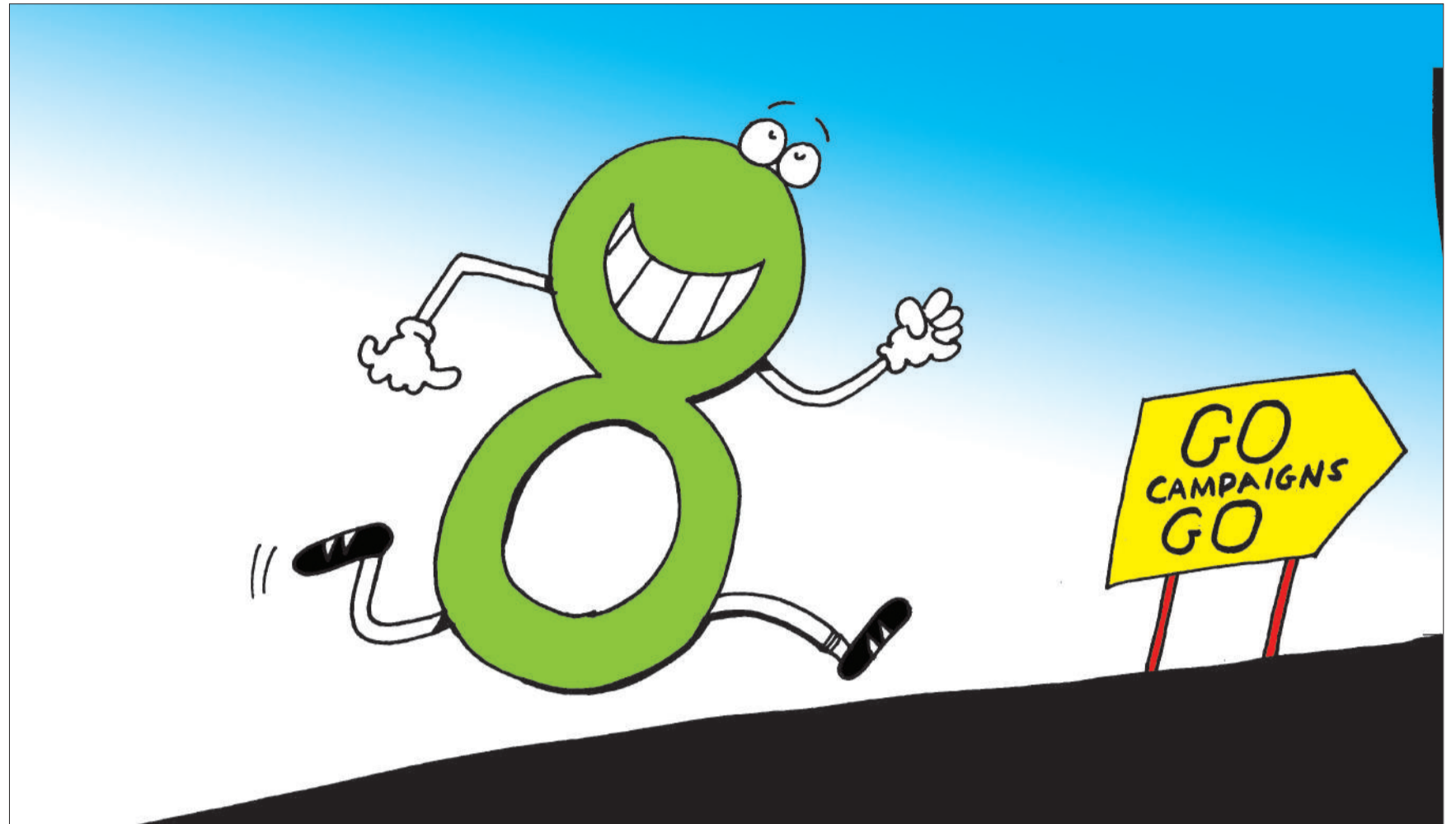
While it is undoubtedly the case that it is easy to convince investors to put up projects on surveyed land as opposed to parcels whose demarcations and ownership are not clear, the core problem is to direct the mind of rural dwellers that land is as value that needs to be put on the table to facilitate development. Quite often it is the government that has to purchase the land and make it available to investors when they need it, such that the compensation money is repaid by rental proceeds or from the value of

that projected in the jobs it will create and taxes that proceed upon it. Both modes of making land available are in use.

It isn't easy to say how far villagers will take up the surveying idea as it often involves significant amounts of money, a situation that was reviewed during the past few years. Earlier it was next to impossible for ordinary people to get land surveyed and indeed ministerial officials weren't overly concerned with that. Duplication of occupancy titles was trademark of what went on in the ministry and in other land offices, perfect atmosphere for corruption festering on traditional land transfers without maps.

Mapping has moved a quantum leap since the 1990s with even the remotest villages covered by devices like global positioning, so one can bring plots to a desk top computer and sort out disputes without having to visit a plot of land. This has onerously discouraged duplication of titles as technology also permits the central registration of land plot occupancy and accessing such documents on land offices countrywide with the right pass words, without altering anything outside explicit authorization. Much of this has been done under the fifth phase government, as part of a modernization and rationalization drive at all levels.

Building industries is one demand that needs land that is freed from traditional ownership and is available to investors. As the premier pointed out, surveying will help to get customers but definitely getting scores of villagers to move so as to build a factory is hard. The government needs to compensate villagers, first, then hand it to investors at 99-year occupancy titles, to remove any traditional squabbles.



## Yet another setback for Africa's attempts to abandon life-long presidency 'practice'

By Special Correspondent

**I**VORIAN President Alassane Ouattara (78) has finally confirmed he'll seek a third term in office in October. Within days of this, Guinea's ruling party asked President Alpha Condé (82) to seek a third term.

The actions signal that Africa is a long way from burying the ugly era of presidents for life. The period, which followed immediately after independence and lasted until the end of the 1990s, had a debilitating effect on stability, democracy and socio-economic development on the continent.

In the last two decades the continent, through the African Union (AU), has developed relatively effective ways of putting a halt to unconstitutional changes of government in the form of coups d'etat. This policy effectively protects incumbent leaders. But the AU has yet to successfully tackle the problem of imperial presidencies.

This lack of action has triggered criticism that the organisation is a private club of incumbent leaders.

Africa has more than its fair share of presidents who have stayed longer than they should have. Seven of the ten longest serving presidents in the world are in Africa. They include Cameroon's Paul Biya, in power since 1982, and Teodoro Obiang Nguema Mbasogo of Equatorial Guinea, in power since 1979.

Their regimes are often characterised by instability, the absence of civil and political liberties as well as extensive patronalism and corruption.

Where term limits persist Alpha Condé came to power in 2010 from the opposition ranks, following the first competitive elections in Guinean history after the death of Lansana Conté in 2008. Conté had come to power in a coup 24 years earlier.

A transitional government was established in 2010. This was followed by the adoption of a new constitution in 2010 and elections.

Condé had been an ardent opponent of Conté. Notably, he opposed a 2003 constitutional amendment that allowed Conté to run for a third term.

After coming to power in 2010, Condé quickly consolidated his power through the hegemony of his party, Rally of the Guinean People, and won a second term in 2015. In 2019, his government announced that it would pursue the adoption of a new constitution. It deliberately aimed at bypassing a provision prohibiting amendments to the two term limit.

The opposition criticised the move as defying the spirit of the 2010



constitution against unlimited terms. Protests have been held in the capital, Conakry, and other parts of the country since October 2019.

They forced the postponement of the constitutional referendum, which was ultimately held on 31 March this year, and approved the new constitution. The constitution retains the two-term limit, but is silent on time already served before it came into force, enabling Condé to seek two more terms. He could potentially rule until 2032.

Protests continue despite COVID-19 restrictions, and several people have been killed by security forces.

Elections are due to be held on 18 October. Condé has yet to confirm if he'll accept his nomination for a third term. Opposition groups are yet to present their candidates.

Considering Condé's stranglehold over the electoral management body, state resources, bureaucracy and security forces, and limits on opposition groups, the elections are unlikely to be free and fair, almost assuring his victory. The opposition is likely to boycott the elections, as it did the referendum and legislative elections in March.

What's working and what more needs to be done

There have been some notable examples of democratic changes in leadership in Africa due to term limit legislation. Most recent examples include in the Democratic Republic of

Congo (2019), Sierra Leone (2018) and Liberia (2017). In all three countries, the elections were characterised by strong competition, and won by the opposition.

But many other presidents have tampered with their countries' constitutions to extend their stay in power. The list includes Togo (2002), Gabon (2003), and most recently Ivory Coast and Guinea.

The latest abuses should show that there's still a way to go to stamp out this practice. A number of practical steps should be taken urgently.

Firstly, loopholes need to be plugged. One is to ensure that, when new constitutions are adopted, they are specific about the fact that terms already served in office still count. The Gambia's draft constitution sets a model for the continent. It not only establishes two term limits, but also specifically counts terms served prior to its adoption.

In addition, the African Union needs to revive efforts to impose a continent-wide two term limit on presidents on the continent. A proposed provision in the draft African Charter on Democracy, Elections and Governance, which aimed to do so in 2007, was scrapped after Uganda led opposition to its adoption. Ugandan president Yoweri Museveni had already removed the two term limit from the country's constitution in 2005.

Similarly, an effort by the Economic Community of West African States

(Ecowas) to establish a two-term limit was shelved in 2015 due to opposition from The Gambia, then under dictator Yahya Jammeh, and Togo, whose constitutions contained no term limits.

The African Union, Ecowas and other sub-regional organisations need to reignite efforts to build a specific policy of two terms. Only such a continental ban could preclude domestic legal manoeuvres and bury the ghost of life presidents. Once approved, the African Union would be able to sanction, and even expel, countries that violate the term limits.

The organisations would be pushing at an open door. Only five countries with presidential systems on the continent do not have term limits. They are Eritrea, Somalia, Cameroon, South Sudan and Djibouti. Most of the countries that had removed term limits have since reinstated them. Examples include Uganda, whose parliament reinstated presidential term limits in 2017. But Museveni, who has been in power for 34 years, can still run again.

Togo did so last year, although the incumbent, President Faure Gnassingbe, who has been in power since 2005, is not precluded from contesting future elections. He could potentially be in power until 2030.

Without a concerted effort to establish a continental two-term policy, Africa may be bound to live with the spectre of presidents for life.



# Juggling parenting and journalism with coronavirus pandemic raging

By Fabiana Santos

**S**INCE the onset of Covid-19, balancing work and family life has proven to be incredibly challenging for journalists. Those who are parents have to deal with school closures, social distancing and working in a bleak environment.

“What’s worse than being exposed to an overdose of bad news and suffering is that many people seem blind, and deny the pandemic, putting themselves and the community in danger despite the information,” says Renata Feldmann, GloboNews editor in Brazil.

Feldmann continues to work in the newsroom, but now she has to follow several procedures. “When I arrive, I have to clean the computer, keyboard, telephone, chair, desk and headset,” she says.

She adds: “We adopted physical distancing and two computers beside me are empty. To eat or drink water, I have to leave the newsroom and go to an isolated place. Sometimes the mask makes communication difficult, but you have to use it.”

Journalists who have been working from home since March are facing other challenges. For many, the amount of work has often increased as the boundaries between work and life have blurred.

“People call us all day via WhatsApp, email and phone. Even my work extension was transferred to my cell phone. There is no on or off,” explains João Pimentel, press officer for the National Confederation of Industry (CNI).

Cris De Lamônica, press officer of the Special Projects Secretariat of the Government of the Federal District, says that she lost weight and has suffered from insomnia as a result of her new routine.

She explains: “At the beginning it was more difficult because I had to work Saturdays and Sundays. My boss would call because he thought that I was available any time since I was at home. I had to set certain limits.”



“Now I only work on the weekends if it is very urgent. I don’t even work very late any more. My limit is 7 p.m.,” she adds.

Journalists who are parents have usually kept quiet about parenting issues, as journalism is a competitive career and opportunities are scarce. But since schools are closed and work from home is commonplace, children have become more visible during broadcasts and meetings.

“Sometimes I am assisting a journal-

ist, on a video call or writing something and my daughter asks for my attention to help with a question,” says Pimentel, father of five children aged 1 to 24.

His wife recently returned to work outside the home, and although Pimentel has someone helping around the house, he has to balance work and dealing with the children – a reversal of the role that often falls on women.

For Feldmann, who has a nine-year-old and a 13-year-old, managing their

online classes has become an additional challenge. “I tend to want to resolve everything quickly, so I need stop myself from taking on the schoolwork for my youngest son,” she says, adding: “I also find it difficult to keep track of school assignments digitally, so much so that sometimes I notice that there is a list of accumulated tasks that I have not seen.”

De Lamônica’s husband is also working from home and, like many families, they had to buy a computer

for their nine-year-old son. “In the beginning, I had to stay with my son all the time so that he could focus, not messing with the chat features during class, not keeping his microphone on and disturbing the teacher,” she says.

But she soon realised that, to her surprise, the online classes are working better than in-person classes. “Bernardo has ADHD (attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder). He is hyperactive, he has trouble concentrating in the classroom because of the noise,” she says.

She adds: “At home, he is much more focused and has gotten better grades. Even our relationship has improved.”

These three journalists limit their children’s news consumption, and instead talk openly about Covid-19 prevention and its severity. They also try to make the most out of the situation, cherishing time together and embracing hands-on opportunities with their children that they didn’t have before.

For the first time in his life, Pimentel has managed to make all meals with the children and play ball at the end of the day. “I even have a lot more contact with the baby, changing diapers and putting him to sleep,” he says.

Feldmann says keeping the family busy during lockdown is difficult but it offers a chance to spend time together. “We started to cook more together, to read more together and to invent,” she says.

She adds: “Of course, there are days when everyone is in a bad mood, but the isolation has favoured family proximity. This intense coexistence has much more pros than cons.”

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## NOTICE TO DTB TANZANIA EX EMPLOYEES- LOAN DEFAULTERS

In June 2020, Diamond Trust Bank Tanzania Limited sent notices to ex-employees who have outstanding loans with the bank.

The loans are overdue for a considerable period of time, and have been classified as non-performing in line with the regulations. Despite the efforts made by the bank to contact individual borrowers, the defaulter borrowers have still not kept up their obligations to repay those loans.

Although the bank is under no obligation to notify its intention to take further recovery action against ex-employees who have defaulted in repayment of their loans, this advertisement is published as a final reminder to all ex-employees who have defaulted.

Please note that failure to either repay the outstanding loan or enter into repayment arrangement with the bank before 10th September 2020, the bank shall initiate recovery action including publishing the ex-employees names / photos in local newspapers. Kindly take further note that the cost and consequence of these recovery measures will be solely responsible of the ex-employee.

Please contact our Recovery Department via Telephone **2114891/2, 0768790476 / 0785102835** or emails **efyandomo@diamondtrust.co.tz** and **cedward@diamondtrust.co.tz** for more details and repayment arrangements.

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# Lessons for Africa from devastating Mauritius oil spill

BY TIMOTHY WALKER AND CHRISTIAN BUEGER

**T**HE shipwreck of the MV Wakashio has caused one of Mauritius's worst environmental catastrophes and its devastating impact is expected to last for decades. Over 1 000 tonnes of fuel oil leaked into pristine Mauritian waters, covering the nearby shore in toxic sludge and immersing the ecosystem in a desperate struggle for survival.

This environmental crisis couldn't have occurred at a worse time for Mauritius. The spill will seriously impede the recovery of a Mauritian economy highly dependent on coastal tourism and already battered by COVID-19 travel restrictions.

Mauritius and other African states need to promptly review their contingency strategies and response capacities so we can start positing immediate lessons to be learnt.

The national and international response to the MV Wakashio crisis was commendable. France, India, Japan and the International Maritime Organization cooperated to support local Mauritian efforts in a race against time to pump out the fuel from the vessel, which eventually broke apart on 15 August. Meanwhile local volunteers flocked to the shore with improvised booms and barriers.

Mauritius and other African states need to urgently review their contingency strategies.

While a full investigation and report is urgently required, it is possible to start piecing together a narrative of what has occurred and how it turned so bad so quickly.

The MV Wakashio left China on 14 July heading for Brazil. On 25 July it ran aground on the reefs located roughly a mile off Pointe d'Esny and the Blue Bay Marine Park along the south-eastern shore of Mauritius. No oil leakage was reported at the time,



The MV Wakashio catastrophe is a wake-up call for African states to prepare better disaster response capacities. File photo

and the Mauritius coast guard swiftly deployed booms and took other preventive actions. The government activated its National Oil Spill Contingency Plan the following day.

By 5 August a minor oil slick was observed surrounding the vessel. It was still assumed that the country's contingency plan was sufficient and that 'the risk of oil spill was still low.' But then the MV Wakashio flooded and began sinking. Oil started to spill into the sea.

On 7 August Prime Minister Pravind Jugnauth declared a national environment emergency. Fisheries Minister Sudheer Maudhoo suggested that 'this

is the first time that we are faced with a catastrophe of this kind and we are insufficiently equipped to handle this problem.' Mauritius called for international help once the scale of the emergency became apparent and quickly overwhelmed the resources and capacity of the country's national contingency plan.

The disaster demonstrates how even seemingly small oil leaks and spills can be devastating.

Some of these resources were acquired as part of the Western Indian Ocean Marine Highway Development and Coastal and Marine Contamination Prevention project from 2007-2012. The project also called for the establishment of the Regional Marine Pollution Co-ordination Centre (RCC) for Marine Pollution Preparedness and Response in the Western Indian Ocean.

South Africa will host the RCC, and its establishment must now be expedited. The disaster demonstrates how even seemingly small oil leaks and spills can be devastating, especially

when they occur in sensitive and critically important environmental areas.

Will other African countries and regional organisations develop sufficient capacity to respond to crises on the scale of the MV Wakashio without depending on international assistance? There is a great risk of oil spills and leaks occurring elsewhere in the African maritime domain in the future, especially spills that occur during bunkering.

The Cape of Good Hope route is a maritime super highway. Some countries, like South Africa, are able to swiftly respond on their own, as demonstrated in May when the potential

wreck of the Yuan Hua Hu, also carrying 4 000 tonnes of fuel oil, was narrowly averted.

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Many countries such as Mauritius lack at least some of the resources or capacities needed to deal with such a disaster. Governments require up-to-date assessments to plan future responses. Better and more collective resources and skills at a regional or continental level are required.

Improved accountability mechanisms are also important. The Japanese owners of the MV Wakashio have offered, under international obligations, to pay compensation for applicable damages caused by the oil spill. Yet in other cases it might not be as easy to track the owners and determine liability (as can be seen in the investigation into the tragic Beirut port explosion of 4 August).

It is time for African maritime institutions to review their approaches and develop appropriate expertise and response mechanisms. This should ensure fast and effective regional or continental action when the inevitable oil leaks arise.

The results should be reported to key multilateral organisations - ideally to the African Union (AU) - as part of the implementation of 2050 Africa's Integrated Maritime Strategy. The AU could, for instance, convene a consultative forum for experience and skills sharing with inputs from all the regional economic communities such as that hosted by the Southern African Development Community in 2018.

Disaster relief is expensive, but is nowhere near as controversial as other maritime issues such as creating security frameworks and determining boundaries. It can also foster collaboration anchored in regional AU institutions that draw on indigenous expertise and capacities.

**Agencies**

# Marikana experts' report points the way to better policing

BY DAVID BRUCE, GARETH NEWHAM, THEMBA MASUKU AND ADELE KIRSTEN

**T**HE Marikana massacre was a South African tragedy. It was also a policing disaster. But little has changed to improve policing in the country since then. One reason for this is the failure of government and the South African Police Service (SAPS) to act on recommendations made two years ago by an expert panel set up on the advice of the Marikana Commission of Inquiry.

The mine workers' strike that started on 9 August 2012 had already turned violent by the time the SAPS intervened. Their intervention only made things worse. Four days later, two police and three strikers were killed in a clash precipitated by police incompetence and ill-discipline. Then, on 16 August 2012, 34 men were shot dead and another 60 seriously injured by police gunfire.

The subsequent Marikana commission highlighted numerous shortcomings in policing that contributed to these deaths. The final report recommended that a panel of international and local policing experts be established to look at the policing problems highlighted by Marikana. The panel submitted its report in July 2018 but the findings have not yet been released, let alone implemented.

After considering the evidence and submissions from local and international policing experts, it was clear to the commission of inquiry that the massacre was partly the result of failings of top police leadership and probably influenced by inappropriate political considerations. But evidence indicated that other aspects of policing had also led to the disastrous outcome.

A major reason for the high Marikana death toll was that many police were armed with automatic rifles.

A major contributing factor to the high death toll at Marikana was that many of the police were armed with R5 automatic rifles. It is accepted internationally that automatic weapons should not be used by police in managing crowds. They are only suitable for policing when used against assailants armed with comparable weaponry.

The killings on 16 August started when a group of strikers were approaching a line of police members. At the commission, the SAPS maintained that the strikers were attacking them but this has never been confirmed. Nevertheless it is apparent that some of the police believed they were being attacked.

In the space of roughly 10 seconds, 48 police fired 305 rounds of ammunition of which 247 were R5 rounds at the approaching strikers. This barrage of gunfire killed 17 people. Shortly afterwards at a location nearby the police fired another 198 R5 rounds at miners, most of whom were trying to hide or flee, killing another 17. Of the 34 people killed, 31 were killed by R5 bullets.

The final report of the Marikana commission accepted the argument, made in various submissions, that weapons capable of automatic fire should not be used in crowd management. However, it was also concerned about how police should deal with armed crowds.

The problems leading to Marikana cannot be resolved in a piecemeal fashion with a technical fix.

During the clash precipitated by police on 13 August, two SAPS members were killed by armed miners, highlighting police vul-



Two years after being submitted, the report still hasn't been considered by Parliament, nor released to the public. File photo

nerability in these situations. This was a key reason for recommending the appointment of the expert panel - to clearly define an approach that ensures police safety when faced with armed crowds.

The panel's focus was not restricted to public order policing. The failures that

led to the Marikana massacre reflected wider shortcomings in the SAPS, including serious deficiencies at top management level. For example, at the inquiry extensive evidence emerged of police dishonesty, including systematic efforts by senior police leaders to mislead the commission.

This highlighted a police organisational culture that sought to undermine transparency and accountability. To date, none of the commanders or officers involved in the killings have been sanctioned.

The commission therefore called for the panel to consider a number of recommendations on improving policing that it had received. These implied the need for organisation-wide change in the SAPS, which made good sense. The problems that gave rise to Marikana could not be resolved in a piecemeal fashion with a technical fix. They partly originated from chronic issues affecting the entire organisation.

The expert panel made 136 recommendations for creating a professional and accountable policing system.

Then police minister Nathi Nhleko established the panel in April 2016 under retired Judge David Ntshangase. Members of the 18-person panel included SAPS generals, local and international policing experts, and representatives of police trade unions. The panel submitted its report to the police minister in July 2018. Sadly Judge Ntshangase passed away not long after, in November 2018.

Ultimately the panel's focus was on developing a framework for creating a professional, principle-based, service-oriented and accountable system of policing. This included addressing questions about reducing the risk of political interference, ensuring consistent standards of leadership, and demilitarising the SAPS. The 460-page report containing 136 recommendations reflects the consensus of the panel.

Over the past few months South Africa has been confronted with evidence of police abuse in enforcing the COVID-19 lockdown. More broadly we've seen chronic corruption at senior levels of the SAPS, the misuse of less-lethal weapons, police ineffectiveness in addressing crime, and the weakness of accountability measures.

These problems highlight the need for profound changes in policing in South Africa, and the expert panel provided direction on how to achieve this. Regrettably, more than two years after it was submitted to Police Minister Bheki Cele, the report still hasn't been considered by Parliament, nor released to the public. It is high time that the minister rectifies this.

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# Organic farming reaches new heights in Tanzania

By Correspondent Michael Sikapundwa, Morogoro

MORE than 7,000 smallholder farmers in the country have benefited from training on organic farming techniques spearheaded by Sustainable Agriculture Tanzania (SAT).

Janet Maro SAT executive director said this when speaking at a meeting organised to commend best farmers who are engaging in organic farming and extension officers.

She said last year the organisation reached 7,532 farmers from 238 groups, 122 villages in Mvomero, Morogoro Municipality, Morogoro Rural, Mpwapwa, Chamwino, Dodoma municipality, Masasi, Mtwara and Arusha.

She said that a number of smallholder farmers have been trained on good agronomic practices, to the extent that their organically grown crops are highly demanded in the international markets.

Citing examples, the official said: "During the Covid-19, 15 tonnes of spices were exported to Switzerland. This was possible from our support and guidance."

She added that there is a good hope at the end of the tunnel.

Janet also revealed that SAT in collaboration with the Ministry of Agriculture is implementing a special programme dubbed: 'Curriculum Implementation Support for Training Institutes (CISTI)'—a three-year project, which is geared to benefit students and tutors from 29 agricultural training institutes in the country. The idea is designed to support public and private training institutions to produce graduates with enough knowledge, skills and expertise in climate change. The project also involves training tutors and garden-attendants on organic

gardens' management using natural botanical extracts so as to enable them impart the knowledge to their students easily.

The ultimate goal of the CISTI, she said is to have competent technical personnel who work effectively to meet the demand of Tanzania's agriculture sector, increase climate resilience and strengthen livelihoods of smallholder farmers, thus alleviating poverty and food insecurity for sustainable development.

Bernward Geier, a Germany agronomist and former director of the international federation of Agriculture Movement (IFOAM) commended SAT's efforts to scale up organic farming, which ideal solution to climate change and ensure farmers' marketability of their crops.

"This is a recommendable effort," he said.

The agronomist also lauded SAT's move of working with 29 research institutions—HORTI-Tengeru and KATC-Moshi (northern highlands zone), St. John's University and Tanzania Research and Career Development Institute (Tracdi) in Dodoma (central zone), MATI-Ilonga, the National Sugar Institute (NSI) and Kilombero Agricultural Training and Research Institute (KATRI) in eastern/coastal zone.

"These institutions have the capacity to transform farming community from using chemicals to organic agriculture."

Mercy Meena is a member of Twende Pamoja Group which deals with organic farming. She said that with her 1.5acre of land she is able to send her children to school comfortably.

Mercy thanked SAT for availing with them organic farming techniques, which has transformed their livelihoods.



Romanus Nestory, one of the organic farming farmers in Morogoro

By Guardian Correspondent, Arusha

LIVESTOCK and Fisheries minister Luhaga Mpina has directed the Galaxy and Beverage Limited to ensure that it regulates prices so as to enable its milk products to win more market in the country.

According to him, there were some few sellers and agents who sell milk products at high prices

sabotaging business and thus reduce the value of locally produced milk.

Galaxy and Beverage Limited is a milk processing factory based in Arusha Region.

Speaking when he visited the factory here, Mpina said that the government has created a friendly business environment to enable locally produced milk to have a greater market wherever

## Mpina orders Arusha milk processor to regulate prices

they are sold.

"In this fiscal year budget, the government has eliminated various levies and taxes to provide relief to investors and thus produce positive results in the country, so levies and taxes are no longer a problem now," he said.

He said that Galaxy and Beverage Limited has been producing quality milk where he urged them to expand their services and send the product to the regions of Dar es Salaam, Mwanza and all local markets, as the demand is high.

"Pricing systems should be reviewed and monitored closely so as to ensure that agents sell

the product at a fair price so that we can distinguish it from imported milk," he added.

He commended the factory for purchasing milk for farmers at a reasonable price of over 800/- something which enables farmers to benefit from the activity.

For his part, acting registrar

of Tanzania Dairy Board (TDB) Noely Byamungu said that the factory has been contributing immensely in the country's development benefiting hundreds of dairy farmers.

"The board's major role is to oversee, coordinate and develop the dairy industry and pastoralists as well as ensure that pas-

toralists adopt modern farming technologies to produce quality raw materials," he said.

Hasheem Said from the operation department at the factory commended the government efforts to support various dairy factories in the country saying that they continue working closely with farmers to ensure that they increase production of milk for their development.

# Growers tap export opportunities for horticulture products in Mbeya

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

GROWERS of horticultural products in Mbeya city have invested great hope in steps taken by the Tanzania Food Processors Association of Women Entrepreneurs (TAFOPA) which is struggling to establish 50 micro-, small and medium industries in a five-acre plot offered by Mbeya regional authorities for the purpose.

"We are optimistic and doubling production for export. The biggest obstacle was land, not money, not labour, not produce... but land on which to establish industries," said excited Renatus Lembileki, a retired agronomist and a part-time grower of cabbages and avocado.

"You can secure easily money from the bank or elsewhere to start very modern industrial plants in a short time. But without land, you will not get anywhere and this is what has been happening all these years," he said.

Lembileki said the COVID pandemic

created "a yawning emptiness in east, central, southern African, European and American markets. People out there want products, not rhetoric," he fumed.

TAFOPA, fully backed by the Tanzania Private Sector Foundation (TPSF), is busy establishing industries and cold rooms to process horticultural products for local and external markets in the secured plot. A Swiss organization, HELVETAS, has thrown its weight behind the project.

Justin Fungo of Glosama Bakers said small entrepreneurs would gainfully use the area for local and external markets. "This project will lift us from current problems. Many products decayed for lack of markets," he said.

Francko Jackson of Jamii Kyela Products praised HELVETAS for supporting the project, saying post-harvest losses had been a problem that had defied solution. "Our products will now be on local and foreign markets because they will have been certified

by authorities."

Syana Asalile said of Nuru Asili Farms said their products went bad for lack of facilities. She welcomed the joint TPSF-HELVETAS solution by starting an industrial reserve in Mbeya town that will have cold rooms and pro-export facilities.

Contacted for comment in Dar es Salaam, the TPSF Chairman, Angelina Ngalula said they were keen on the project because, she said, other stakeholders in the project were equally enthusiastic and serious.

"We look forward to replicating this kind project in other regions. That is our ambition, that is our hope," she said but could not name other prospective regions for similar projects.

During the handing-over ceremony last week attended by Ngalula, Mbeya Regional Commissioner Albert Chalamila, praised HELVETAS for supporting fruit and vegetable processors in Mbeya Region, especially members of Kibowavi Project.



Rohi company director Rose Muriahela (R) briefs Tanzania Private Sector Foundation chairperson Angelina Ngalula (L), who was on a tour of small and medium entrepreneurs' pavilions in Mbeya city last week. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## IOGT·NTO·MOVEMENT JOB VACANCY

The IOGT-NTO Movement East Africa Office (EAO) is currently looking for a new Finance Assistant/Communications Officer for our office in East Africa. The position is based in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. The region comprises of Tanzania, Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda and Burundi. Currently the regional program is funding 14 partners in these five countries.

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## BUSINESS

## Tanzania, Japan mark 40 years of close links in boosting agriculture

By Guardian Reporter

THE Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) is today celebrating the completion of its latest agriculture development projects in Tanzania as part of cooperation history that started over 40 years ago.

The agency said in a statement yesterday that Project for Capacity Development for the Promotion of Irrigation Scheme Development under the District Agricultural Development Plans (DADP) Phase Two, comes to its completion today after five years.

"To mark its completion, a Joint Coordination Committee (JCC) meeting chaired by the Director General of the National Irrigation Commission as the project director with participation of other stakeholders, will be held," reads the statement.

"Moreover, the JCC will also mark the completion of a long-lasting series of technical cooperation projects for 13 years."

In collaboration with the government, JICA said it has been grappling with the agricultural development in Tanzania for more than 45 years, starting with the formulation of the Kilimanjaro Region Integrated Development Plan in 1974, followed by various cooperation projects including the development of the Lower Moshi Irrigation Scheme and National Irrigation Master Plan of 2002 and 2018.

In 2007, JICA commenced a new technical cooperation project called Formulation and Training on Guideline for Irrigation Scheme Development, which was afterwards named Pre-TANCAID (2007-2010) whereby TANCAID stands for Tanzania Capacity-building for Irrigation Development. This project was succeeded by TANCAID1 (2010-2014) and then by TANCAID2 (2015-2020, ongoing).

During the project period of TANCAID2 for five years, JICA says a total of 3,000 irrigation engineers and staff,



3,400 local government officers, and 9,300 farmers of IOs, counted based on the number of participation to the trainings, were trained and capacitated.

"It is expected that each party will duly take over the activities assisted by TANCAID2 with respective role and responsibility. Moreover, the application of CGL in any irrigation development, which is required by the Act as mentioned above, is to be announced officially by the government of Tanzania. All these efforts and actions are meant to ensure the sustainability of the project," reads the advisory.

The agency said a series of these projects aims at establishing and disseminating an effective technical guideline covering the whole lifecycle of irrigation development, that is to say, from formulation (planning and design), implementation (construction), to operation and maintenance.

Thanks to these efforts, a guideline called the Comprehensive Guideline for Irrigation Scheme Development (CGL) has now been incorporated in the National Irrigation Act 2013 and requires that every irrigation development project, including even those funded by other development partners must follow the process stipulated in the CGL. The enactment of this act was also supported by the projects.

"The objective of CGL is to provide a standardized technical foundation of Irrigation development in order to make it more efficient with assured quality. In parallel, the projects have also been capacitating irrigation engineers of the central government (such as those who are working for the National Irrigation Commission (NIRC) of the Ministry of Agriculture), irrigation officers at local

governments, and also farmers in Irrigators' Organizations (IOs), so that the CGL can be well embedded in all activities related to irrigation development," reads the advisory.

In TANCAID2, CGL has been revised four times to accommodate the challenges encountered during the field practices, and many other relevant technical manuals, such as the one for efficient and equitable water distribution, construction supervision and others were drafted or revised as well.

Also, experienced Japanese experts provided NIRC engineers who are main counterparts of the project with a variety of training programmes such as the site management and farmer participatory repair work.

"The project has also been supporting the application and practice of CGL and relevant manuals in 44 irrigation schemes nationwide with on-the-job training programmes to NIRC engineers, related local government officers and farmers in Irrigators' Organizations," reads the statement.

TANCAID2 has been working with Sokoine University of Agriculture (SUA), Arusha Technical College (ATC), and the Ministry of Agriculture Training Institutes (MATIs) so that these institutions may introduce and use CGL in their relevant training courses and curricula.

"This is an attempt to disseminate CGL to potential future engineers and officers in charge of irrigation, and to sustain the project achievements even up to the next generations. JICA believes that Tanzania is going to further expand as well as consolidate the technical cornerstone of irrigation development in Tanzania which has been established through a series of technical cooperation projects through the support of JICA."

### DIVERSIFICATION

## EA business body to explore opportunities in DR Congo

KIGALI

IN light of the DR Congo's interest in joining the East African Community (EAC), the East African Business Council is undertaking a study on the opportunities for trade in the vast neighbouring country "to increase knowledge on trade opportunities" mainly for SMEs in the region.

This comes after DR Congo President Félix Tshisekedi on June 8, 2019 wrote to the EAC Chairman, President Paul Kagame of Rwanda, expressing his country's wish to be a member of the regional bloc currently comprising Rwanda, Burundi, Uganda, Kenya, South Sudan and Tanzania. Peter Mathuki, the Chief Executive Officer of the EABC told The New Times that the study is being conducted in collaboration with GIZ.

The study is slated to be launched virtually on Wednesday, August 19. He said it will, among others, help

identify the key supply markets of the DR Congo, "thus enabling SMEs to gauge or even benchmark on the competition."

Mathuki added: "The DR Congo has applied to join the East African Community as the seventh partner state. This study is set to find out the market opportunities that SMEs in EAC can tap into, to export commodities urgently needed for the development of the country such as plastics and rubber, processed foodstuffs, textiles and leather."

"The study will enable SMEs in the EAC to realign and focus their operations to match the growing opportunities in the DR Congo."

The regional "business for development project," Mathuki explained, is a joint initiative by the Federation of German Industry BDI; the Federal German Ministry for Cooperation and Development (BMZ); the EABC and the EAC Secretariat.

It is noted that by working with



Peter Mathuki, Chief Executive Officer of EABC.

selected 74 growth-oriented small and medium enterprises (SMEs) across East Africa, the pilot project

aims to improve their economic perspectives by increasing productivity, competitiveness, and innovation.

According to the EABC, study findings indicate that the EAC's exports to DR Congo stood at US\$7.4 billion

in 2018.

Mathuki said that with a potential market of approximately 81 million consumers, the DR Congo offers great market opportunities for EAC SMEs to export plastics and rubber, processed foodstuffs, textiles and leather.

Theoneste Ntagengerwa, the Rwanda Private Sector Federation (PSF) Spokesperson said: "DR Congo is our good trading partner and as the Private Sector Federation we are always looking for opportunities for Rwandan businesses."

"Any information on how we can improve our trade relation with DR Congo will be of great importance given the current trade between our two countries but also the great potential of the trade between DR Congo and EAC. We can only welcome this initiative as we always value information that opens new horizons for our business community."

### FEMINISM

## Women step out of the shadows on Kumba exploration project

CAPE TOWN

IN early 2018, JSE-listed Kumba Iron Ore said it was considering a 'step-out' strategy, having in the previous year restructured its Sishen mine in the Northern Cape – a move that cut the operation's life to 13 years from 17 years previously.

The strategy was about exploring for new resources and included possible acquisitions that Themba Mkhwanazi, CEO of Kumba, said at the time would be opportunistic. That strategy is now bearing some fruit following the announcement in July of its R7bn Kapstev project – an exploration project that will extend the life of Kolomela, another of Kumba's mines.

The company also disclosed it was drilling on two other projects – Ploegfontein and Heuningkrans in the Northern Cape. These are recent property acquisitions that, if developed, will help Kumba take the average life of its Sishen and Kolomela mines

from their current 13 years to 20 – an effort that will absorb R200m in exploration budget annually.

Extending the life of iron ore – a commodity the price of which is soaring amid major supply interruptions in Brazil – is a shuddering no-brainer for Kumba and its 70% shareholder, Anglo American.

The Northern Cape is rich in iron ore, which is used in making steel, not to mention other minerals, which Mkhwanazi intriguingly said might also fall in the remit of Kumba, in time. So, it makes sense to be securing the firm's future, given the health of iron ore's economics and the type of iron ore Kumba produces.

This is high-value, so-called 'lumpy' iron ore that burns more efficiently in furnaces with a better carbon footprint than 'fines' iron ore that is supplied by much of the firm's competitors.

So, with the admittedly un-

glamorous activity of drilling such a central part of Kumba's future, it's fascinating to see the establishment of the firm's – and possibly SA's – first all-women drilling crew, handed the responsibility of solving the mining firm's existential questions by Kumba's drilling contractor, Rosond.

According to Stuart MacGregor, head of exploration for Kumba, the mechanisation of drilling has helped women step out of the shadows because it has removed some of the heavy lifting that may have been a deterrent in the past.

While the all-women crew comprise just four of some 100 employees that Rosond has on the Kumba project team, there's an aspiration to have women represent 25% to 30% of the total drilling team in time.

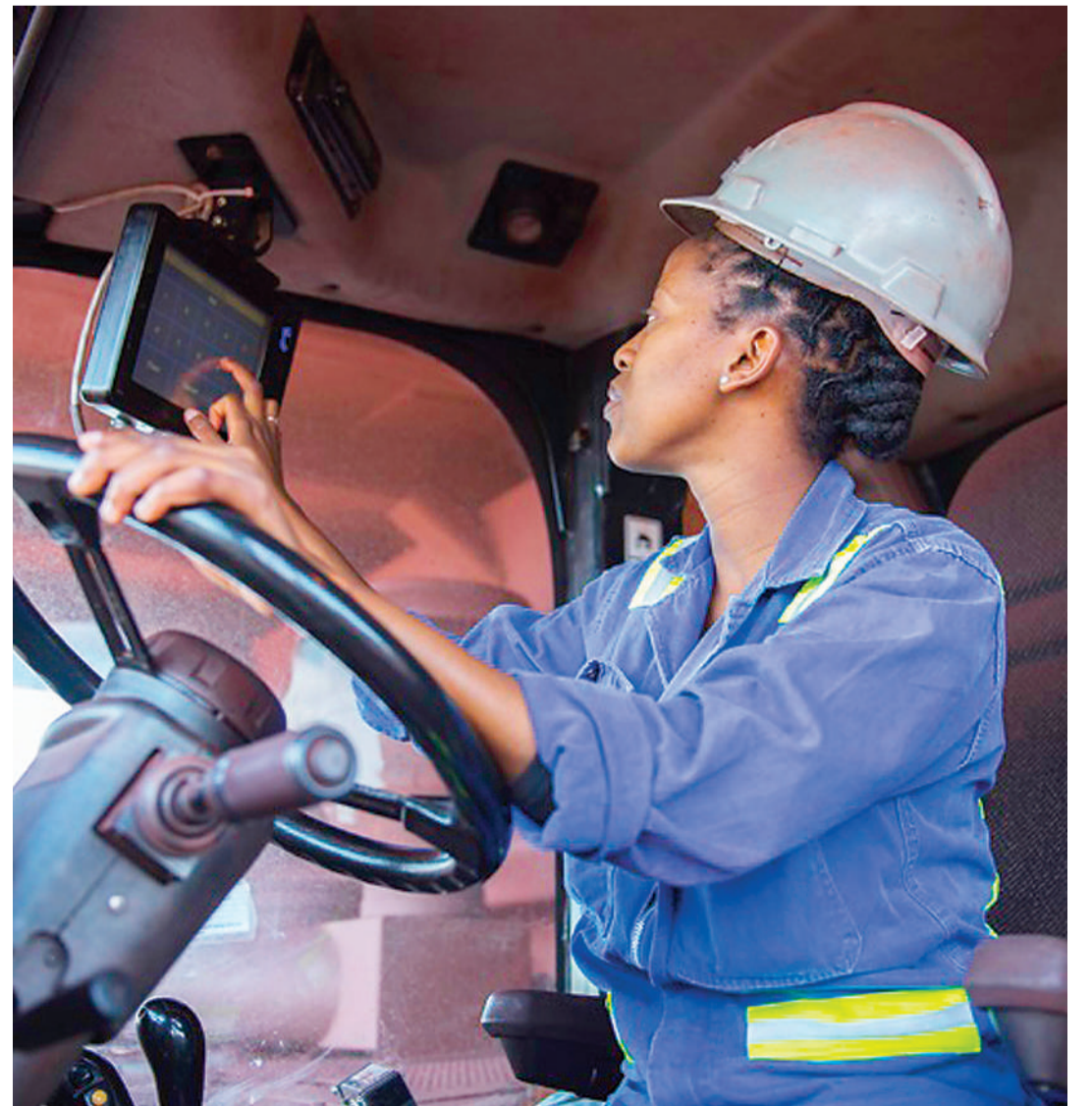
"There's quite a bit of competitiveness between the women and the men. You know the men don't want to be outdone," said MacGregor in an interview with

finweek. But there are already clear benefits: women operate the machines with more care. This confirms a finding of the SA chapter of 'Women in Mining', which said women in mining tend not to break machines; that makes them more capital efficient than their male counterparts.

"The work they are doing is diamond drilling, pressure drilling ... the first stage of finding resources. There are currently 32 drilling teams working on one project, so this is a major push drilling thousands of metres," said MacGregor.

Exploration drilling doesn't require tertiary education, which means there's reach into the community at exactly the level where new employment has the most benefit for SA.

"It's great to see," said MacGregor. "The women are coming in, drawing a salary and growing in confidence." For Kumba, women comprise about 24% of total employees.



Tshepo Balepile is one of a number of female Cat 777 haul truck operators on Kolomela Iron Ore Mine.

## CRACKDOWN

## Mozambique holding 100 containers loaded with 'suspect' timber

MAPUTO

MOZAMBICAN authorities seized more than 100 illegal containers of timber on a ship in the port of Pemba, in the northern province of Cabo Delgado, an official source told Lusa.

"The seizure was the result of a tip off. We went to the scene and it was confirmed. Part of the wood was in containers on the ship and the other still being loaded," said Arsénio Chelengo, coordinator of the forestry inspection department of the National Agency for Environmental Quality Control (AQUA). Of the total 102 containers, 78 had logged timber and 24 containers had processed timber, he advanced, adding that in Mozambique the export of logged timber is prohibited.

The timber, of the umbila and jambire species, was destined for China, according to the authorities. Several national and international reports have indicated that Mozambique is the scene of environmental crimes, including illegal logging, warning of the consequences of high levels of deforestation.

To reduce the pressure on forest resources, some restrictive measures have been implemented in the last five years to reverse the scenario. Official data said that Mozambique loses at least €140 million annually due to timber smuggling.



Dodoma regional commissioner Dr Binilith Mahenge (2nd R), cuts a ribbon to inaugurate Absa Bank Tanzania's Dodoma branch yesterday. Photo courtesy of Absa.

## CONCERN

## Google severely criticises Australia over paid news plan

SYDNEY

INTERNET giant Google on Monday criticised proposed Australian anti-trust laws, saying its free search service would be "at risk" and users' personal data could be shared if it is made to pay news organisations for their content.

The Alphabet-owned company said the proposed laws would also help big media companies artificially inflate their search rankings, luring more viewers to their platforms and giving them an unfair advantage over small publishers and users of Google's YouTube streaming website.

The statement, advertised on Google's main search page, marks an escalation of tensions between big tech companies and the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC), which has called for sweeping changes to rein in how Google and social media titan Facebook use local content and consumer data.

"You've always relied on Google Search and YouTube to show you what's most relevant and helpful to you," Google Australia MD Mel Silva wrote in the open letter. "We could no longer guarantee that under this law." The proposed law "wouldn't just impact the way Google and YouTube work with news media businesses, it would impact all of our Australian users" she wrote. The ACCC accused Google of publishing "misinformation" and said the laws would not require the US company to charge Australians for its services or share any personal data.

The proposed law would "allow Australian news businesses to negotiate for fair payment for their journalists' work that is included on Google services", ACCC chair Rod Sims said in a statement. "This will address a significant bargaining power imbalance between Australian news media businesses and Google and Facebook," he added.

## RECORD

## South Africans invested a record R88bn in unit trusts during lockdown

JOHANNESBURG

DURING the second quarter of 2020, at the height of South Africa's lockdown during the coronavirus crisis, South Africans invested a net R88 billion into local unit trusts - the biggest net quarterly inflow on record.

There was a massive rush into money market funds, which attracted R48 billion in just three months. Money market funds are among the most conservative investments around, and seek to give a better return than a one- to three-year fixed deposit bank accounts.

Unit trusts that invest in South African government bonds and other interest-rate paying assets also attracted billions in new investments. Traditionally, unit trusts that invest in shares outperform these funds. But this has not been the case in recent years.

SA Interest Bearing Short-term funds (unit trusts that invest in bonds and other interest-bearing assets) and Money Market funds on average outperformed inflation as well as unit trusts that invest in shares (net of fees) over the one year and five year periods to the end of June 2020, says Sunette Mulder, senior policy advisor at the Association for Savings and Investment South Africa (ASISA). "The low volatility of these portfolios combined with their inflation-beating performance makes them an obvious choice for risk averse investors."

Mulder says the record investments in unit trusts in the past quarter came as a surprise considering the volatile investment environment and uncertainty created by the Covid-19 pandemic.

In February this year, stock markets across the world suffered their largest losses in decades. Since then, however, markets have started to recover, with the JSE now higher than it was at the start of the year.

## CRISIS

## Zanzibar's tourism suffers from Covid-19 impact

By Francis Kajubi

ONLY 757 foreign tourists arrived in Zanzibar during the second quarter ending June 2020 compared to 72,487 who did so during a similar period last year as the coronavirus pandemic takes its toll.

The Spice Islands which heavily depends on tourism as the main foreign currency earner was never imposed a lockdown but travel restrictions imposed by Western countries in addition to the grounding of major airlines impacted on the industry. Bank of Tanzania's Quarterly Economic Bulletin released last week said the COVID-19 pandemic has caused Zanzibar to register the lowest number of tourist arrivals for the past three years.

"Most of tourist arrivals in the second quarter came from Europe, mainly United Kingdom, Germany, Italy and France which accounted for 57.7 percent of the total, followed by Asia which had 14.4 percent," the report said.

The report said in comparison, the number of tourist arrivals in the first quarter topped 141,097 which was an increase compared to 129,989 who did so during a corresponding period last year and in 2018 when 38,944 arrived.

Meanwhile, the poor tourist numbers also impacted on the Isles gross domestic product growth which stood at 1.8 percent during the quarter ending March 2020, which was lower than 5.3 percent registered in the corresponding quarter last year.

"Economic activities that were mostly affected include accommodation and food services, information and communication, finance and insurance, and transport and storage," the BoT report noted.

Accommodation and food services contracted by 14.1 percent compared to a growth of 11.6 percent in the quarter ending March 2019 also because of a decline in the number of tourist arrivals. But Zanzibar did well in clove exports, its second highest export earner which grew significantly to 141.9 metric tons from 19.1 tons during the period under review.



Foreign tourists arrived at Abeid Karume International Airport in Zanzibar earlier this year before Covid-19 struck.

## RELIEF

## Maize cost fall signals lower price for flour

NAIROBI

THE price of maize has dropped further following the start of harvesting in the South Rift with a 90-kilogramme bag declining to Sh2,800, signalling lower cost of flour for consumers.

This is the first time that the price of maize has dropped below Sh3,000 in almost a year, with the high prices helping keep the price of flour at a high of Sh120 for a two-kilo packet. Farmers in the South Rift have started harvesting their main crop with two million bags expected to be added to the market from the region.

Maize from South Rift, which comes two months to the start of the main harvesting season in the North Rift, normally plays a significant role in supplementing the available stocks in Kenya. However, farmers have raised concerns arguing that they need a selling price of over Sh3,000 to make profit.

"The prices have dropped follow-

ing the onset of harvesting in Narok and Bomet coupled with the imports that are coming in from Tanzania. For farmers to be in business, they need at least a price of Sh3,000 per bag," said Mr Anthony Kioko, chief executive officer of Cereal Growers Association. Mr Kioko said there has been an influx of maize from Tanzania in the recent days and this has also had an impact in the market.

Tanzania has been exporting a lot of maize to Kenya in the recent past following a good harvest. The price of maize had shot to a high of Sh3,800 in May because of the tightening supply in the market, prompting the government to allow imports outside East Africa.

Millers have imported 855,000 bags of white maize so far from a total of two million that they were allowed to ship in. However, most of them are yet to collect the commodity from Mombasa because of higher cost with a 90 kilo bag of imported maize going at Sh3,600 when it gets



The price of maize has dropped further following the start of harvesting in the South Rift.

to Nairobi.

The onset of harvesting is set to add pressure on imported maize as

millers are going to shun it for cheap local grain. The maize had been imported by traders who used millers'

licenses after the Treasury reduced the duty from 50 per cent to 14 per cent.









A green & high-tech industrial park located in Nanjing, SE China's Jiangsu Province. Fortune 500 company Tencent and others locate their R&D center here. (File photo)

## Chinese corporate giants on Fortune Global 500 list exceed US multinationals for first time

THE number of Chinese companies, including those from Hong Kong and Taiwan, stood at 133 on the Fortune Global 500 list for 2020, the first time China's number surpassed the US – which had 121 companies – according to the Fortune Global 500 released on Monday.

Also, the business revenues of the listed companies continued to expand, and their status in the world's top 500 grew too, the report said, adding that the operating conditions of Chinese companies have reached the average level of multinational companies.

In 2019, the average sales revenue of the world's top 500 companies was \$66.6 billion, and the average sales revenue of China's listed companies was \$66.9 billion.

The average net assets of the world's top 500 companies stood at \$36.4 billion, and the average net assets of China's listed companies stood at \$36.44 billion.

These two indicators are equal to or slightly higher than those of the Fortune Global 500. Huawei's ranking is up from No.61 last year to No. 49 amid pressure.

Chinese companies have moved forward since the list was compiled in 1995. In 1995, there were only four Chinese companies on the list, and since

them the number has kept rising, especially since 2008.

First, China's number surpassed Germany, France and the UK, and later it surpassed Japan.

In this year's rankings, the Chinese mainland and Hong Kong companies became the largest group of companies on the Fortune Global 500 list.

However, the profitability of Chinese companies is relatively low compared with overseas peers, as the average profit of the Fortune 500 is \$4.1 billion, while the average profit of China's listed companies is \$3.56 billion.

Compared with US-based companies, the gap is obvious.

On the 2020 list, the 124 Chinese mainland and Hong Kong companies have average sales revenue of \$66.9 billion, average net assets of \$36.4 billion, and average profits of \$3.6 billion. Their average profit is about half that of American companies.

Also, 10 Chinese banks entered the list this year, with a total profit of \$194.1 billion, accounting for 44 percent of the total profit of all listed Chinese companies.

This compared with eight listed banks in the US, which accounted for 15.7 percent of the total profit of all the listed US companies.

*Global Times*

## Lavrov, Pompeo discuss Putin's initiative on Persian Gulf security summit

MOSCOW



RUSSIAN Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov and US Secretary of State Michael Pompeo have discussed Russian President Vladimir Putin's initiative to organize a summit of the leader of the five United Nations Security Council permanent members, Germany and Iran on security in the Persian Gulf region, the Russian foreign ministry said on Sunday after their telephone conversation.

"The two top diplomats exchange views on Russian President Vladimir Putin's initiative to hold a meeting of the leaders of the UN Security Council member nations, Germany, and Iran to look for ways of ensuring lasting security in the Persian Gulf region with due account of concerns of all the sides," the ministry said.

According to the ministry, the Russian side reiterated its support to United Nations Security Council Resolution 2231 that created a legal basis for the implementation of the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) on the settlement of around the Iranian nuclear program.

"Lavrov (pictured) stressed that the signing of this agreement back in 2015 was a major political and diplomatic achievement geared to enhance the nuclear nonproliferation regime and regional security in the Middle East," it said.

"The sides also discussed a schedule of bilateral contacts for the immediate perspective," the ministry added.

On August 14, Russian President Vladimir Putin came out with an initiative to organize a summit of the United Nations Security Council permanent members, Germany and Iran to discuss problems of the implementation of the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA).

"We suggest holding an online meeting of the heads of state from the five permanent members of the UN Security Council and the leaders of Germany and Iran in the near future," the president said in a statement posted on the Kremlin website.

"The purpose is to identify steps that will allow for avoiding confrontation and an aggravation of the situation in the UN Security Council and for furnishing collective support for the further uninterrupted implementation of UN Security Council's Resolution 2231, which provided an international legal basis for JCPOA implementation."

*Agencies*

## India contacts Russia over COVID-19 vaccine

MOSCOW

INDIA through its embassy in Moscow has established contact with the Russian developer of the Sputnik V vaccine against the novel coronavirus infection, The Indian Express daily reported yesterday citing the government sources.

"The Indian Mission is engaging separately with the Russian side through our embassy in Moscow. We are now awaiting the safety and effi-

cacy data of this vaccine for Covid-19," the source specified.

Indian experts are also considering other vaccines against COVID-19, including those developed by British-Swedish pharmaceutical company AstraZeneca and American Moderna-NIAID.

Samples of these vaccines are currently at different stages of clinical trials, including Indian medical institutions.

A special national group of virology

experts on Monday recommended the Indian government to consider the issue of possible acquisition of these preparations.

On August 11, Russia became the first country worldwide to register the vaccine against the coronavirus which was named Sputnik V. The preparation was developed by the Gamaleya National Research Institute of Epidemiology and Microbiology of the Russian Healthcare Ministry. It passed clinical trials in June - July.

## China's consular staff from Houston touch down in Beijing



Chinese State Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi greets staff from the Chinese Consulate-General in Houston upon their arrival at the airport in Beijing, capital of China. A chartered flight carrying the staff from the Chinese Consulate-General in Houston arrived in Beijing Monday evening. (Xinhua)

BEIJING

THE staff from the recently closed Chinese Consulate General in Houston arrived in Beijing on Monday evening, with Chinese State Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi greeting them at the airport.

The staff were returning home for the first time since July 21, when the United States abruptly demanded that the Chinese Consulate General in Houston cease all operations and events within a specified time frame.

In his welcome speech, Wang said that, in the face of an unexpected incident, the Chinese consular staff had remained calm and unflappable, resolutely safeguarding the core interests of the country, the dignity of the country and the people, and the legitimate rights and interests of Chi-

nese agencies abroad in an extremely difficult and even dangerous environment.

Wang said that the Consulate General in Houston showed that the anti-China forces in the United States are undermining China-U.S. relations and deliberately trying to block China's development.

"But this is going against the tide of history, and it will never succeed!" he stressed.

In a recent exclusive interview with Xinhua, Wang said that the Chinese Consulate General in Houston was the first consulate general opened by China in the United States after the establishment of diplomatic ties, and it had always been an important symbol of China-U.S. friendship.

After the planned closure was announced in July, the Chinese Embassy

in the United States said in a statement, "It is a political provocation unilaterally launched by the U.S. side, which seriously violates international law, basic norms governing international relations and the bilateral consular agreement between China and the U.S." In a countermeasure, China demanded the closure of the U.S. Consulate General in Chengdu. The move was put into effect on July 27.

At the airport on Monday, Wang said that China firmly believes that China-U.S. relations will be revived after the current period of difficulty, adding that the destiny of China is in the hands of its people.

Under the leadership of the Communist Party of China, no one and no force can stop the nation from moving towards rejuvenation, Wang said.

*Xinhua*

## New Zealand's Ardern hits back at Trump over virus 'surge'

WELLINGTON

NEW ZEALAND Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern hit back on Tuesday against US President Donald Trump for saying her country is experiencing a "big surge" in COVID-19, calling the remarks "patently wrong".

Trump sparked uproar in New Zealand when he told a crowd in Minnesota that the South Pacific country of 5 million people was in the grip of a "terrible" upsurge in COVID-19 cases, having earlier succeeded in eliminating the disease.

Thirteen new infections were confirmed in New Zealand on Tuesday, taking the country's total number of cases since the pandemic began to 1,293, with 22 deaths. This compares with the US tally of more than 5.2 million cases and 170,000 deaths.

"You see what's going on in New Zealand?" Trump said.

"They beat it, they beat it, it was like front page they beat it ... because they wanted to show me something."

"The problem is ... big surge in New



Zealand, you know it's terrible. We don't want that."

Ardern (pictured) said there was no comparison between New Zealand's handful of new cases a day and the "tens of thousands" reported in the United States. "I think anyone who's following COVID and its transmission globally will quite easily see that New Zealand's nine cases in a day does not compare to the United States' tens of thousands, and in fact does not compare to most countries in the world," she told reporters.

"Obviously it's patently wrong," she said of Trump's comments.

"We are still one of the best-performing countries in the world when it

comes to COVID ... our workers are focused on keeping it that way."

New Zealand's death rate per 100,000 people, at about 0.44, is one of the lowest in the world thanks to strict lockdowns enforced early in the pandemic. The United States has a death rate of 5.21 per 100,000, one of the highest in the world.

MYSTERY OUTBREAK

New Zealand has fared far better than most countries during the pandemic, but an abrupt resurgence of COVID-19 last week in Auckland prompted the government to extend a lockdown for the city's 1.7 million residents until Aug 26, while social distancing rules are in place in other towns and cities.

The origin of the latest outbreak is still unknown, but authorities earlier on Tuesday ruled out the possibility that it came from frozen food items or freight.

"Seems clear now that the possibility is being ruled out from that investigation," Director General of Health Ashley Bloomfield told reporters. *Agencies*

## Canada finance minister resigns amid friction with Trudeau

OTTAWA

CANADA'S finance minister resigned on Monday amid friction with Prime Minister Justin Trudeau over spending policies and after coming under fire for his ties to a charity tapped to run a student grant programme.

Bill Morneau said he would not run for parliament again and would instead seek to become the next secretary general of the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD).

Just last week, Trudeau had expressed confidence in his finance minister as rumours swirled of a rift between the two men. Mor-

neau (pictured), 57, has been in the job since Trudeau's Liberals took power in 2015.

"This morning I went to the prime minister and I tendered my resignation," Morneau told reporters at a hastily arranged news conference on Monday evening.

"It's appropriate that the prime minister find someone with a longer term approach for the role, since I'm not running for office," he added.

Morneau's Toronto seat, a mix of low-income flats and million-dollar homes that the party has held since 1993, is unlikely to be at risk for the Liberals, who have a minority government.

One front-runner to replace Morneau is Deputy Prime Minister Chrystia Freeland, a close Trudeau ally, who has held several high-profile cabinet roles.

Morneau and his team have pushed back against other cabinet ministers about how much pandemic funding was needed, including to what extent the post-lockdown recovery could be helped by investing in environmental projects, sources told Reuters on Sunday.

Trudeau, who campaigned on a platform to tackle climate change, believes the 2021 budget should have an ambitious environmental element to start weaning the heavy-



ily oil-dependent economy off fossil fuels and he recently hired former Bank of England Governor Mark Carney as an informal adviser, aides say.

Canada's budget deficit is forecast to hit C\$343.2 billion (US\$253.4 billion), the largest shortfall since World War Two, this fiscal year. Total coronavirus support is nearly 14

percent of gross domestic product.

BMO Chief Economist Doug Porter said a policy shift was unlikely under Morneau's replacement given that "fiscal policy has been already pretty much running at full throttle".

"There has been the widespread perception that, ultimately, the policy thrust was being driven by the PM's office," he wrote in a research note.

CONSUMED BY SCANDAL

The Canadian dollar showed little reaction to the news.

"We had a little bit of a self-rumour type weakness in the lead up to the resignation," said Ray

Attrill, head of forex strategy at National Australia Bank in Sydney. "There doesn't seem to be any suggestion at this stage that this any broader implications for the Canadian government."

Other possible replacements for the key post include Foreign Minister Francois-Philippe Champagne and President of Canada's Treasury Board Jean-Yves Duclos.

In a statement, Trudeau thanked Morneau for his service over the past five years and said he would "vigorously support" Morneau's bid to head the OECD.

OECD nominations are due by October. The United States plans to nominate deputy White House

## Mobile medical team helps residents in N. China regain sight

THANKS to a mobile medical team, a senior resident surnamed Chang in Weizhou county, Zhangjiakou, North China's Hebei Province, recovered her vision in 2018.

Chang lost her husband and two sons to disease in three years and the grief almost took away her eyesight. Local hospital suggested that Chang go to a major city for surgery, but the great expense was a huge problem for her.

Fortunately, the mobile medical team visited Weizhou county in 2018 and successfully completed a surgery for Chang, who is still emotional every time she speaks of the medical aid.

For 15 years, the mobile team staffed with medical professionals in treating cataract from Hebei Province, has traveled about 300,000 kilometers and cured a total of 23,605 impoverished residents suffering from eye problems in Zhangjiakou and other places for free, exempting over 59 million yuan (about \$8.5 million) of medical expenses for them.

Parts of the regions in Zhangjiakou are exposed to strong ultraviolet rays, which results in relatively high incidence rate of cataract.

As many patients live in remote villages and a quite amount of them are stricken by poverty, they couldn't afford to take cataract surgeries, which may cost several thousand yuan. Therefore, they had no choice but to let the disease to get worse.

In 2005, the medical team was established under the request of the health department of Hebei Province. Receiving poverty-alleviation fund and an operation van, the team started a long march of medical poverty alleviation.

From June to August every year, the vehicle would travel across the counties in Hebei Province. It stays in each county for five days at most and performs over 40 surgeries every day.

The local government departments would inform the patients in advance, said Wang Yingwei, head nurse of the medical team, adding that some patients who missed the treatment in their counties would even follow the medical team to its next stop.

"Though we were tired from the daily grind, we would still perform surgeries for them who followed us in off hours," Wang said.

"It's nothing to us, but if the patients didn't receive timely treatment, they would face another year of darkness," said Niu Shihe, head of the mobile medical team.

During the first several years, those who came for the surgeries were patients who had lost their sight for many years, said a member of the medical team.

Due to his eye problem, a senior patient didn't even have the choice to see his grandson since the latter was born, but thanks to the medical team, his grandson for the first time appeared in his eyes.

Liu Zhefeng has worked for the mobile medical team for 15 years and even after he retired, the 72-year-old medical worker still volunteered to help poverty-stricken residents with the medical team.

A patient from an impoverished household who regains eyesight will alleviate the burden of the family, and might even get rid of poverty and improve the family's livelihood, said Liu, adding that they want to help as many as possible.

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Arusha's Sheikh Amri Abeid Memorial Stadium.

## Sheikh Amri Abeid Stadium has horrid dressing rooms, says TFF

By Correspondent Marc Nkwame, Arusha

WHILE the preparations for the highly anticipated Charity Shield game between one of the country's oldest soccer outfits, Simba Sports Club, and Namungo FC of Ruangwa, Lindi, slated to take place in Arusha on August 29, are in final stages, something horrid has been discovered at the intended venue, Sheikh Amri Abeid Memorial Stadium.

As it happens, the delegation from Tanzania Football Federation (TFF), which camped in Arusha to inspect the arena, has discovered that the dressing rooms at the Sheikh Amri Abeid Memorial Stadium are in pathetic condition.

"We want to start sending national and international teams and soccer matches to Arusha but the changing rooms at the city's stadium are in horrid forms, therefore the arena management should ensure that the facilities are improved," TFF president, Wallace Karia, stated.

The clash will as well serve as a curtain raiser for the forthcoming Mainland Premier League, slated to kick off early next month.

The TFF president said while on the other hand, the arrangements for the Charity Shield match are in place, firms and companies in the tourist city of Arusha should also start taking advantage of the grand promotion opportunity.



SportPesa's Public Relations Manager, Sabrina Msuya (L), hands over sports equipment to Simba SC's official, Hamisi Kisiwa, at Uhuru Stadium in Dar es Salaam yesterday. The equipment is meant for the city's clubs, Dar City FC and Tandale FC. Looking on are Dar City FC and Tandale FC's officials as players. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

## Hopes abound for wheelchair tennis

By Correspondent Lloyd Elipokea

ENTHUSIASTS, well-wishers and aficionados of wheelchair tennis received immensely cheering news lately when the Tanzania Tennis Association (TTA) revealed that plans are afoot to eventually set up a Tanzania wheelchair tennis association one day in the not-too-distant future.

Indeed, the revelation will hopefully serve to revive domestic wheelchair tennis, which, in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic, has been understandably going through a rocky patch.

Needless to say, COVID-19 has dealt us all a swinging blow, and each one of us is battling to fight the good fight one day at a time.

However, although admittedly COVID-19 has been a genuinely nightmarish and hellish experience for all of us, spare a thought, if you will, for those who are less fortunate, such as persons with disabilities (PWDs).

Clearly, one doesn't need to have graduated summa cum laude from Harvard or MIT (Massachusetts Institute of Technology) to figure out that PWDs have found it exceedingly daunting to grapple with COVID-19, which can be fairly described as a modern era pestilence.

Like it or loathe it, this also means of course that PWDs, who are thriving and vibrant sportsmen, have been forgotten as we able-bodied folk try our utmost to adjust to the new world ushered in by COVID-19, that includes such tell-tale features like 'social



Tanzania Paralympic Committee (TPC) secretary general, Tuma Dandi.

distancing' and 'mask-wearing' among other protective measures.

Still, one cannot get away from the fact that the imminent formation of a domestic wheelchair tennis association is unquestionably uplifting news, which comes like a breath of fresh air.

That being said, as these important plans get underway, this writer would modestly like to advise those concerned to be cognizant of a few significant factors.

One such critical factor is funding. Indeed, we have been privy to sadly behold how other low profile sports associations have struggled painfully and agonizingly with chronic issues

pertaining to a lack of funding.

These associations on the domestic sports patch include the Netball Association of Tanzania (Chaneta), Athletics Tanzania (AT), and the Tanzania Hockey Association (THA), among others.

So, one hopes that funding concerns are factored into the equation much earlier on.

Another issue of huge import which should be weighed heavily is promotion.

Indeed, once formed, the new association will have to get the word out across the vast expanse of this country that people, who are unfortunately wheelchair-bound can Not only play

tennis but indeed play it impeccably well too.

Let us now switch gears to tackle the thorny matter of women's representation in leadership positions of African football.

It is undeniably true that the status quo of women leaders in African football has changed enormously for the better.

Still, the continent's football governing body, Confederation of African Football, CAF, has never had a woman comfortably ensconced in the plum job of president of the federation.

To be fair, as alluded to earlier, CAF has made great strides where this critical issue is concerned.

For example, the prestigious body announced lately that it will soon set up a CAF Women's Champions League, which was news that was greeted with jubilation right around Africa.

Full marks, then, to CAF for that excellent move. So, why not a female president?

I mean, we have had Joyce Banda as President of Malawi and we have had Ellen Johnson Sirleaf as the Liberian President.

Ergo, why not have a woman running African football's top-most body?

## Company's promotion to unveil singing and dancing talents

By Guardian Reporter

QUITE often, we forget why we are here. Caught in an endless, empty race without a real prize, we run each day trying to fulfill our own expectations, other people's expectations, or just simply blindly follow rules we do not understand.

We forget what the real reason for our existence is, to enjoy it. People who enjoy life do not just live better they may also live longer, that is what some researchers tell us.

By understanding the importance of enjoying life, Serengeti Breweries Limited (SBL), last week, unveiled an exciting, engaging promotion campaign, dubbed 'Serebuka', which aims at motivating Tanzanians to celebrate life to the fullest.

According to SBL's Serengeti Premium Lager brand's Head, Anitha Msangi, the 'Serebuka' campaign is for all Tanzanians and is meant to cheer up consumers and ensure that they have that rare opportunity of enjoying themselves as they enjoy the company's loved brands.

Anitha said consumers will have the chance to 'Serebuka' by uploading videos of themselves participating in an Anthem Challenge to win fantastic branded prizes.

She said the consumers could also win up to 1m/- in cash prize. The 'Serebuka' anthem, she noted, will be available for downloading on 'Mdundo', Facebook, Instagram after which consumers can record their own.

"Consumers will also get a chance to interact with four different 'Chui' characters that will be entertaining them across the country for the next three months and there are lots of goodies in store for those who participate," Anitha stated.

Serengeti Premium Lager, a beer brewed by one of the original and truly renowned Tanzanian brew masters will bring to consumers the 'Serebuka Asilimia Mia' that will allow people celebrate the 'proud patriotic individuals', the SBL official noted.

The beer, the SBL official added, will moreover encourage customers to enjoy socialization moments in a uniquely Tanzanian way and do so to the fullest.

"With 'Serebuka Asilimia Mia na Serengeti Lager', we will mainly cover three pillars- music, food and sports," she said.

She noted that under the music pillar, there will be two challenges, the 'Serebuka Dance' challenge and 'Serebuka Anthem' challenge.

Anitha pointed out that Tanzanians nationwide are allowed to participate in either one or both



Dancers that form the 'Serebuka' troupe perform a beat, known as 'Serebuka Sebene', during the launch of 'Serebuka' campaign, organized by Serengeti Breweries Limited (SBL), in Dar es Salaam recently. Fans will stand a chance to win various prizes by recording themselves dancing the 'Sebene' on their own way. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

challenges.

"They can participate by submitting a video of individual/group of friends singing a rendition of the 'Serebuka Anthem', which will be available for download for free on the 'Mdundo' site."

"They can as well submit a video of individual/group of friends stacking the dance moves in the 'Serebuka Dance' video that will be released to the public on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter using the hashtag, #SerebukaAsilimiaMiaNaSerengetiLager," she said.

She added: "Under the food pillar, we have 'Diko Asilimia Mia', a mix of meals and desserts that have been specially crafted using Serengeti Premium Lager as one of the ingredients. A unique twist to the food-alcohol relationship, don't you think?"

She noted every Monday will be a special day for 'Chui Wa Miyeyusho'- who is on the hunt for wise crackers and comedians like

him. She stated that people will have to submit videos of themselves reciting their best jokes, weekly winners will then be selected and rewarded.

"We will also filter and choose overall winners per region to compete at the monthly on-ground event," she stated.

Every Wednesday, Anitha disclosed, will be 'Chui Mnyamwezi' day - being the ladies' man, he will hand out various BOGOF coupons for the ladies that will participate on his weekly quiz/challenge.

"They can use this coupon when purchasing Serengeti Lite on our e-commerce partner sites Piki, Yamee OR Foodsasa," the SBL official disclosed.

She noted: "Every Friday will be 'Chui wa Konekshen' day - his job will be to discover Friday plot ideas from the fans. Those with the most interesting plans will be extended an exclusive virtual happy hour coupon available for purchase our e-commerce

partner sites Piki, Yamee & Foodsasa".

According to her, only those that make it to his list will be able to access these deals.

He will also be in charge of sharing updates on upcoming 'Serebuka' parties and hand out merchandise for the cool kids.

She disclosed: "Every Saturday, on the other hand, will be 'Chui wa Facts' day - his main role is to provide tips on how to Serebuka responsibly. He has lots of tricks up his sleeve and is part of the crew to ensure he helps us all maintain that 'Serebuka' mood and continue to enjoy every sip of The 'Only Lite With A Bite' Serengeti Lite".

## Barcelona sack Setien, Koeman favourite to take charge

BARCELONA

BARCELONA have sacked Quique Setien as coach, the club confirmed on Monday, with Ronald Koeman the frontrunner to be his replacement.

"The new coach will be announced in the coming days as part of a wide ranging restructuring of the first team," Barca said on Twitter.

Setien was only appointed in January but has paid the price for Barca surrendering the La Liga title to Real Madrid and then being humiliated by Bayern Munich in the Champions League.

His exit was finalised during an emergency board meeting at Camp Nou, which lasted almost six hours and saw Koeman emerge as the favoured choice to take charge.

The club also announced next year's presidential elections, scheduled for June, will be brought forward to March 15.

Angry supporters had hoped they would be held immediately but that possibility was ruled out, meaning under-fire president Josep Maria Bartomeu will continue.

"After analysing all the options, the Board considers that this (March 15) is the most viable date for holding these elections," the statement continued.

"The Board understands that the immediate call for elections is not feasible considering the league will begin on the weekend of September 12 and due to the economic and social framework caused by the Covid-19 crisis."

Setien's successor will still be under pressure to deliver quickly given a new board next year could install their own coach, with Xavi Hernandez linking himself to rival presidential candidate Victor Font.

Koeman has been in charge of the Dutch national team since 2018 and is due to lead them at the postponed European Championship next year and the World Cup in 2022.

Mauricio Pochettino was also considered but his previous comments dismissing Barca due to his links with rivals Espanyol have counted against him.

Koeman and his agent were negotiating a two-year contract on Monday night, according to reports in Spain, with the second year dependent on the outcome of the presidential elections.

He enjoys hero-status at Barcelona after starring for them as a player under Johan Cruyff and scoring the winning goal in the 1992 European Cup final.

But his coaching career has been

mixed and he would arrive at a club in crisis, with one of his first tasks to persuade captain Lionel Messi not to depart.

- Messi future uncertain -

Shortly before the board meeting began on Monday, sources at Barcelona insisted the club had not heard anything from Messi about wanting to leave.

But the 33-year-old has grown increasingly frustrated in recent months and a report from Espor Interativo on Sunday claimed he has made up his mind to find a new club this summer.

Gerard Pique said he would depart if it was necessary and it remains to be seen which players are considered surplus to requirements.

Any recovery might be focused on youth, with Ansu Fati, Riqui Puig and Frenkie de Jong leading the next generation.

Koeman will know the scale of the challenge at Barcelona, where an ageing team ended up lost under Setien, who failed to convince the players of his methods.

Setien oversaw 16 wins, four draws and five defeats from his 25 games in charge.

Despite the occasional high-scoring win and some eye-catching spells of the possession football he craves, Barcelona were also ponderous, disjointed and defensively weak.

Before the three-month suspension, they lost the Clasico to Real Madrid and after it, they drew against Sevilla, Celta Vigo and Atletico Madrid.

After defeat by Osasuna effectively handed Madrid the title, Messi vented his frustration, pointedly saying the team had been a mess since January, which was when Setien was appointed.

Setien, meanwhile, admitted he had never managed a dressing room like Barca's and few place the blame for the club's decline at his feet.

Most of the fans' fury is directed at Bartomeu and the board, who have alienated the dressing room and made too many mistakes in the transfer market.

There was no mention of sporting director Eric Abidal in the club's statements and it appears he will continue for now.

Abidal drew public criticism from Messi in February after suggesting the players were responsible for the sacking of Ernesto Valverde. He is also believed to have been key to the appointment of Setien.

AFP

## Barca count cost of gamble on Setien

BARCELONA

IN the wake of Barcelona's 8-2 defeat by Bayern Munich to exit the Champions League, Spanish newspaper Sport declared that coach Quique Setien could not remain at the club 'for one more day' after presiding over such a historic humiliation.

The newspaper got their way as Setien was sacked on Monday, the first casualty of the Bayern bloodbath. But the fact that the 61-year-old was ever handed the keys to the Camp Nou should be regarded as one of the club's biggest ever mistakes.

In a move that seemed to sum up the club's motto of 'More than a Club', last January Barca took the surprising decision to sack Ernesto Valverde, whose side were top of La Liga at the time and had swept to back-to-back Spanish titles.

Merely winning matches and trophies, the decision seemed to suggest, was no longer deemed good enough for a club that prides itself on producing top-class entertainment on the pitch.

But after being rejected by Xavi Hernandez and Ronald Koeman, Barca landed on Setien, who had never won a trophy and bizarrely remarked in his presentation that he got the call to coach Barca while strolling among cows in the countryside.

His previous biggest job was with Real Betis, where he presided over spectacular wins against the likes of Real Madrid, Barca and AC Milan but was ultimately sacked after a poor second season which saw him face mass protests from supporters.

An engaging and often idealistic

coach, Setien was chosen due to his devotion to the coaching philosophy of Barca's iconic Johan Cruyff but he quickly proved to be hopelessly behind the times as the club's gamble badly backfired.

His side often served up soporific football that was slow and ponderous and frequently failed to win the games that mattered most, something Valverde usually managed, even if the football was not always exciting.

Setien's Barca lost to Valencia and Real Madrid while drawing with Atletico Madrid, Sevilla and Celta Vigo, the latter three results coming in the final stretch of the season as they meekly surrendered the title to Real.

They did manage one outstanding performance in a 4-1 win over Villarreal but that was very much the exception that proved the rule, and another disappointment was just around the corner as the team lost 2-1 at home to Osasuna.

The usually softly-spoken and shy Lionel Messi let rip after that game, appearing to blame Setien for the team's predicament as he declared: "Ever since January it has been all bad."

Messi finished his tirade by declaring Barca had no hope of winning the Champions League but surely not even he could have predicted his team would be beaten so brutally by Bayern.

But perhaps Setien's disastrous performance in the Champions League should have come as no surprise.

After all, he had never taken charge of a game in Europe's top competition before leaving the serene countryside and grazing cows for the bear pit that is the Barca job.

REUTERS

# Upstart Lyon fuels debate on how to reform Champions League

GENEVA

BY eliminating wealthier rivals to surprisingly reach the Champions League semifinals, Lyon has followed Ajax last year as an uplifting story for soccer's most prized club competition.

Lyon has beaten Manchester City and Juventus, one year after Ajax sent Juventus and Real Madrid home early, to make the Champions League seem more vibrant and less of a closed shop than some elite clubs want.

Now Lyon faces the same test Ajax failed – to become the longest-shot European champion in a generation to guarantee a return to next season's competition.

Their exploits will feed into a revived debate about how to reform UEFA club competitions ahead of the 2024-25 season.

UEFA said Monday talks "will soon restart with all stakeholders, and no decisions have been taken."

Before the debate stalled last year – when domestic leagues and mid-sized clubs opposed plans favoring a wealthy elite – one idea aired was to reward Champions League semifinalists starting in 2025 with a place in the next group stage.

After a seventh-place finish in the French league, which ended early because of the pandemic, Lyon will miss out on European soccer completely if it doesn't win the Champions League – which earns an automatic spot in next season's group stage.

Standing in Lyon's way is Bayern Munich, which is heavily favored in their semifinal on Wednesday. Leipzig or Paris Saint-Germain awaits in Sunday's final in Lisbon. A Lyon-Leipzig final would be the most unheralded since Porto beat Monaco in 2004.

Ajax's last-minute loss to Tottenham in the 2019 semifinals won sympathy because it sent the Dutch champion – a four-time European Cup winner playing in a mid-ranked domestic league – back to the Champions League qualifying rounds.

"Everybody was excited about Ajax," UEFA president Aleksander Ceferin said in May 2019 after telling member federations of club-approved proposals to shake-up the Champions League. "It's a romantic feeling. (Ajax) showed that everything is possible."

Lyon has repeated the feat by over-achieving with young players at a well-run club trying to keep pace in



soccer's booming era of globalization.

Being in the Champions League is key to business plans of storied clubs and their emerging rivals. Clubs can top 100 million euros (\$120 million) in prize money from UEFA each season along with the added revenue that comes from global exposure.

Some in the influential European Club Association wanted to minimize their risk by suggesting last year that 24 of 32 group-stage places should roll over year-on-year based on the previous Champions League. They also hoped entry in 2024 would reflect results over several years rather than simply reward high placings in the 2023-24 season.

The ECA's leader, Juventus president Andrea Agnelli, surprised many in March by questioning if Atalanta deserved to make its Champions League debut based on one good Serie A season ahead of

European regular Roma. Atalanta missed the semifinals only when PSG scored two late goals last Wednesday.

The ECA, which declined to comment Monday before the talks resume, has stressed clubs need stability in financial planning.

Any "closed shop" ideas would weaken historic ties to national leagues. Clubs have qualified for UEFA's competitions since 1955 on merit directly through domestic success. Domestic leagues see their own decline in a closed-off Champions League with the inevitable loss of sporting relevance and marketing value.

For the 29-nation European Leagues group, the only acceptable exemptions from domestic qualifying paths are entries to reward UEFA competition winners.

The UEFA talks will resume in a very

different context after the COVID-19 pandemic has upended the global economy.

Decisions by UEFA's executive committee could be made next year, before it can start selling broadcast rights worth billions of dollars.

For Ajax, though, the current format means the Dutch club doesn't want to this year's upstart go all the way.

French champion PSG plus Bayern and Leipzig, first and third in the Bundesliga, have already qualified for the next group stage.

If any of that trio wins the Champions League on Sunday, the vacant group-stage place is gifted to the Dutch league winner.

But if Lyon wins, Ajax is once again pushed into the qualifying rounds.

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## Is Guardiola's Champions League drought a sign he's no longer a genius?

By Mark Ogden Senior Writer, ESPN FC



Pep Guardiola

IN any conversation about the greatest Champions League manager ever, Pep Guardiola should be in it. But as the years go by and the failures mount up, the Manchester City coach is drifting further towards the margins and City's latest Champions League embarrassment, which saw them lose 3-1 to outsiders Lyon in the quarterfinal on Saturday, certainly did not bear the hallmark of genius that continues to be applied to Guardiola in the competition.

To some, such a dismissive appraisal of Guardiola's greatness will be sacrilege. After all, he's already won two Champions League titles with arguably the greatest team the competition has ever seen – the Barcelona side of Lionel Messi, Xavi, Andres Iniesta and Carles Puyol.

But since guiding Barca to Champions League glory in 2011, Guardiola has not even reached another final, despite the talent and finances at his disposal, initially with Barcelona, but then with Bayern Munich and City. Ten years ago, Guardiola was the man tipped to break all records and become the undisputed greatest manager in European Cup/Champions League history. At 49, he still has plenty of time to do that, but as City once again crashed out of the competition without reaching the semifinals, the Guardiola story is no longer about his greatness, but his repeated failure to recapture the trophy.

When you are hot, you are hot, but Guardiola has not been hot in the Champions League for almost a decade now and maybe, just maybe, his best days in the competition are behind him.

The top managers tend to amass their European Cups in a short period of years. Zinedine Zidane won three in a row with Real Madrid from 2016-2018, Bob Paisley's three with Liverpool were achieved between 1977-81 and though 11 years separate Carlo Ancelotti's first with AC Milan (2003) and his third with Real Madrid (2014), there was only a gap of seven years between the Italian's second and third.

Guardiola's gap between wins will be 10 years if he achieves Champions League glory in 2021; only Jupp Heynckes (Real Madrid 1998 / Bayern Munich 2013) has achieved a European Cup win more than a decade after his last.

Jose Mourinho has now gone 10 years since his second, and last, Champions League success (with Inter Milan in 2010) and the Portuguese is no longer regarded as the go-to guy for glory in the competition, so why should Guardiola be any different?

Some have attempted to defend Guardiola in the wake of the Lyon defeat by suggesting the story would have been different had Raheem Sterling not missed an open goal to make it 2-2 seconds before the French side scored a decisive third. Similarly, mistakes by goalkeeper Ederson have also been cited as errors beyond Guardiola's control.

Maybe so, but elite coaches like Guardiola are paid handsomely by their clubs to minimise the mistakes and shortcomings of their players. They are hired to ensure that players deliver when the heat is on rather than wilt under the pressure.

he picked three centre-backs and deployed a right-back – Joao Cancelo – at left-back.

He also played two holding midfielders – Rodri and Ilkay Gundogan – asked Kevin De Bruyne to operate on the left of midfield and chose not to select any of his creative midfielders (David Silva, Bernardo Silva, Riyad Mahrez) in the starting line-up.

The defensive selection was due to Guardiola not trusting a two-man central pairing to cope with Lyon's front two, but having been in charge of City since 2016, he has surely had enough time to identify that problem and resolve it.

It's difficult to imagine the greatest coaches allowing such problems to persist, but Guardiola chose not to replace veteran centre-back Vincent Kompany last summer and the consequence of that was borne out against Lyon. And those strange team selections and tactical tweaks only serve to confuse players, who generally prefer consistency and simplicity.

Few teams, if any, win the Champions League by changing their shape to counter the opposition. The best just back themselves to beat whoever's in front of them, and doing it their way. That approach worked for Guardiola at Barcelona, but with Bayern and City, simplicity has too often gone out of the window and it is why he continues to wait for his third European Cup. Who knows when, or if, the next one will come along?

A new name will be added to the list of Champions League-winning coaches this season, with none of the coaches in the semifinals having won it before. Maybe this season's winner will be the next big thing, going on to push Guardiola further to the fringes unless the City manager can somehow overcome the faults that continue to hold him back in the competition.

**Gwiji** by David Chikoko



# Yanga's Congolese professionals set to jet in Thursday

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### Regions drag feet over registration for National Athletics Championships

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

FIVE regions have registered to compete at the coming National Athletics Championships slated for next month at the Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam.

The championships, jointly organized by Athletics Tanzania (AT), Tanzania Olympic Committee (TOC) and National Sports Council (NSC) is scheduled for September 12-13 at the facility and last Saturday was set as deadline for registration.

Filbert Bayi, TOC secretary general, on Monday said Manara, Iringa, Shinyanga, Mara and Dodoma are the regions which have made full registration to compete at the championships.

Bayi said he is not aware of what is either hindering or delaying the remaining regions to register for the championships. "It is true, the deadline for registration was August 15, unfortunately many regions have not registered, tomorrow (yesterday) organizing committee will meet, with one of the agenda being the registration," he disclosed.

"For now I don't know what will happen, TOC and AT are not aiming at punishing regions but to educate them on their responsibilities," he said.

However, AT information officer, Tullo Chambo, in a separate interview said there was a change on the deadline and communication breakdown between his association and TOC on the number of regions which have completed registration.

He disclosed that up to yesterday six regions from Mainland Tanzania and all of Zanzibar regions have completed their registration.

"Yes, not all of the regions have completed registration of their athletes, on the list which TOC has handed you, you have to add Njombe and all Zanzibar regions," Tullo said.

He said regions of Arusha, Kilimanjaro, Kigoma and Kagera have only submitted names of their athletes without giving their full particulars hence they cannot be registered for the showpiece.

He disclosed regions of Tabora, Dar es Salaam, Coast Region, Singida, Mwanza and Tanga have written confirmation letters only.

The AT information officer said the association has noted that many regions have either submitted or registered names of more athletes than their given quota.

He, therefore, advised them to pay for the additional athletes.

"Each region was given a quota of its athletes, but if the regions want to add more athletes on the quota they must pay for the added athletes," he noted.

"Participation cost for each added athlete is 100,000/-, the regions must deposit the money before the championships," he said.

Meanwhile, Chambo announced that the National Championships organizing committee which met yesterday resolved that deadline for registration should be Friday, this week, to give room to regions to complete the registration process.

This year's championships is jointly organized by TOC, AT and NSC. The TOC will use 45m/- for hosting the event, AT has set aside 16m/- for the championships, while NSC will take care of Regional Sports Officers who will be leaders of delegation for their respective regions.

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

YANGA's two international imports from Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), Fabrice Tonombe and Tusila Kisinda, are expected in Dar es Salaam tomorrow.



Yanga's Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) players, Fabrice Tonombe (L) and Tusila Kisinda (R), pictured with Hersi Said, Chief Investment Officer of the GSM Group, who are Yanga's main sponsors, in the country last week. The two players, who were previously playing for DRC's AS Vita Club, have signed two-year contracts with Yanga. PHOTO: COURTESY OF YANGA

The two were playing for DRC giants AS Vita Club and they, on Monday, signed two-year deals to play for Yanga.

Antonio Nuggaz, Yanga's mobilization officer, said his club is working on the process to see to it the two players jet into

Dar es Salaam this week, probably on Thursday,

to join their team mates in preparation for the 2020/21 season which kicks off on September 6.

Yanga will start the Mainland Premier League campaign with a game against Tanzania Prisons at the Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam.

"We are doing everything possible to see to it the two players join their team mates this week, probably on Thursday," the Yanga official disclosed.

"When the actual day is confirmed we will announce it so that Yanga fans and supporters can flock to the airport to welcome them, we want them to start preparations for the coming season," he disclosed.

"The two are good players and I'm sure they will bring back the

lost glory to our team," he said.

"It is now time for Yanga supporters to enjoy and I can assure you that this season (2020/21) is ours."

He also said his club will soon announce the new head coach, replacing Luc Eymael who was fired a few weeks ago.

The signing of the two DRC internationals have been described as a serious move by Yanga in the club's rebuilding exercise.

Tonombe and Kisinda are both below 25 years of age and have experience in the CAF club tournaments.

The two brings the number of new recruits at Yanga to nine.

The Jangwani Street-based club has also brought on board defenders Bakari Mwamnyeto and Abdallah Shaibu, fullbacks Yassin Mustapha and Kibwana Shomari, midfielder Zawadi Mauya, forward Waziri Junior and winger Farid Mussa.

## TFF asks Yanga Chairman to explain allegations

By Guardian Correspondent

TANZANIA Football Federation (TFF) has written Yanga Chairman Mshindo Msholla to explain his allegations that the federation failed to reply to the complaint lodged by the outfit, which had it that Simba SC was enticing their former player Bernard Morrison.

The national soccer go body, through its information officer Clifford Ndimbo, yesterday said it has received the news with dismay and clarified that the body's Legal, Ethics and Players Status Committee did not deliberately fail to hear the case.

The committee, according to him, was advised by Yanga Acting Secretary General Simon Patrick, who said the club reported the matter to TFF secretariat for record sake, not to open a case.

"TFF has received with dismay allegations made by Yanga Chairman Mshindo Msolla at a media conference held on August 14, 2020, alleging that the TFF Legal, Ethics and Players Status Committee did not hear their complaint," Ndimbo said.

"Yanga presented their complaints to the committee, claiming that their former player Bernard Morrison was heard in an audio clip alleging that Simba were enticing him with money to join the club," he disclosed.



Yanga Chairman Mshindo Msholla

"While the committee was in the process of hearing the case on July 2, 2020, Yanga Acting Secretary General, Patrick, advised us to withdraw it as it was reported to TFF for record sake, not a case, due to the allegations, TFF has written Msolla to explain in writing to the committee."

Msolla yesterday could not be reached for his comments on the matter. The TFF press release did not say what reprisals waits Msolla in case he fails to comply with the directive.

After the Legal, Ethics and Players Status Committee had ruled in favour of Bernard Morrison, Msolla said Yanga

are not satisfied with the committee's ruling and disclosed that they will take the matter to Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS).

"We have presented many complaints at the federation but most of them have not been replied, like the issue of Morrison who spoke via audio that some people from Simba gave him money to sign for them," the Yanga boss noted.

"We delivered that complaint on June 15, 2020, but until now, we have not been replied to which clearly indicates they take sides when dealing with complaints brought to them," he was quoted.

Msolla also told the media that he believes there is match fixing, saying after the audio clip allegedly to have come from Morrison, the player has been behaving strangely and in disrespectful to Yanga.

He alleged that the climax of the player's disrespectful and strange actions and behaviour was in view during Yanga's 4-1 loss to Simba in the semi-final of Azam Sports Federation Cup (ASFC) where the official alleged that Morrison did not play well and also left the stadium after having been substituted.

## Girls shine in Arusha schools rugby bonanza

By Correspondent Marc Nkwame, Arusha

TWO girls from local primary schools here were among the outstanding rugby players that got spotted from a match, held recently.

The first best girl was Latifa Salum, a standard six pupil of Levulosi Primary School and the second was Lilian Felix, a standard five pupil of Magereza Primary School.

That was new development considering that this kind of muscle oriented sport is not exactly what girls are made for.

Gabriel Godfrey, a standard five pupil of Mirongoine Primary School, followed by Said Ibrahim, a standard five pupil at Magereza Primary School in the second position, were the best rugby playing boys.

Pupils from four primary schools from both Arusha urban and Arusha rural districts had apparently participated

in the special rugby bonanza for the youths aged 15 and below, which took place in the region.

Organized by the Tanzania Rugby Development Program (TRDP), the bonanza was held at Magereza grounds at Kisongo, along the main Arusha-Dodoma road and involved more than 400 pupils from the four institutions.

The top winner during the youth bonanza was the Mirongoine Primary School, followed by Magereza Primary School, while the Kambi-ya-Maziwa Primary School settled for the third position.

According to the TRDP Rugby Development Officer, Juma Kittilyer, the main purpose for the mini competition was for scouting potential future rugby players.

He stated that the response has been good and, since rugby promotion started in Arusha, the move will also help propagate the sport to other Mainland

Tanzania regions and the Isles.

"Next week, for instance, we are sending a team of senior youth players (16 years of age and above), to Dar es Salaam for the periodical rugby league," Kittilyer stated.

According to the TRDP officer, the youths will later on participate in the forthcoming beach rugby competition in Zanzibar.

Arusha Regional Sports Officer, Mwamvita Okeng'o, lauded the efforts of the TRDP in scouting, recruiting and developing young players.

"They started with a single district and now they are covering five districts of Arusha," she added.

Mwamvita said the TRDP has already moved from Arusha, expanding the network to other Northern Zone regions.

She stated: "They are now initiating a rugby program with the youths in Tanga, soon they will also start the same thing in Manyara and Kilimanjaro."

## Bonite Bottlers to splash cash on Ngorongoro Half Marathon next month

By Correspondent Marc Nkwame, Arusha

KILIMANJARO-based soft drinks company of Bonite Bottlers will be sponsoring the annual Ngorongoro Half Marathon, which now resumes next September following the last April postponement.

The 21km race will now take place on September 19, 2020 according to the event organizers.

Organized by Meta Sports Promotion, the race, which was initially supposed to be staged, last April, had to be temporarily shelved due to the outbreak of Coronavirus.

According to the Race Director, Petro Meta, Ngorongoro Half Marathon will feature nearly 2000 participants.

Meta stated that this time the race is to be sponsored by Bonite Bottlers Limited, in addition to the usual main bankrollers, the Ngorongoro Conservation Area Authority (NCAA).

Meta said there has been some adjustments to the Ngorongoro Half Marathon, because the usual children oriented fun race of 5 kilometres has been stretched to now cover 10 kilometres.

He disclosed that all participants will now have to undergo the set protective measures entailing COVID-19 safety.

Wilhelm Gidabuday, one of the event coordinators, said athletics had undergone serious challenges following the COVID-19 pandemic, but the fact that organizers are going ahead with arrangements shows that Meta Sports is serious and committed to sports.

"Many runners are yearning for a chance to participate in international events, which means most athletes from around the world will want to participate in the Ngorongoro Half Marathon," Gidabuday stated.

The Arusha Regional Athletics Association Chairman, Jackson Jorwa, said for over four months now the country has been experiencing a vacuum of exciting athletics events and soon this is going to change.

The Ngorongoro Half Marathon is an athletic event usually running in April and involving runners racing from Loduare entry gate in Ngorongoro Conservation Area, down to Karatu and Rhotia townships then climaxing at Mazingira Bora grounds.



Athletes participate in a recent Ngorongoro Half Marathon, which took place in Karatu, Arusha.

## Flexibles by David Chikoko



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15:00 Funguka  
15:30 Nirvana (r)  
16:00 Skanga (r)  
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17:55 Kurasa  
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20:00 DADAZ (r)  
21:00 Kiblashara Zaidi

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