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Chinese cardiovascular surgeon Prof Pan Xiang Bin (3rd-L) leads a team of Tanzanian and Chinese medical experts in performing a heart operation on a

In creating jobs, World Bank fingers agro-based investments

"Current trends in agriculture offer a tremendous opportunity to catalyze private investment, both local and foreign, and raise the incomes of the poor"

By Henry Mwangonde

TANZANIA needs to take urgent steps to improve its agriculture sector policy, regulatory environment and investments if it is to accelerate growth, create more jobs and reduce poverty, a new World Bank report

The latest Tanzania Economic Update sub-titled 'Realizing the Potential of Agriculture for Inclusive Growth and Poverty Reduction,' which was launched yesterday, says recent signs of



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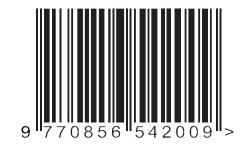
By Guardian Correspondent, Iringa

REPORTS ranking districts in the country based on land-use planning criteria including surveying and issuance of title deeds will soon start being prepared by the Ministry of Lands, Housing and Human Settlements Development.

William Lukuvi (pictured), the minister, said here yesterday that the ministry will start publishing those reports soon, urging District Executive Directors (DEDs) countrywide to put the matter on top of their priority list.

The minister was speaking at a rally for 'opening up to the minister,' where he said the performance of directors will

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Sexual violence cases rise as child stealing declines

By Guardian Reporter

REPORTED cases of rape and sodomy increased sharply in the first 10 months of this year compared to the previous one in Dar es Salaam Region, raising concern about safety of women and other vulnerable groups.

Statistics released yesterday the Dar es Salaam Special Police Zone commander Lazaro Mambosasa show that incidents of rape rose from 608 in the first 10 months of last year to 719 by end of October this year.

On the other hand, Mambosasa said incidents of sodomy went up from 259 to 319 in the same

However, reported cases of stolen children declined from 12 last year to seven by the end of October this year, he said, noting that incidents of infants abandoned by parents decreased from 17 last year to 15 this year.

He said a total of 298 persons were arrested in connection with rape and another 133 accused of

"A total of 218 of sexual violence cases were taken to court out of which 126 ended in conviction," he

The zonal commander attributed the rise in TURN TO PAGE 2

Govt wants fertiliser investments boosted

By Correspondent Gerald Kitabu

THE government has appealed to investors to put up fertiliser manufacturing plants in the country to save millions of dollars spent on the importation of the key agricultural input annually and boost food security.

Agriculture minister Japhet Hasunga told stakeholders in Dar es Salaam yesterday that he sees no reason for the country to continue importing large amounts of fertilisers. Tanzania is strategically positioned with adequate raw materials for the manufacturing of fertilisers, he

He was speaking at a one-day working session convened by the Tanzania Fertilisers Regulatory Authority (TFRA), where the TFRA Acting Executive Director Dr Stephan Ngailo said the meeting was a one-day working session for

brainstorming.

It brought together stakeholders like manufacturers, importers and distributors, researchers and regulatory agencies, financial institutions and the Tanzania Private Sector Foundation, he stated.

The minister said currently the utilization of fertilisers is still low, while more recent statistics show that farmers want more fertilisers. "But when I sat with my experts, I was told that the requirement of fertilizer for this year across the country is 586,000 tons. This is a very low amount as compared to recommendations of the Malabo Declaration on Accelerated Agricultural Growth and Transformation for Shared Prosperity and Improved Livelihoods," he told the participants.

"What is the problem hindering you from investing in fertiliser manufacturing? Is it policies

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Former Prime Minister Cleopa Msuya briefs the media in Dar es Salaam yesterday on Kilimanjaro Regional Development Fund's annual general meeting, which is expected to be held later this month. He is the Fund's chairman. With him are former KDF chief executive Fadhil Mbaga (C) and current treasurer Leonard Kisarika.

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henceforth be appraised based on among other things, the size of land surveyed and the number of title deeds issued.

Districts will be ranked in terms of achievements in planning, allocation and issuance of title deeds to the people in order to know which district is lagging behind, he stated.

DEDs ought to be proud of having enabled people obtain surveying services and giving them title deeds, "and if a DED cannot issue even 100 title deeds, then he or she is not fit to be one," the minister cautioned.

Issuing title deeds to the people means enabling them economically as they will be able to use them in economic initiatives, he explained.

Right now the ministry is mobilizing to deliver land related services closer to the people by establishing regional offices that would have all officers dealing in land such as surveyors, valuers, experts in urban planning and land registry offices, he stated.

In improving services in the lands sector, the ministry will make use of electronic applications to simplify work

conducted by land experts and stored in land offices instead of paperwork. Detachable documents instill the virus of corruption in land matters as they tend to be duplicated and falsified, he pointed out.

He gave an example of Dar es Salaam Region where such a system is already in use, whereby land owners in the region now receive title deeds electronically, noting also that the main aim is to do away with bureaucracy.

Iringa Regional Commissioner Ally Hapi explained that the region has succeeded in reducing land conflicts

and other complaints after establishing the procedure of following people to their areas initiated under the 'New Iringa' programme.

He told the minister that had the meeting with the minister been conducted two years earlier the meeting hall would have overflowed with people with their many complaints on land issues. "Much of my time I use going to the people as land issues pose stiff challenges and the only way is to confront them with justice in disregard to the status, tribe or religion of the people," the RC added.

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transformation in Tanzania's agricultural sector offer encouraging opportunities for acceleration of growth.

"Current trends in agriculture offer a tremendous opportunity to catalyze private investment, both local and foreign, and raise the incomes of the poor," said Bella Bird, the World Bank Country Director for Tanzania.

The report underscores the importance of having supportive public policies and spending which crowds in more private investments needed to catalyze a nascent agricultural transformation.

Signs of transformation within the study period (2008-2014) include a growing number of medium-scale farmers, opening up opportunities for smallholder farmers through positive spillovers.

These spillovers have created jobs for farmers through their demand for extra agricultural inputs and financial services, traction or rental services and transportation, the report indicated.

"What we are seeing for example is that medium-sized farms grew from 23- percent of all farm land holdings in 2008 to 35 percent in 2014.

This group is in the 5-20 hectare (ha) range compared to the typical smallholding of 1-2 ha whose numbers are decreasing, remarked Holger Kray, World Bank agriculture practice manager and co-author of the report.

"These farmers employ, invest in technology and knowledge, and they attract commercial services that can provide a basis for agro-based and food-based tax revenue. Small-scale farms on average improved their farming outcomes the nearer they were to medium-scale farms, providing an opportunity for more inclusive growth."

The presence of medium-scale farms in a district generally builds and deepens markets for agricultural inputs and outputs by enhancing local demand, which attracts suppliers.

As a result, small-scale farms were more likely to use improved seed and fertilizer, cultivate a larger proportion of their landholdings, and access

agricultural extension services and credit in areas where there are more medium and large-scale farms.

The report shows that the 368,000 medium-scale farms added in Tanzania between 2008 and 2014 created 13 million days of additional work annually for hired workers, and US\$225-300 million in net backward and consumer links.

The agriculture sector provides livelihoods directly to around 55 percent of the population (and three quarters of the poor) and indirectly to a further 15 percent within related value chain functions such as traders, transporters and processors.

The report emphasizes the sector's centrality, by virtue of its size and spread, to achieving higher and more inclusive overall growth.

"This will remain so for decades to come," the report stated, recommending several actions that the government needs to consider in order to make the most of the opportunities in the sector.

The Tanzania Economic Update series is published twice a year, featuring an overview of the recent performance and outlook, along with focusing on a topic of strategic significance to the country's development for more intensive analysis.

The latest update shows that economic growth prospects remain positive but depend on the speed of reforms to improve fiscal management and the business environment for private investment and growth.

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or legal framework? Is it lack of commitment to invest? I want this working session to discuss it and come up with answers so that we can come up with solutions. Tanzania has the capacity to manufacture enough fertilizer for our farmers and surplus for export to neighbouring countries," he stressed.

He said the ministry realizes that there are shortfalls in policies and laws, and is working on them to ensure more favourable agricultural investments.

"That's why when we are reviewing the agricultural policy 2013 we wanted also to see what contract farming in different crops such as tobacco, cotton means for the farmers. We want all problems to be properly addressed," he emphasized.

He said people cannot be harvesting from agriculture without investing. For agriculture to contribute effectively to the national economy there must be investments and this investment should start from agricultural inputs like fertilizers as per the Malabo Declaration, he further noted.

He said there is a need to conduct soil tests in all regions and after taking stock of the soil situation the government would then determine what type and level of fertilizers was suitable for the crops

"We have started conducting soil tests in 16 regions. We want to cover the whole country so that we can produce all types of fertilizer that is suitable for our crops," he stated.

In another development, the minister played down complaints on the skyrocketing maize prices saying it is a blessing to the farmers. He said the good price for the farmers will boost morale for them and other people to invest more in agriculture.

"As a nation we are concerned about food security. If the food price is going up that is a blessing to the farmers and I think if the rains come well this year we expect to have more people investing in agriculture and thus obtain a bumper harvest," he said. He also challenged

set aside adequate funds to support investors in fertilizer industries as currently there is no zeal and deliberate efforts to do so. "Your loan allocations should be

focused on how much funds would be available to support local fertilizer industries," he said. The minister commended the Bulk Procurement System (BPS) saying it has

affordability of fertilizers to farmers. Earlier on, the TFRA acting board chairman Charles Chenza said that the main objective of the working session

was to foster public-private dialogue. This is stipulated in the Public Private Partnership Act 2010 and is also part of implementation of the Blueprint for Regulatory Reform to improve the doing business environment, he said.

Presenting a paper, econometrician Benjamin Nkonya invited investors saying government has set a friendly and enabling environment for the fertilizer business.

He said the changes include policy reform, regulations and contextual framework with regard to the fertilizer business, "and if there were some challenges they should be welcomed for solutions.'

In the farming season last year, 11bn/was spent in importation of 55,000 tonnes of Di-Ammonium Phosphate (DAP) and urea fertilizers after the introduction of the fertiliser bulk procurement system, the expert added. for awareness against gender-based



Mwaiina Lipinga (R), a social development officer with the President's Office, speaks at an annual reflection meeting on the implementation of the National Plan of Action (NPA) on Violence Against Women and Children organised by the Tanzania chapter of Women in Law and Development Africa (WiLDAF) in Dar es Salaam yesterday. With her are WildAF director Anna Kulaya (C) and NPA coordinator Happiness Mugyabuso from the Prime Minister's Office. 🖻

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reported cases to sensitisation efforts made by the 25 police gender desks in the commercial capital.

The police commander also launched 16 days of campaigning

violence, appealing to city residents to the same. use the days to report acts of violence to their nearest police station.

Mambosasa appealed to spouses to protect each other and avoid use of force when there is a misunderstanding. While lauding women for reporting to authorities, he challenged men to do

"Men must also report acts of gender-based violence against them committed by their partners," he said.

Kigamboni District Commissioner Sarah Msafiri who was the guest of reporting such cases, noting that emphasized.

gender desks were created not only for women and children but men as

"Men, even when not muscular feel ashamed of reporting that they are abused by women. They should honour reiterated the need for men come up and report the cases," she



Tarime legislator Esther Matiko (in all-black) of the opposition Chadema joins her supporters at the weekend in celebrating her election as the party's Serengeti Zone chairperson. The election was held in Shinyanga municipality. Photo: Correspondent

By Guardian Reporter

THE government is set to conduct a countrywide survey to evaluate the condition of water facilities through Payment by Result Project that is funded by UK's Department for International Development (DFID).

Speaking to reporters during the closing of training for researchers in Dar es Salaam recently, Representative from Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Authority (Ruwasa) Bahati Joram said the research is conducted by DataVision International, a Tanzanian company which this year won the East Africa Brand Leadership 2019 Award as the best company in supplying ICT services, research including creating electronic payment systems within the East African Community.

He said the research will be conducted in 26 Tanzania Mainland regions and will cover 181 councils,

Countrywide research to assess state of water facilities planned

target to mobilise and develop water research work to evaluate the veracity facilities, hence through the project of monthly reports. for every facility built and found working, the council concerned of DataVision International Research

facilities," said Joram. improve the protection of water facilities and increase supply of clean it was discovered that they have the and safe water will take four years - up to March 2022.

Joram explained that even though the inspection of the facilities is done Saidi explained that they received by the government every month enough cooperation from wananchi in

1,529 villages and 13,824 water facilities. him being an ICT expert, it is better that this shows they will complete the "This is Phase IV of the project, we to incorporate another free 'eye' in

Business Development Executive will be assisted in building more Division Bwigane Mulinda said researchers were given training for He said the project that aims to five days and after conducting the first research in the city of Dar es Salaam capacity to collect the correct data from all 26 regions.

A DataVision researcher Zawadi through CDMT, the area managed by all areas of Dar es Salaam Region and

work successfully.

In March 2019 the permanent secretary in the Ministry of Water Prof Kitila Mkumbo said the government has discovered that out of 131,000 water facilities built in rural areas, 46,000 were not operating.

However, the government, in collaboration with development partners has already built and renovated many water facilities in the eight-year period up to now. Hence, he added, the DFID funded project will spur the renovation and build more water facilities in the country.

Ministers' delegation to meet over 500 businesspersons in Morogoro

Morogoro

TWELVE ministers and their permanent secretaries are today expected to meet with more than 500 businesspersons and investors in a move that aimed at working on their challenges to scale up investments in Morogoro Region.

Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office responsible for Investment, Angellah Kairuki said this here yesterday when speaking with journalists on the today's first investment forum with the Morogorobased business community.

She named the ministers as Prof Makame Mbarawa, Minister for Water, William Lukuvi, Minister for Lands, Development, Dr Philip Mpango, Finance and Planning Minister, Dr Hamis Kigwangalla, Minister for Natural Resources and Tourism, George Simbachawene, Minister of State in the Vice President's Office (Union, Environment) and Selemani Jafo, Minister of State in the President's Office responsible for Regional Administration and Local Government.

Others are Innocent Bashungwa, Minister for Industries and Trade, Japhet Hasunga, Minister for Agriculture, Dr Mederd Kalemani, Minister for Energy and Luhaga Mpina Minister for Livestock and Fisheries.

"This meeting will provide a good

By Correspondent Michael Sikapundwa, platform to reinforce relationship between the government and private sector as well as creating better business and investment environment for the betterment of the country's economy," she said.

> Kairuki said that during the forum ministers and high-ranking government officials will provide answers on the spot on some of the issues that will be aired by the business people and some of the issues will be noted for further decisions.

> She encouraged business people to chip in and unveil challenges that thwart their business and investments.

"This is a very rare opportunity so, it is high time the business community use it for the healthier of their businesses and investments," the minister said, adding that the fifth-Housing and Human Settlement phase government is determined to work closely with the private sector, which is key in the country's socioeconomic development.

She said that the government is determined to develop the agroprocessing industries so as to add value to crops, a move that is key in creating employment to Tanzanians, particularly those living in rural areas.

Morogoro Regional Commissioner, Loata Ole Sanare described the meeting as important in scaling up development of the region and the country at large.

So far similar meetings were held in Ruvuma, Arusha, Mtwara and Lindi regions. The next meetings will be held Coast and Dar es Salaam.



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Zanzibar govt 'happy' with e-health services

By Guardian Correspondent, Unguja

THE dream of the Zanzibar government, under President Ali Mohammed Shein, to connect all health centres in the Isles to the national Information and Communication (ICT) backbone is now a reality.

The director of communications from the Zanzibar's Ministry of Works, Communications and Transport Dr Mzee Suleiman Mndewa said last year that after successfully implementing a project to build the national ICT backbone, all was set for the rollout phase of connecting 24 health centres across Zanzibar to the system (the ICT backbone).

"After the backbone, the government is now building access networks which will see the system being connected to all the 24 hospitals in Zanzibar," Dr Mndewa told journalists who visited Zanzibar yesterday with a view to learning how ICT was being used to stimulate economic activities in the

The project to build the Hospital," he said. data centre at Mazizini area in Unguja was implemented with a close support from a Chinese multinational telecommunications equipment and systems company, ZTE corporation.

government has since established the ICT Infrastructure Agency whose tasks include, among others, to coordinate all activities related to the data centre.

The executive director for the Zanzibar ICT Infrastructure Agency, Eng Shukuru Awadhi Suleiman told journalists who visited Zanzibar to various ICT related projects in the Isles that so far the task of connecting all 24 health centres to the national ICT backbone has completed.

"A lot have been achieved so far. All the 24 health centres from Unguja fact, we have gone as far as setting up a magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) machine at the Mnazi Mmoja Referral charge using the ICT backbone.

The health centres have also been linked to the Mnazi Mmoja Referral

"What this means is that currently, hospitals across districts can send pictures like X-Ray images directly to Mnazi Mmoja Hospital and receive responses instantly. This is what we have been doing in the endeavour to save lives of our people," he said.

Before that one was required to take the picture and transport it all the way to town and wait for outcomes. This is now a thing of the past.

As for MRI, Zanzibar residents had learn about the implementation of to go as far as Tanzania Mainland or to other places.

> Besides, all pictures, taken through MRI, are stored at the national data centre and made available whenever needed.

ICT has also improved and Pemba are now connected...In telecommunication services across the health centres whereby one can call from one centre to the other free of



Winstone Odhiambo (R), managing director of fertiliser producer Yara Tanzania, fields questions from East Africa Television (EATV) and East Africa Radio presenter Ian Diallo during an interview at the twin stations' studios in Dar es Salaam earlier this week for a popular business promotion campaign programme dubbed 'Kibiashara Zaidi'. Photo: EATV

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UNHCR reaffirms commitment to working with Tanzania on repatriation of Burundi refugees

By Guardian Correspondent, Kigoma

United Nations High Commission for Refugee (UNHCR) has reaffirm its commitment to continue working closely with the government to facilitate smooth repatriation of Burundian refugees to their home country as well as support them reintegrate in their motherland.

So far, nearly 80,000 refugees have voluntarily returned to Burundi since the exercise commenced in September 2017. The programme is implemented jointly by the two governments and UNHCR.

UNHCR assistant High The Commissioner-Operations George Okoth Obbo made the assurance on Monday here when he visited Burundian refugee camps of Nduta and Mtendeli in Kigoma region.

Obbo was in the country for six-day trip to attend the tripartite meeting in Dar es Salaam with the Burundi and Tanzania governments, visit the refugee camps and to meet with government of Tanzania officials to convey UNHCR'S gratitude for their longstanding generosity towards those fleeing conflict and persecution.

According to him, the International Refugee Law underlines voluntariness when it comes to repatriating refugees as well as maintaining safety and dignity in their countries of

"UNHCR commends the government for its continued support to host the refugees and asylum seekers, we will continue to strengthen our relationship with the government to ensure that the needy stay safe and enjoy their rights," he said.

He further appealed for the international community to continue strongly supporting the refugee programme in Tanzania.

"In Tanzania, we need USD 126 million. Our funding available is just one third of that. We are really grateful for all the support to date but much more is needed and I thus strongly appeal for continuous support in this respect," Obbo added.

Meanwhile, director for refugee services in the Home Affairs Ministry Sudi Mwakibasi said that the government maintains voluntariness in refugee repatriation exercise and no one will be forced to go back home.

He also said that the Tanzanian government will continue to keep its doors open to genuine and credible asylum seekers and refugees in need of international protection and asylum where he commended UNHCR and the international community for its countries. continued support.

Burundian would wish to go back home voluntarily, we are here to support," he said.

Mwakibasi also directed refugee camp commandants to ensure that all refugees and asylum seekers are well protected including serving women and children from any type of violence.

"I want all women and girls to stay safe from violence, camp commandants have to probe and fight GBV actions within the areas," he said.

In 31 August 2017 the Tripartite Commission (United Republic of Tanzania, Republic of Burundi, and UNHCR) issued a joint communiqué and agreed to implement a work plan from September 7, to 31 December 2017, which entails the voluntary repatriation plan of Burundian refugees who wish to return to Burundi.

On 28 March 2018, a follow up Tripartite Commission Meeting was held in Bujumbura, Burundi. While UNHCR continued to maintain that it will assist and not promote voluntary returns to Burundi due to the unresolved political situation, both governments reaffirmed their commitment to promoting return and upholding the principle of voluntariness.

During his official visit in Tanzania early this year, the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, Filippo Grandi emphasized that refugees should never be pressured to decide if they should return to their home

According to him, refugees need "We have always been praying for to have a meaningful choice about Burundi's peace and whenever any whether they wish to return based on the facts and realities on the ground. There should not be any direct or indirect pressure exercised on refugees to choose whether to return.

Tanzania hosts more than 278,000 refugees and other persons of concern in three refugee camps in the Kigoma Region.

About 74 percent of the refugees are from Burundi and 26 percent are from the Democratic Republic of Congo and other countries.

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

THE government has appealed to the Procurement and Supplies Professionals and Technicians Board (PSPTB) to help fight graft in the sector, saying projects worth 25.8billion/- were linked to corrupt deals in 2018/19.

The call was made by the deputy minister for Finance and Planning, Dr Ashatu Kijaji who said intentional violation of procurement and supplies procedures is quite common in public offices.

The deputy minister observed that statistics show that budget on procurement is over 80 percent of the total government budget, thus the need for serious management.

She stated the Public Procurement Regulatory Authority (PPRA) in its report for 2018/19 indicated that 12 projects in nine public institutions worth 25.8 billion/- were linked to graft as procurement through contract procedures were not followed.

Speaking while officiating at the opening of the 10th PSPT Annual Professional Conference, yesterday, the deputy minister said the Controller and Auditor General (CAG)'s report showed that the procurement procedures were not followed without a suitable reason.

In the report, she said, some 16.6billion/- was not budgeted or included in the plan that was approved, and a total of 24.85/-was paid for a contract that had no implementation

Govt calls upon procurement experts to wage war on graft

spent without any records.

Dr Kijaji explained that some 3.9 billion/- procurement was done without tender bids, goods and services worth 9 billion/- were purchased without board's approval.

"Such irregularities derail efforts of the government, especially the fifth phase government in moving the country to middle income and industrial economy," she said, adding that there is no value for money.

The deputy minister challenged the participants of the annual meeting to come up with answers to some pertinent questions such as why are such malpractices happen in institutions whose officials are registered members of professional procurement and supply body like

"At the end of the meeting you should be able to tell Tanzanians for how long shall they continue to see this trend," she added.

However, she applauded the board for taking actions on professionals performing procurement activities without adhering to standards and procedures, causing loss to the government.

The deputy minister urged that those charged at the board's ethics

certificate while Sh 1.57 billion was committee should face punitive measures in accordance to the offences. She thanked PSPTB management for taking action on those who violated the procedures, and for heeding the government directive during last year's annual meeting held in Dodoma on 5th December.

> "The best way to eliminate corruption is to make sure that you don't punish people at the bottom but those at the top," she said.

> She directed all employers in the country to cooperate with the board, especially when it comes to matters of professional code of conduct in their

> offices and organisations. In his welcome remarks, PSPTB acting managing director, Godfrey Mbanyi said his team had reported 86 cases to court for people practicing without accreditation.

> "The board is doing everything possible to ensure professionals maintain ethical practices and help the government in its endeavour to attain middle income economy status," he said.

> Meanwhile, Dr Fredrick Mwakabinga, the director for policy in the public procurement department assured the meeting that the government will continue working closely with the



Suzan Shuma (2nd-R), a senior manager with CRDB Bank, presents a consignment of desks and chairs to Mbeya district commissioner William Ntinika at the weekend for distribution to six public secondary schools in Lupa constituency. Photo:

By Guardian Correspondent, Mwanza

BILHARZIA and abdominal worms threaten Mwanza Region, in Ukerewe District alone 1,765 have been infected with bilharzia and other 7,000 with stomach worms, according to 2018 medical statistics.

This has been revealed here by Dr Mabai Thobias, coordinator for diseases that do not receive priority in the region, during an interview with this paper at the weekend.

"Statistics from various health centres in Mwanza Region show that people affected with bilharzias alone in Ukerewe District were 1,765, Buchosa District 600 and more than 572 in Ilemela District," he said.

He stressed that bilharzias is a fact, and there is no district in Mwanza Region that is safe from it, adding; "in Ilemela and Nyamagana the infection is more than 80 percent and it was also found that in families living near the Lake shores seven or eight out of ten people were affected."

Dr Thobias said bilharzia is caused by parasites known as Schistosoma which are spread by snails, and the disease is of two kinds - "stomach bilharzia" and "urinary bladder bilharzias."

He said infection of the disease being spread by snails occur when humans

Bilharzia a menace in Mwanza Region

with the disease help themselves near in the water fishing. water sources where snails lay their eggs. He added that the eggs spread in water and when humans use the water by bathing, drinking or washing they might get bilharzias infection.

Dr Thobias said the disease's symptoms include stomach pains, urinating blood and if the patient delays treatment it could be fatal as damage could occur in his digestive system leading to prostate cancer and even death.

It is also claimed that fishermen in Lake Victoria are more prone to the disease since most of the time they are

"Statistics from various health centres in Mwanza Region show that people affected with bilharzias alone in Ukerewe District were 1,765, Buchosa District 600 and more than 572 in Ilemela District"

Dr Thobias said there are three types of stomach worms - diarrhea, tapeworms and ringworms all of which are dangerous and the symptoms include coughing, skin rashes, itching, stomach pains, purging, dizziness, and vomiting blood and added that the patient must be referred to a hospital without delay.

He said: "2018 statistics show that about 17,000 people were infected with stomach worms in Mwanza Region with Ilemela District leading having 9,000 people who were infected, Ukerewe District had more than 7,000 and Sengerema District recorded

He said the group that is mostly affected by stomach worms is school going children and adults of over 60 years old.

He said the infection is through eating uncooked food including salad, carrot, cabbages and by not washing hands after going to the toilet as well as walking barefoot.

Ruangwa producers sensitised on use of standards, marketing

By Correspondent Felix Andrew

ENTREPRENEURS in Ruangwa District have been sensitised on various issues regarding standards and steps to be taken to reach local and foreign markets.

Sensitisation education was provided by officials from Tanzania Bureau of Standards during celebrations of Women's day in Tanzania which took place in Ruangwa district, Lindi region.

Participants got a chance to showcase various goods which are manufactured by women entrepreneurs where they met with various officials from government institutions, private sector and other stakeholders.

Speaking at the event, the TBS marketing officer Rhoda Mayugu, said apart from educating producers, they used the opportunity to explain new roles which were earlier done by the former TFDA. "We have informed them on the free opportunity available at the bureau for small and medium entrepreneurs which aiming at improving their products so that they can compete at any market", she said

She said they told producers ,distributors and the public in general on establishment of customer service desk at where they can forward complaints, advice and recommendations through electronic mail or toll free call.

Earlier, while opening the exhibition, deputy minister for Industry and Trade Eng Stella Manyanya said she was happy with steps taken to sensitise women using various business opportunities available in their areas to create and develop industries in Tanzania.

She said that the exhibition would enable participants to identify and use effectively various opportunities available at national, zonal and international levels.

"This exhibition and celebrations has become part of source of information to get various trainings that would empower women and make them contribute to the economic development of the country," she added.

She said the government understands that women are catalyst of national economic development and they play a big role in contribution to the gross domestic product.

Eng Manyanya counseled women in the country to participate and join efforts to establish new business and industries by using available resources.

1,300 exhibitors to participate in EAC-MSES trade fair next week

By Guardian Reporter

OVER 1,000 exhibitors from East African Community partner tates are expected to take part at the 20th Edition of the annual regional Micro. Small and Medium Enterprise (MSES) Trade Fair, formerly known as 'JuaKali Nguvu Kazi'.

The regional trade fair event is set for 13th to 22nd December, 2019 at Gikondo Expo Grounds in Kigali, Rwanda, according to the organisers.

The fair is themed; EAC@20: Building EAC through Micro and Small Enterprises jointly organised on a rotational basis by the EAC Secretariat, the East African Confederation of Informal Sector Organisation (EACISO) in collaboration with EAC partner states, brings together artisans from the six EAC partner states comprising Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, South Sudan, Tanzania and Uganda.

According to the Director General - Customs and Trade at the EAC Secretariat, Kenneth Bagamuhunda, the MSE's trade fair is expected to attract up to 1,300 exhibitors from EAC partner states' trade facilitation institutions and EAC organs and institutions.

He disclosed that during the exhibitions, daily symposia will be conducted to build the capacity of the artisans on integration matters and other issues pertinent to the development of their businesses. The key areas of capacity building that will be covered by the symposium component include cross border trade, the EAC Simplified Trade Regime and dealing with NTBs Products value addition Standards, Quality Assurance, Metrology and Testing (SQMT), Benefits and opportunities of the EAC Integration Process to SMEs EAC Rules of Origin MSMES and MSE's development and opportunities in the Republic of South Sudan.

The 20th MSE's EAC exhibition is expected to be officially opened by Rwandan President Paul Kagame. In order to support promotion of MSES sector of the regional economy, the EAC Secretariat in collaboration with the partner states and Confederation of Informal Sector Organization East Africa (CISO-EA) has organised the annual exhibition since 1999.

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Taking A New Look **At The News ESTABLISHED IN 1995**

EAC can devise viable strategies on manufacture of cotton apparel

are witnessing renewed efforts to build a framework of co-operation in relation to the East African cotton sub-sector, especially by laying out strategies meant to make intensified regional use - or indeed exploitation - of the crop's value chain.

That quest is not realised much today despite the scatter of manufactured fabrics, and the East African Community council of ministers has been taking a hard look at the matter again.

It is a hard nut to crack as it isn't just for EAC member-states to agree but also has to do with adapting to world trade rules. Not much of this hurdle was cited in the concluding deliberations of the 39th Meeting of the EAC Council of Ministers which approved a final draft for the Cotton, Textiles and Apparels (CTA) strategy and its implementation roadmap.

There will likely be new elements in the current draft as it ought to have considered the failure of simple protectionism - specifically, the banning of trade in used clothes.

This was the strategy adopted in 2016 when the ministerial council accepted a three-year-long weaning of the EAC public off used clothing, and the United States moved to retaliate should any country implement that notice.

This change of outlook is apparent from the summation of what that new strategy is all about, as it was stated that its vision is to have "an integrated and globally competitive cotton, textiles and apparel industry"

"Integrated" definitely refers to its mode of activity within the EAC zone, while "competitive" has to include an element of fabrics from other countries like India and China.

It would also likely mean accommodating used clothes both as part of bilateral trade ties with the US and then also as a welfare dimension in the EAC zone.

Having a competitive industry means having an industry that doesn't rely on protection but can face competition and remain standing on its own feet, as

What applies to the cotton subsector also largely applies to the leather industry, as their climatic environments are closely intertwined and their economic context is similarly tied to competition with cheap imports.

In both cases, the ministerial council approved final drafts and implementation roadmaps directing the EAC Partner States to give priority to the implementation of the twin strategies. It isn't clear yet what its modus operandi is set to be.

Elements in the ministers' deliberations hint on the way ahead, including saying that the seed cotton sector is constrained by low and declining production, low productivity, low quality and fluctuating farm gate prices. It adds that textile mills are also constrained by outdated technology, low spinning capacity, low availability of cotton lint, high cost of energy and low skills level. All these are problems that can be solved without engaging

What the ministers and the EAC Secretariat ought to try and resolve is issues like inadequate supply of cotton lint. As to this aspect, the council was told that this shortage was compelling manufacturers of fabrics to either buy or hold stock covering a one-year production cycle, or shut down during off-seasons when they lack funds for bulk purchases

With particular respect to apparel, the ministers heard that the sector suffers mainly from low skills and low local market penetration by local producers. There were also complaints on contraband and used clothes, which relates to law enforcement and protection. The latter ought to be tightened, but protection can prove hugely risky.

Let our farmers export their crops, while terms and conditions apply

GRICULTURE is one of the sectors that have for decades on end provoked Lthe most debate within specific spheres and disciplines such as academia and more generally in

A major sub-topic with respect to agriculture relates to the sector's endlessly heavy association with the weather and low-quality and therefore inefficient inputs and methods.

We have witnessed various slogans "attached" to the sector, ostensibly to spur an agrarian revolution of sorts in the country, but often without much

six decades after Nearly Independence, the sector remains the major pre-occupation of the majority of the population, most particularly in rural areas. But most players are still heavily weighed down by the hoe, with irrigation, fertilisers and other sure agents of change well beyond the means of small-holders.

The much-touted 'Kilimo Kwanza', national 'green revolution blueprint' introduced in 2009 with support from the government, was not the first of its kind in the country but its implementation still faced daunting

One explanation related to the fact that some of the relevant authorities officials decide to believe that things can work to satisfaction while they remain seated in their air-conditioned offices while dishonest elements engage corruption in, say, the importation of power tillers and the purchase and distribution of cotton seeds.

The sector passed through various phases, including during the Arusha Declaration, which was widely regarded as the country's blueprint for socialism blueprint whose implementation saw the likes of collective farming in 'Ujamaa' villages and impassioned calls for self-reliance in foodstuffs

Too bad, we have never really become as self-reliant as expected, while there have also been the burning issues of the prices of farmers' crops as well as the farmers' liberty to 'dispose of' their produce without undue government interference.

Several times in the past few years there was heated debate in the National Assembly, with MPs questioning government bans on exports of food by farmers themselves, particularly maize.

The argument was that it had proved impossible for the government to buy the produce at competitive prices while making timely payments for whatever it bought, and therefore farmers would only be adequately compensated if no bans were imposed.

Some MPs went to the extent of saving the government was getting it all wrong for denying poor farmers a just return for their sweat and toil.

Fortunately, the horizon now holds some promise of more rewarding times, with the government buying the dictum that farmers should be the ones to set the prices for their crops as well have liberty to sell the product of their labour at markets of choice but, of course, with government support and guidance.

Tanzania blessed the ushering in of the free market economy over thirty years ago and, or so many people argue, it should see the rationale of allowing the proverbial supply and demand rule to govern in agriculture and some other sectors but without abandoning its oversight mandate.

In the particular case of the sale of farm produce, it should be that farmers should be allowed to sell their food across the country's borders to those in need at prices agreed upon, the only condition being that laid down procedures are strictly observed. Indeed, that is as it should be.

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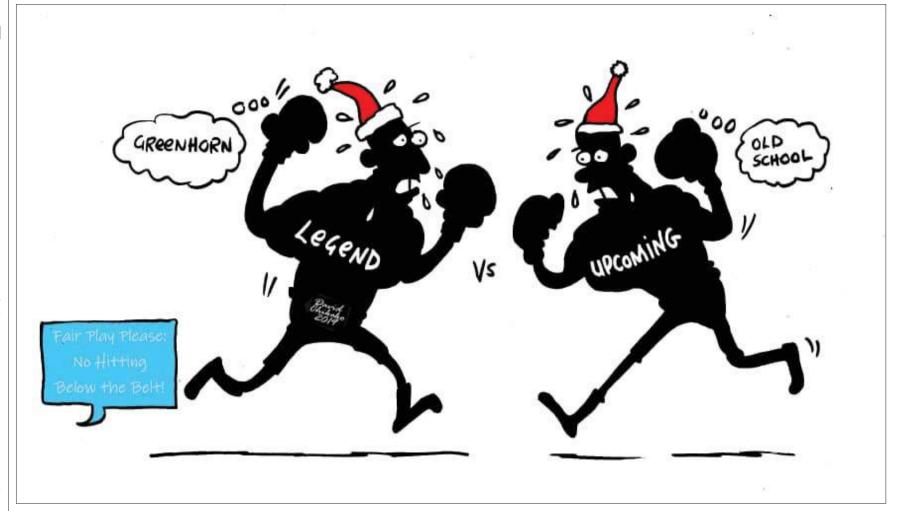
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By Ryan Hawthorne and Lukasz Grzybowski

OBILE services have had an important and positive impact on developing **_**countries where they are the main means of connecting to the internet. However, they have capacity constraints.

These services use limited radio frequency spectrum, which means that mobile data typically have usage limits. They also have high prices per unit (per gigabyte), which results in lower use per connection.

Fixed-line broadband, on the other hand, has significantly lower prices per unit and is often offered on an uncapped or unlimited basis, and therefore has higher usage per connection. This enables a wider range of services.

Admittedly, fixed lines are expensive to roll out, but these costs are falling. So, a question arises: is mobile enough for developing countries like South Africa?

It's an important question because there is a substantial "digital divide" between countries as well as within countries like South Africa. This difference in access to digital technology also exists between households that have access to the internet at home, and those that do not.

In a recent paper we looked at the question of substitution between fixed and mobile broadband services. Our results show that having a computer and access to an internet connection at work or school are at least as important in driving broadband penetration as reducing mobile data prices.

Our findings suggest that relying solely on mobile networks to bridge the "digital

Mobile access alone won't solve the digital divide - we'll still need fixed-line, after all

divide" is not enough - so, policymakers and regulators should consider ways of expanding access to computers and internet at work and schools, together with expanding access to fixed-line broadband.

Overall, only 10 per cent of households in South Africa report having access to the internet at home. This compares to almost 50 per cent across developing countries. But even the low average internet access in South Africa masks important regional disparities.

In the Western Cape, for example, 26 per cent of households have internet access at home, compared to 2 per cent in Limpopo. This suggests that access to the internet in South Africa is very low overall, and highly skewed, reflecting the extreme levels of inequality.

Our research has shown that access to the means of using the internet, such as owning a computer, plays an important role in household choices of fixed or mobile data services. In cases where a household has a computer, fixed and mobile are less likely to be substitutes.

The study further shows that if fixedline coverage were expanded to the entire population and computers were available to all, fixed-line broadband penetration would increase by a significant 9.6 percentage points, while mobile broadband penetration would increase by half of a percentage point.

This is consistent with the positive relationship we observe between having a computer and home internet access

across countries.

Our results also corroborate survey evidence in South Africa and other countries which identifies the high cost or lack of equipment such as computers as a barrier to using the internet at home. The price of subscribing to a service plays less of a role

We also show that when consumers access the internet at work or school they are less likely to see fixed and mobile data services as substitutes. Having an internet connection at

work or school would add an additional 5.7 percentage points to fixed-line broadband penetration and 3 percentage points to mobile broadband penetration. This is over and above the effect of expanding fixed-line coverage and providing households with computers.

This may be due to "learning effects" where users of high-speed internet at work and school learn applications for high-speed internet at home.

In addition, being employed - and being self-employed in particular makes fixed and mobile data services weaker substitutes. Unemployment in South Africa currently stands at 38.5 per cent. At higher levels of employment, and particularly self-employment, more fixed-line services will be needed.

This is important in view of recent research. The study shows that the expansion of high-speed internet access in African countries, including South Africa, results not only in greater employment but also in greater productivity.

These results have several implications for regulators and policymakers in developing countries, particularly in Africa. Regulators have so far focused largely on interventions in respect of mobile data services. But our findings suggest that this is not enough to expand access to broadband.

Firstly, it is important to stimulate demand for broadband services. This can be done by providing the tools, such as computers, for using such services. Furthermore, our results suggest that ensuring that individuals have access to the internet at work and educational facilities would likely increase broadband

Secondly, according to our findings, for large groups of consumers, fixed and mobile complement each other. This means that greater fixed-line broadband adoption leads to greater mobile data adoption, and vice versa.

The number of consumers that see fixed and mobile data as complementary is greater at higher levels of employment and self-employment. It is also higher among those with more access to computers and greater connectivity at work and at schools.

This suggests that relying solely on mobile networks to bridge the digital divide is not enough.

Ryan Hawthorne and Lukasz Grzybowski are University of Cape Town economist and associate professor, respectively.

Sea life in Mozambique Channel at serious risk of being wiped out

By Arimando Domingos, Maputo

"rapid and catastrophic" fall in marine life off Mozambique has led to warnings from **Some** of Africa's leading biologists that a number of species could be "lost within a generation".

According to the US-based Marine Megafauna Foundation, sightings of manta rays in the Mozambique Channel have fallen almost 90 per cent. Their cousin, the devil ray, has been all but

Between them, Madagascar and Mozambique have licensed hundreds of Asian and European Union (EU) boats to fish in the waters, while buyers drive the coastal roads, offering cash for shark fins - a delicacy in China - and bones from manta rays. As with rhino horn, gill cartilage from mantas is used in Asian

Activists say that locals venture from the beach with nets, catching fish but also rays, sharks and the rare dugong, a mammal that gave rise to the myth of mermaids.

In Mombasa, Kenyan marine biologist Dr Melita Samoilys is a director of Cordio, a research NGO for the western reach of

a recent paper on Mozambique and its fish, and said little would change while the country suffered "high levels of poverty and illiteracy in coastal communities".

She said that was a need for patrols at sea and on land, "but too often coastal fishers are blamed when, really, they have little alternative", adding that poverty lay at the heart of the problem.

According to the marine biologist, the decision to allow foreign fishing fleets offshore was meanwhile largely financial and was made with no consultation with coastal communities - "and these catches are rarely monitored, so they fish with impunity". Dr Samoilys said the world was shifting attention to the oceans, "but action on the ground is slow".

At the World Wildlife Fund for Nature (WWF) office in Cape Town, Craig Smith said the Mozambique Channel was one of the "most bio-diverse hot spots on the planet".

Smith, who works on WWF projects in the western Indian Ocean, called for "urgent, collective and decisive intervention" across the region, including South Africa. He said climate change was compounding the problem. In Durban, Dr Jean Harris - director of the NGO Wild

the Indian Ocean. She was lead author of Oceans -called for an immediate review of "foreign fleet agreements", saying: "We have EU and Asian vessels in African waters, some licensed and others not. We need an audit of how this is impacting our stocks, especially where unselective methods like long-line fishing and net trawling are used."

> Harris said some of the European ships received subsidies from the EU, and "are here because they have already fished out their own waters".

> It is estimated that Mozambique loses US\$60 million a year in illegal fishing. But when the country set out to buy its own trawlers, and patrol craft to intercept poachers, the deal was marred by allegations of corruption.

A case brought by the US Justice Department is currently under way in New York. Vic Cockcroft, a Zimbabwean researcher who has worked on dugongs along the coast of East Africa, says numbers there have fallen by 99 per cent since 1960 - "though Mozambique still has a viable population of the species".

These plant-eating mammals get caught accidentally in nets or are hunted for meat despite legal protection. "There is a critical need to police and monitor places like the Channel," Cockcroft said.

He elaborated: "The problem is that fish and other marine creatures don't respect borders. They swim where they wish and, when stocks are being hit in one area, some of the casualties will be temporary migrants not making it home. That is true of Mozambique, where poaching has impacted on both South Africa and Tanzania."

In Mombasa, Dr Samoilys said marine animals deserved the same protection as those on land.

"In many ways, East Africa spawned the modern concern over poaching," she said, adding: "It was the ivory trade out of Mombasa that made headlines in the 1970s, and our national parks like the Serengeti (in Tanzania) and Maasai Mara (in Kenya) are now household names."

"Sadly, the crisis off our coast gets nowhere near that level of publicity. Kenya and South Africa have relatively good control of their waters, but the situation is much more difficult in places like Mozambique," said the marine biologist. Cockcroft concurred: "The oceans around Africa need to become a global cause. That is what happened with threatened species like tiger, cheetah and

gorillas. But, we have very little time." Agencies

Guardian

Focus on early release of terror convict in London stabbings

LONDON

SMAN Khan was convicted on terrorism charges but let out of prison early. He attended a "Learning Together" conference for ex-offenders, and used the event to launch a bloody attack, stabbing two people to death and wounding three others.

Police shot him dead after he flashed what seemed to be a suicide vest. Khan is gone, but the questions remain: Why was he let out early? Did authorities believe he no longer believed in radical Islam? Why didn't the conditions imposed on his release prevent the carnage?

Britons looked for answers Saturday as national politicians sought to pin the blame elsewhere for what was obviously a breakdown in the security system, which had kept London largely free of extremist violence for more than two vears

Police said Khan was convicted in 2012 of terrorism offenses and released in December 2018 "on license," which means he had to meet certain conditions or face recall to prison. Several British media outlets reported that he was wearing an electronic ankle bracelet that allowed police to track his movements at the time of the attack.

Authorities seemed quick to blame "the system" rather than any one component.

The Parole Board said it had played no role in Khan's early release. It said the convict "appears to have been released automatically on license (as required by law), without ever being referred to the board."

Neil Basu, the Metropolitan Police counterterrorism police, said Saturday afternoon that the conditions of Khan's release had been ing Johnson, who was not complied with. He didn't in office when Khan was set spell out what those confree. ditions were or why they failed to prevent him from killing two people.

The automatic release program apparently means no agency was given the task of determining if Khan still believed in radical views he had embraced when he was first imprisoned for plotting to attack a number of sites and individuals in London.

It is not yet known whether he took part in any of the "de-radicalization" programs used by British authorities to try and reform known jihadis.

The former head of Britain's National Counter Terrorism Security Office, Chris Phillips, said it is unreasonable to ask police and security services to keep the country safe while at the same time letting people out of prison when they are still a threat.

"We're playing Russian roulette with people's lives, letting convicted, known, radicalized jihadi criminals walk about our streets," he said.

Khan had been convicted as part of an al-Qaeda linked group that was accused of plotting to target major sites including Parliament, the US Embassy and individuals including Prime Minister Boris Johnson, then the mayor of London, the dean of St. Paul's Cathedral in London and two rabbis.

Khan admitted to a lesser charge of engaging in conduct for the preparation of acts of terrorism. He had been secretly taped plotting attacks and talking about martyrdom as a possibility. Khan and his accomplices

had links to radical preacher Anjem Choudary, one of the highest-profile faces of radical Islam in Britain. A mobile phone seized at the time contained material related to a banned group that Choudary founded. The preacher was released from prison in 2018 but is under heavy surveillance and a curfew.

Several people who attended Choudary's rallies when he was under no controls have been convicted of attacks, including the two al-Qaeda-inspired killers who ran over British soldier Lee Rigby and stabbed him to death in 2013.

The two chief contenders in the Dec 12 election -Johnson and Labour Party leader Jeremy Corbyn condemned the system Saturday.

Johnson, who visited the scene Saturday, said he had "long argued" that it was a "mistake to allow serious and violent criminals to come out of prison early." He said the criminal justice system "simply isn't work-

Johnson spoke Saturday with US President Donald Trump, who offered his condolences following the attack, according to White House spokesman Judd

Corbyn said it is not clear if the Probation Office was involved at all and questioned whether the Parole Board should have been given a role.

"We have to ensure that the public are safe," he said. "That means supervision of prisoners in prison but it also means supervision of ex-prisoners when they are released ahead of the completion of their sentence, to have tough supervision of them to make sure this kind of danger is not played out on the public in the future."

He stopped short of blam-

Police said 28-year-old Khan was attending a program that works to educate prisoners when he launched Friday's attack just yards from the site of a deadly 2017 van and knife rampage.

Basu, the top counterterrorism police officer, said the suspect appeared to be wearing a bomb vest but it turned out to be "a hoax explosive device." He said police believe Khan was acting alone.

The Islamic State group claimed responsibility for the attack, saying Khan was one of its fighters. The group's statement, however, didn't provide any evidence.

One of the victims was named in British media reports as Jack Merritt, a graduate of Cambridge University who was helping organize the conference where the attack began. His father David Merritt tweeted that his son had been killed and had a "beautiful spirit."

Basu said he could not name the victims until they had been formally identified by the coroner. He asked the public for help with video, photos and information about the attack.



We have to ensure that the public are safe," he said. "That means supervision of prisoners



EDF – PROGRAMME SUPPORT UNIT



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

European Development Fund - Programme Support Unit (EDF - PSU) is within the Ministry of Finance and Planning, established under the External Finance Division.

The European Development Fund (EDF) is the European Union's (EU) main instrument for providing development aid to African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) countries and to Overseas Countries and Territories (OCTs). The activities of the EDF cooperation are in the fields of economic development, social and human development as well as regional cooperation and integration.

The partnership between Tanzania and the EU is anchored in the Cotonou Partnership Agreement, which is the framework agreement for the EU's relations since 2000 with 79 countries from Africa, the Caribbean and the Pacific (ACP).

The Cotonou Partnership Agreement (CPA) between African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) countries and the European Union (EU) stipulates that, "The Government of each ACP State shall appoint a National Authorising Officer to represent it in all operations financed from the resources from the multi-annual financial framework of cooperation under this Agreement managed by the Commission and the Bank. The National Authorising Officer shall appoint one or more deputy National Authorising Officers to replace him when he is unable to carry out his duties and shall inform the Commission of this appointment"

In Tanzania, the National Authorising Officer of the European Development Fund, is the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of the Finance and Planning. In order to carry out his mandate as stipulated in the CPA, the Permanent Secretary established EDF - PSU which acts as a quality controller on all EDF Programmes in Tanzania and ensures timely and quality inputs to the EU Project Cycle Management. Also, the unit is the main interlocutor between the EU and Ministries and other entities that are implementing EU funded projects. Day-to-day activities of the unit are managed by the Deputy National Authorising Officer for EDF as the Head of the unit. Some of the functions of the unit include preparation of financing proposals, evaluation of tenders, authorising payments and monitoring and evaluations of projects and programmes.

The Unit is inviting applications from dynamic, energetic and proactive Tanzanians with required technical skills and experience to fill the following three (3) vacancies.

I. Finance Officer

- I.I Reports to: Head of Finance and Administration 1.2 Station: Dodoma
- 1.3 Contract Period: Three years with possibilities of renewal depending on performance and availability of funds

1.4 Summary of duties and responsibilities:

- Actively participate in identification and formulation of EU funded projects and programmes with focus on the financing aspects;
- Prepare and process timely and accurately payment orders and payment vouchers for projects and
- Prepare and process reconciliation statements for all bank accounts and petty cash;
- Prepare and process periodic project financial performance reports;
- Prepare for and attend audits/expenditure verifications of projects managed by the Unit;
- Monitoring tax compliance and exemption process; - Assist in the tender/ Call for Proposals preparation and evaluation process as secretary or evaluator when needed;
- Assist Head of Finance and Administration to implement activities on administration and human resource management duties;
- Train and support counterparts, Programme Managers, Accountants (Imprest Administrators and Imprest Accounting Officers) on the application of EDF rules and procedures; and
- Other duties assigned by the Management.

1.5 Qualification and experience

- Applicants must have professional accounting qualification i.e CPA(T) or equivalent;
- Applicants must have university degree/advanced diploma accountancy/finance/business administration;
- Master's degree in business administration or related field will be an added advantage; and
- Applicants must have at least five (5) years working experience in accounting/finance position out of which at least two (2) years working with donor funded projects in areas of accounts/finance.
- Experience in working with EU funded projects on accounting/finance/administration will considered as an added advantage.

1.6 Key competencies

Excellent IT skills, including the use of accounting applications. Knowledge in Microsoft Navision ERP and QuickBooks will be added advantage;

- Good analytical skills;
- Good written and verbal communications skills, in both English and Swahili:
- Speed and accuracy; and
- Comfortable in working independently with a multitude of different tasks and within strict deadlines in difficult circumstances.

2. Programme Officer – Infrastructure

- 2.1 Reports to: Head of Programmes
- 2.2 Station: Dodoma
- 2.3 Contract Period: Three years with possibilities of renewal depending on performance and availability of funds

2.4 Summary of duties and responsibilities:

- Provide policy and strategic advice to the Head of Programmes on infrastructure matters as stipulated in the Cotonou Partnership Agreement, national development and poverty reduction strategies and the 11th EDF National Indicative Programme or other relevant EU development financing
- Facilitate identification, preparation, implementation and appraisal of EU funded infrastructure projects;
- Ensure technical and financial monitoring and evaluation of ongoing projects, including the participation to stakeholders meetings and site meetings/visits;
- Ensure revision and follow up of formal communications, claims, payments and any other contractual requirements;
- Prepare and process tender documents for services, supplies and works contracts and prepare contracts and addenda for infrastructure projects;
- Monitor fulfilment of government undertakings as stipulated in respective in financing agreements for various infrastructure and infrastructural related projects, general budget/ sector supports with specific reference to Performance Assessment
- Train and support counterparts and Programme Managers on EDF and EU rules and procedures; and
- Undertake any responsibilities as assigned from
- Contribute to the programming/design of new **EU-funded projects**

2.5 Qualification and experience

- Applicants must have a bachelor degree in civil engineering or related fields;
- Master degree in Engineering, Project Management, Construction Management, Construction Law or related field is added advantage;
- Applicants must have at least five (5) years working experience in procurement and management of civil works project; at least 2 years in a supervision team of works contracts:
- Applicant have to be registered by Tanzania Engineers Registration Board; and
- Proven ability to interact competently with donor agencies on issues related to aid coordination. Knowledge and experience on EDF procedures is an added advantage.

2.6 Key competencies

- Demonstrated professional experience in the design, management and/or supervision of road construction/rehabilitation and maintenance works;
- Demonstrated professional experience in the preparation, examination and administration of tender dossiers for works, supplies and consultancy services including (paved and unpaved) roads, bridges and public buildings;
- A strong background in financial, technical and contractual management of large infrastructure (roads) programmes, Project Cycle Management and Conditions of Contract;
- In depth knowledge of Project Cycle Management, developing and implementing monitoring and evaluation systems based on performance indicators;
- A very good command of legal and professional skills, written and spoken English and Swahili are necessary; and
- Demonstrated practical experience and sound claim analysis and application of dispute resolution procedures including amicable settlement, conciliation and/or arbitration will be an added advantage.

3. Programme Officer – Energy

- 3.1 Reports to: Head of Programmes
- 3.2 Station: Dodoma
 - 3.3 Contract Period: Three years with possibilities of renewal depending on performance and availability of funds
 - 3.4 Summary of duties and responsibilities:
 - Provide policy and strategic advice to the Head of Programmes on energy matters as stipulated in the

- Cotonou Partnership Agreement and its successor, national development and poverty reduction strategies and plans under the 11th EDF National Indicative Programme and other relevant EU development financing instruments;
- Facilitate identification, preparation and appraisal as well as implementation, monitoring and evaluation of EU funded energy programmes and projects;
- Prepare and process tender documents for services, supplies and works contracts, call for proposals and prepare contracts and addenda for energy projects;
- Monitor fulfilment of government undertakings as stipulated in respective in financing agreements for various energy as well as energy related projects, general budget/ sector supports with specific reference to Performance Assessment Framework;
- Developing and implementing monitoring and evaluation systems based on performance indicators;
- Train and support counterparts and programme managers on EDF and EU rules and procedures;
- Liaise and coordinate on the implementation of projects with Project Managers of MDAs, private sector and other beneficiaries on the EU energy funded projects; and
- Undertake any task assigned from time to time by

3.5 Qualification and experience

- Applicants must have Bachelor degree in electrical engineering, electro-mechanical engineering, energy economics, renewable energy, energy and power engineering or related field;
- Master's degree in either energy and environmental management, renewable energy, energy economics, Project Management or related field is an advantage;
- At least five (5) years of work experience in energy sector in Tanzania of which at least two (2) years is in management of energy projects; Professional
- experience in EU funded energy projects is an asset; Applicants must be registered by Tanzania Engineers Registration Board (ERB) or other regulatory
- Boards as professional engineer; Sound experience with Public and Private sector;
- Proven ability to interact competently with donor agencies on issues related to aid coordination; and
- Knowledge and experience on EDF procedures is an added advantage.

3.6 Key competencies

- In depth knowledge of Project Cycle Management;
- Excellent IT skills:
- Good analytical skills;
- Good public relations skills;
- Good written and verbal communication skills, in both English and Swahili;
- Comfortable to work independently, with tight deadlines and in difficult circumstances.

4. How to apply:

Applications must be directed to Email: recruitment@psu.go.tz. Applications by other means will not be accepted. Application letters, up-to-date Curriculum Vitae (CV) and motivation letter (of not more than one page) must be in English and combined in as one document. Your CV must indicate current physical address, telephone contacts and three reputable referees with their reliable contacts including phone numbers and email addresses.

Also, attach compressed folder of scanned copies of Postgraduate/Degree/Advanced Diploma/Diploma/Form IV/Form VI National Examination Certificates and results transcripts (Form IV and form VI results slips, testimonials and all partial transcripts are not acceptable), Professional registration and training certificates from respective registration or regulatory bodies and birth certificates. Certificates from Foreign Universities and foreign examination bodies for Ordinary or Advanced level education must be accompanied by a verification document from Tanzania Commission for Universities (TCU) and National Examination Council of Tanzania (NECTA)/ National Council for Technical Education (NACTE) respectively.

An applicant employed in the Public Service should route his/her application letter through his/her

Applicants with special needs/case (disability) are supposed to indicate that in their applications.

respective employers.

Please mention the job title/ vacancy name as the subject line when sending application.

> Failure to do that your application will not be processed.

Application deadline is on 20th December 2019 at 1530 EAT.

Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted for interview.

Obstructive laws, policies hamper renewable energy potential in Tanzania

By Correspondent Crispin Gerald

September 2015, during the United Nations Summit, member countries adopted the 2030 agenda for Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), with focus on ensuring that every country is working to make an end to poverty, eliminate inequalities and take control of climate change.

The adopted SDGs agenda which consist of 17 goals requires in the seventh goal that every UN member country is supposed to ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy.

It explains that, energy is nearly the major challenge and opportunity the world faces today. Focusing on universal access to energy, increased energy efficiency and the increased use of renewable energy through new economic and job opportunities is crucial to creating more sustainable and inclusive communities and resilience to environmental issues.

Renewable energy which includes solar power, hydroelectric power, geothermal, wind, is vital as it contributes to socio-economic development, but also it is an alternative source of energy to others which produce carbon emission and contribute to climate change.

Tanzania has a potential for renewable energy which can be realized through private investment, public and private partnerships and supportive taxation and policy environment.

"It is however that, available policies in the country do not offer a clear support on alternative and clean energy, and also there is an overlap between available policies and guidelines in the energy sector; for stance encouraging investments on solar energy products but at the same time pooling out the tax exemption on the products," according to Tanzania civil society report on the SDGs.

This has led to the increase on the use of non-renewable energy including charcoal which is highly utilized for domestic purposes.

Charcoal consumption especially in urban areas has nearly doubled over the past ten years due to urbanization, high prices or scarcity of other alternatives particularly kerosene, electricity and liquefied petroleum gas (LPG).

Statistics from Energy Policy 2015 shows that, in 2010, energy consumption composed of residential was 72.5

percent, industry 14.4 percent, transport 5.8 percent, agriculture 4.2 percent and others 3.1 percent.

"It is projected that demand for charcoal, without supply and demand side interventions will double by 2030, from approximately 2.3 million tons of charcoal in 2012."

The Forum for climate change FO-RUM CC, an association of civil society organizations committed to work on climate change, has underscore the need for the government to shift to the use of renewable energy as alternative and the best source of energy suitable for economic and domestic purpose.

Project coordinator for renewable energy project in the forum Euphrasia Shayo told reporter recently in Dar es Salaam that the government is supposed to see the need of investing much in the utilization of renewable energy in order to reduce carbon emission from use of charcoal and fire

"The problem is that the government has not put priority on renewable sources of energy like hydropower, solar, wind and geothermal," she said.

According to her lots of investment has been allocated in the utilization of non-renewable energy for commercial purpose despite the fact that they are not friendly with the environment, including coal for industrial use," she

Shayo cited the government budget tabled for the fiscal year 2016/17 which shows the state allocated 30 percent of the budget for production and utilization of non-renewable energy including coal, whilst, for renewable energy, the government allocated 5 percent

"More budget is needed to make infrastructures for utilization of renewable energy more effective in order to provide enough energy for domestic and industrial activities," she insisted.

"But also, policy makers and responsible authorities in the country are supposed to make reforms in the regulatory framework to have a clear statement on utilization of renewable

Shayo explained that a lot of funds from donors have been channeled to develop non-renewable energy for economic purposes while little is set for renewable energy.

She made the remarks to reporter during the session which was prepared by Forum CC that brought to-



gether different Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) across the country to have one alliance that will work to persuade the government to see the necessity of shifting to the use of renewable source of energy instead of nonrenewable.

The forum is implementing a two-year project seeking to influence the government to invest more in the generation and use of renewable energy because it is one of clean and safe source of energy to environment.

The initiative is implemented under the fund from Netherlands based organization called Hivos, together with Pan African Climate Justice Alliance (PACJA).

Renewable energy is one of best source of dealing with climate change as it produces little amount of carbon gas compared to non-renewable energy like coal and fossil fuels.

"We are advocating for the use of renewable energy in order to also help women in the society who are main user of the energy for domestic activities," she explained.

"It is with no doubt that, scaling-up renewable energy programme is amongst several

key interventions that Tanzania would have to promote in the years ahead as we strive to achieve energy security," said the then Minister for Energy and Minerals Prof Sospeter Muhongo.

The ultimate goal is to attain universal access to modern energy services; therefore, special attention should be given to increase power generation from renewable energy sources that are available in abundance.

"This will lead to more than 75 percent of Tanzania's residents, majority of who live in rural areas, to have access to electricity services by 2035. This approach is in line with the United Nations' Sustainable Energy for all initiative and its post 2015 global sustainable development agenda," the minister said.

The civil society organisations have jointly recommended in their report launched in Dar es Salaam that the government should minimise lengthy administrative process by establishing a one stop centre as well as building capacity and interest of financial institutions to understand renewable energy sector as one of the opportune sectors for investment.

resources are required in conducting feasibility studies and assessments for renewable energy projects. The government should design policy and legal

framework incentives that at-

tract foreign direct investment in

But also enough amounts of

Meanwhile, project coordinator Msololo Onditi said there is a need for policy makers and the government to put in place specific policy for renewable energy that will stipulate specifically the importance of using renewable

energy and directs the govern-

ment to make effective utiliza-

tion of it for the sake of protect-

ing environment from carbon

The available laws and policies including National Energy Policy 2015, Rural Energy Agency Act 2001, EWURA regulation 2007 and Electricity Act have not put much emphasis on the utilisation of renewable energy for both

Onditi said that the government is supposed to strengthen Municipal Councils across the country to be able to develop their own energy from renewable sources available in their

economic and domestic benefit.

"This should go hand in hand with provision of education to citizen on the importance of using renewable energy as best source of energy in order to reduce and completely eliminate the use of carbon based energy.

Investment in spotless and renewable energy sources such as hydro, solar, biomass, wind, and thermal power is an approach towards achieving universal access to cheap and affordable electricity by 2030.

"To achieve this and reduce global electricity consumption in industries and homes by 14 percent, there is the need for the adoption of cost-effective standards for a broad range of technologies," he explained.

Each developing country is encouraged to expand its infrastructure and upgrade technologies to offer clean energy as a basic goal that can inspire socioeconomic and political growth and environmental enhancement. Furthermore, renewable energies are expected to increase direct and indirect employment opportunities from 10.3 million in 2017 to 24 million in 2030.

World's crisis-stricken oceans doomed to destruction without a global treaty

UNITED NATIONS

HE greatest single climateinduced threat facing the world's 44 small island developing states (SIDS) is rising sea waters which could obliterate some of the low-lying states, including Maldives, Marshall Islands, Kiribati, Nauru, Solomon Islands, Tuvalu, Palau and Micronesia.

The Marshall Islands alone, says the UN, has seen more than a third of its population move abroad in the last 15-20 years. Many have moved for work, healthcare and education - but climate change is now threatening those who have chosen to stay.

At the Conference of Parties (COP25) on climate change in Madrid December 2, UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres pointedly warned that rising sea levels were twice as deadly today as it was many moons ago: while oceans are rising, he said, they are also being poisoned.

"Oceans absorb more than a quarter of all CO2 in the atmosphere and generate more than half our oxygen. Absorbing more and more carbon dioxide acidifies the oceans and threatens all life within them", he added.

But bigger cities have not been

spared either. In an article titled "Warming Ocean Waters Have Fish on the Move", The New York Times reported December 2 that Iceland, whose economy has depended largely on commercial fishing, has discovered that warming waters associated with climate change are causing some fish to seek cooler waters elsewhere beyond the reach of Icelandic fishermen.

Pointing out the hazards of climate change, Guterres says ice caps are melting. And in Greenland alone, 179 billion tonnes of ice melted in July. Permafrost in the Arctic is thawing 70 years ahead of projections. And Antas a decade ago, he told delegates at COP25 which is scheduled to conclude December 13.

But there are two proposals before the UN, both aimed primarily at safeguarding the high seas: a Global Network of Ocean Sanctuaries and a

paigner at Greenpeace UK, told IPS that scientists and governments have coalesced around the concept of a global network of fully protected ocean sanctuaries, covering at least 30% of the world's ocean.

The creation of this network is not just realistic, but of fundamental importance to the health of our planet,

space needed to recover and thrive. To deliver this network, she said, governments at the United Nations must agree on a strong new Global Ocean Treaty in 2020.

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Such a treaty, she said, would pro-

ference of the Parties. A new treaty should also provide

arctica is melting three times as fast

Global Ocean Treaty.

Louisa Casson, an Oceans Cam-

A new report, "Greenpeace's 30×30: A Blueprint for Ocean Protection" authored in collaboration with the Universities of York and Oxford, sets out a scientifically robust and clear vision for a global network of ocean sanctuaries, totally off limits to human exploitation, which would give oceans and the wildlife that calls it home the

"This treaty would help fix the curbe exploited to the brink of collapse."

vide a clear legal duty and process for nations to protect and restore ocean health through a network of sanctuaries, and set out a robust institutional framework for creating and effectively managing the network through a Con-

clear enforcement obligations for all governments, and monitoring and re-



Scientific expeditions in recent years have revealed that the high seas, 200 nautical miles from coastal shores, harbor an incredible array of species that provide essential services for life on Earth. File photo

view mechanisms to ensure the treaty is being properly implemented by all, said Casson.

The world's high seas, which extend beyond 200 nautical miles, are deemed "international waters" to be shared globally- but they remain largely ungoverned justifying the need for a new treaty.

The world's oceans have steadily undergone environmental destruction, including illegal fishing and overfishing, plastics pollutions, indiscriminate sea bed mining and degradation of marine eco systems.

Dr Palitha Kohona, a former cochair of the 'U.N. Working Group on the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Marine Biological Diversity Beyond Areas of National Jurisdiction', told IPS the concept of ocean sanctuaries and protected areas has been on the table for some time.

He said it is high on the agenda of

Western NGOs and many European

And there is a historic compromise in place between the Group of 77 developing countries (G77) and the European Union (EU) on the outlines of this concept and benefit sharing, he noted.

"Properly identified and policed, ocean sanctuaries and marine protected areas (MPAs) will help to protect the habitat of identified species and the breeding grounds of diverse marine life forms which took millions of years to evolve," he said.

It is hoped that agreement on these will at least help to arrest the decline in the number of marine species, said Dr Kohona a former Permanent Representative of Sri Lanka to the United Nations.

However, a longstanding demand for benefit sharing by developing countries also needs accommodation. A compromise can be achieved. There have received storms of verbal sup-

are precedents which can be adapted,

Biological diversity in the oceans could very well provide the impetus for the next wave of innovations in the pharmaceutical industry and the developing world is acutely conscious of being excluded from it benefits.

"We know that species extinction is occurring at an unprecedented pace, including in the seas and oceans. Global warming is contributing substantially to this phenomenon".

At the same time, species adaptation to changing weather and climate factors is threatening the livelihood of millions who depend on the oceans

and seas for their living. He said fish swim away from familiar habitats to areas where the temperature is more conducive to their exist-

Attempts to arrest global warming

port but not much by way of practical action. Some in positions of power have even challenged the overwhelming scientific view in order to cultivate uninformed electoral support, he

"At COP 25 in Madrid, we need to encourage thinking that would balance economic consolidation and advancement and the conservation of the environment for our children. Our future must not be left to whims of those who thrive in ignorance," he declared.

Casson pointed out there is wide agreement on the need for a new Global Ocean Treaty.

However, governments have been negotiating on a new treaty for years now, and as industrial vested interests step up their lobbying there is a serious risk of the treaty failing to change the status quo, leaving governments unable to deliver effective ocean pro-

She said governments that are truly supportive of proper marine protection must step up when the United Nations meets next year, and fight for the strongest Global Ocean Treaty possi-

"Without a robust new treaty, the ocean crisis will only worsen, which will have wide implications for our planet's health and for all of humanity," she warned.

Meanwhile, the United Nations has proclaimed a Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development (2021-2030) to support efforts to reverse the cycle of decline in ocean health.

The marine realm, says the UN, is the largest component of the Earth's system that stabilizes climate and support life on Earth and human well-

The impact of multiple stressors on the ocean is projected to increase as the human population grows towards the expected 9 billion by 2050.

Joint African project a game-changer for young rice farmers in Morogoro

By Guardian Reporter

GODFREY Pascal is among young rice growers in Kilosa District benefiting from the Partnership for Sustainable Rice Systems Development in Sub-Saharan Africa project-aimed at realizing more efficient, sustainable and productive rice systems in Africa to increase food security and enhance sustainable development of the rice food chain among the smallholder farmers especially youth.

In Africa, the three-year project was executed in Tanzania, Benin, Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, Guinea, Kenya, Mali, Nigeria, Senegal and Uganda.

With the use of technologies adopted in the project, Pascal harvests an average of 52 sacks of rice per acre while before introduction of the project he was harvesting between 8 and 20 sacks.

"To me, this is a miracle. I commend everyone who made this project possible to us as smallholder farmers," Pascal says with a broad smile.

After selling rice, he says: "I got 5.2m/-, the money I used to build a modern house (village standard). This is a very good step and I encourage youth to venture into agriculture."

He describes the project and System of Rice Intensification (SRI) as a game changer due to the fact that it triples rice production per acre, which in turn addresses food security and pov-

Project coordinator for FAO, Diomedes Kalisa also admits that life has changed to better for rice growers in areas where the project was imple-



System of Rice Intensification (SRI) enables farmers to grow far more food more cost-effectively and sustainably, producing higher yields with less water, fertilizer, seeds, and labor.

mented said the project has supported 2600 rice farmers who are now practicing modern rice farming.

"The project also provided training to 150 youth," Kalisa said when speaking on Monday at the function to wrap up the project.

He said that in Tanzania the project was managed by the ministry and countries was provided with US\$500,000 from the funding country, Venezuela. In Tanzania it was implemented in Myomero, Kilosa and Kilombero districts.

Representative of FAO to Tanzania, Fred Kafeero says: "The importance of rice in ensuring food security cannot be overstated. Rice is a staple crop in many countries including Tanzania. Many people, especially in growing cities on rice is a food security crop and also a source of income. In fact in this part of Africa, Tanzania is the second main rice producer after Madagascar.'

"Here in Tanzania Rice production has increased its value to the country's economy where it remains as a main source of food, employment and income FAO whereas each of the participating to many smallholder farmers' households," he says, adding that in Tanzania the

tation of the National Strategy for Involvement of Youth in Agriculture of

He says: "FAO provided technical support to the Government of Tanzania for its development. The project addressed challenges causing low rice productivity in Tanzania through the adoption and upscaling of the System of Rice Intensification (SRI) using proven approaches that FAO has tested in many countries.

According to him, the implementation witnessed major positive developments among farmers especially youth from production to market levels. Out of a small group of 150 youth who were trained on SRI in 2017, now more than 600 youth and 2000 adult farmers are scaling up the rice production method in project areas and beyond. The young farmers are now paid by willing farmers (beyond project area) to train them in these new production skills.

"Production and productivity in project areas has improved whereby the farmers in the project areas have more than doubled their rice production from an average of 20 bags of paddy to more than 40 per acre.

"Young farmers, through entrepreneurship skills training, have started different income generating activities besides rice farming including building houses for rent, hair dressing salons, motorcycle taxi business famously known as boda boda and livestock keeping, among many others."

"This has in turn improved the incomes and livelihoods of the youth

project contributed to the implemen- farmers and their families through construction of better houses, paying school fees for children and affording health insurance covers."

> The project recently procured various gender responsive, time and labour-saving farm inputs to help reduce post-harvest losses and improve grain quality. This included installation of 4 complete sets of rice processing machines with ability to remove husks and stones; carry out grading and packing;

"I have no doubt we will hear more testimonies from some of the project's beneficiaries who are with us here today," he said.

Kafeero said the project has strengthened collaboration and coordination among youth and government institutions and supporting learning, knowledge management and sharing among rice value chains actors. "We commend the team work and commitment of the highest level by all partners; the Ministry of Agriculture; Morogoro Regional office; the Local government authorities and the

We recognize the excellent partnership that FAO has with the Government of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela who provided the funding support all through."

"FAO remains committed to working with Tanzania and other partners in coordinating south-south cooperation to strengthen partnership and learning between countries on effective technologies and approaches to increase food security and nutrition

Bushmeat may likely breed deadly bacteria

By Robab Katani

PEOPLE who eat wildebeests, warthogs and other wild African animals may be at risk for contracting potentially life-threatening diseases, according to an international team of researchers.

The team analyzed samples of bushmeat -- meat derived from wildlife -- in the Western Serengeti in Tanzania and identified several groups of bacteria. many of which contain the species that cause diseases such as anthrax, brucellosis and O fever.

"Many people in Sub-Saharan Africa regularly consume bushmeat, up to two-to-five times per week, which means that millions of people could be exposing themselves to these dangerous pathogens," said Robab Katani, assistant research professor of global health, Huck Institutes of the Life Sciences, Penn State.

"And the number is growing. Bushmeat consumption and trade has been increasing because of growing food insecurity, low cost compared to other meat products, and perceived medicinal value, among other things."

The problem is not confined to Africa either, she added.

"Bushmeat is smuggled illegally into the U.S. and Western Europe on a daily basis," she said.

"For example, Charles de Gaulle airport in France intercepts five tons per week. This practice puts even more

people at risk for contracting danger ous bacterial diseases."

To quantify the risk associated with eating and handling bushmeat, the researchers first needed identify the bacteria present in the meat. They obtained 56 fresh and processed bushmeat tissue samples from the predominant large herbivores -- including buffalo, zebra and giraffe -- of the Serengeti National Park and surrounding areas. They collected these samples within three ecologically distinct regions, called Bunda, Serengeti and Tarime, within the Serengeti ecosystem. Using a broad genetic sequencing technique, called 16S rRNA sequencing, they analyzed the microbiomes -- all of the microorganisms -- present in each sample.

The team found 27 different groups -- called phyla -- of bacteria in the samples, with Firmicutes, Proteobacteria, Cyanobacteria and Bacteroidetes being the most abundant. All of these groups contain both pathogenic species. Within those phyla the researchers detected DNA signatures of bacteria within the genera Bacillus, Brucella and Coxiella, which contain the species that cause anthrax, brucellosis and Q fever, respectively. The team's findings on the microbiome analysis of the samples appear today (Dec. 2) in Scientific Reports.

"Anthrax, brucellosis and Q fever can be deadly if left untreated," said Vivek Kapur, professor of microbiol-



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ogy and infectious diseases, Huck Distinguished Chair in Global Health and associate director of the Huck Institutes of Life Sciences, Penn State. "Antibiotics work, but most people don't have access to them. We've encountered many people who've tragically lost a family member to these otherwise preventable diseases."

The researchers also found a particularly high prevalence of bacteria in the genus Clostridium, whose species cause diseases like botulism and tetanus. In fact, the microbiomes of wildebeest collected during the dry season comprised more than 78 percent Clostridial species.

"Understanding which bacteria are present in bushmeat is necessary to establishing a plan to help curb outbreaks of these dangerous diseases," said Kapur. "Our data suggest the presence of certain disease-causing species, and our objective now is to

use species-level analyses to fine-tune our focus on specific pathogens and accurately assess and mitigate the associated risk of disease outbreaks. Ultimately, our goal is also to help build capabilities for rapid diagnosis and risk mitigation in the countries of origin to address these risks before they become a problem globally."

Govt will continue working with religious institutions in education, says Ndalichako

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

THE Minister for Education, Science and Technology Prof Joyce Ndalichako said the government will continue to cooperate with private institutions including universities run by religious organizations for the development of the education sector.

Prof Ndalichako (pictured) said this here on Monday when inaugurating modern office buildings for lecturers of St Augustine University (SAUT) Mbeya Branch.

She said investment on the university in the infrastructure is beneficial and is one among thins which the government stresses in putting



up friendly environment in giving

education to Tanzanians. She said the private sector is very important in development and that is why the government is partnering with private institutions in implementing various projects including the important education

She said the university has put up excellent environment for girl students as hostels built will assist those from faraway places who have to travel long distances.

The SAUT Director Mbeya Branch, Prof. Romuald Haule said the office building for lecturers cost 800.8m/- and hostel building for girls cost 1.531bn/-.

He said the hostel has capacity to accommodate 420 students at a time and has all basic services, hence students will not find it necessary to go outside during the

He added: "The office building for lecturers has a capacity to accommodate 91 lecturers and has 33 office rooms, as now we have 75 lecturers all of them are accommodated in the building."

For his part the Catholic Bishop for Shinyanga Diocese Liberatus Sangu, called on the university leadership to ensure they allocate for renovation of the buildings instead of leaving the unattended.

The catholic Bishop for Mbeya Diocese Gervas Nyaisonga said the quality of the modern buildings instills great faith in people who have trusted them including those who donated funds, including the gov-

By Correspondent Wilhelm Mulinda, Mwanza

THOUSANDS of traders who used to sell their merchandize on pedestrian pavements within Mwanza city are now looking for other premises to conduct their business after being flashed out by authorities.

The operation to remove the traders was conducted at the weekend by the Tanzania National Roads Agency (TANROADS)] with the aim of regaining the spaces which were literally

raided by the hawkers. Speaking to The Guardian here yesterday, TANROADS Manager for Mwanza Region Marwa Rubirya said that the agency will ensure that pavements along roads under its management are always free to be used by pedestrians.

The traders scattering their items on the pavements while others building kiosks on top of the drainage systems was a major nuisance in Mwanza city

Sanity resumes after the authorities remove traders from city pavements

as it forced pedestrians to endanger their lives by walking on the road.

Rubirya pointed out that government sets aside a lot of funds to construct the pavements for use by pedestrians to protect them against being knocked by automobiles and therefore save their lives. In that regard the provisions should be left to be used for the purpose they have been provided to make sure that things go in line with the plan for development of the nation, he said.

According to him, TANROADS educates the traders the detrimental effects on running business on the areas provided for pedestrians on highways from time to time with regard to road accidents.

Number of people is on the increase in Mwanza city centre therefore if areas for pedestrians are not left free for them to pass a lot of accidents are likely to occur every now and then, claiming lives of people as well as loss of their properties unnecessarily, he noted.

He stated that doing business on top of the drainage system and areas for pedestrians is also causing trouble to them when they want to implement works to improve the

Under pressure, can COP25 deliver?

ROME

public pressure backed by the weight of scientific reports is starting to bring governments to their senses as the annual UN climate summit kicks off in Madrid today.

But despite warnings that the planet is reaching critical tipping points, the two weeks of talks with nearly 30,000 participants and dozens of heads of government attending may still end in that familiar sense of disappointment and an opportunity missed.

The annual Conference of the Parties, this year being COP25, was to have been a highly arcane if crucial process of finding agreement on carbon markets, known in the jargon as Article 6 of the 'rulebook' to implement the 2015 Paris Agreement on stopping the planet from overheating.

Highly contentious, and in part pitting developing countries like Brazil, China and India against others, the Article 6 debate could not be resolved at last year's summit - COP24 in Katowice, Poland - nor at meetings in Bonn in June and hence was left for COP25 to try and fix. The other big elephant in the room - setting more ambitious national targets to reduce carbon emissions - was conveniently going to be left to be settled at next year's COP26 in Glasgow, Scotland.

But action is needed now, and senior officials representing nearly 200 countries have been put on notice that the climate emergency in all its forms is dominating the public sphere across the world. Just last week we saw student-led demonstrations and strikes

in many places that appropriately fell on Black Friday, delivering a broadside against rampant consumerism as well as government inaction.

"Striking is not a choice we relish; we do it because we see no other options," youth leaders Greta Thunberg of Sweden, Luisa Neubauer of Germany and Angela Valenzuela of Chile declared in a joint statement.

"We have watched a string of United Nations climate conferences unfold. Countless negotiations have produced much-hyped but ultimately empty commitments from the world's governments-the same governments that allow fossil fuel companies to drill for ever-more oil and gas, and burn away our futures for their profit."

UN Secretary General António Guterres has told COP25 that "the point of no return is no longer over the ho-

"In the crucial 12 months ahead, it is essential that we secure more ambitious national commitments - particularly from the main emitters - to immediately start reducing greenhouse gas emissions at a pace consistent to reaching carbon neutrality by 2050. We simply have to stop digging and drilling and take advantage of the vast possibilities offered by renewable energy and nature-based solutions," Guterres said.

Just last month the UN Environment Programme's annual Emissions Gap Report warned that the Paris Agreement ambition of keeping average temperatures within 1.5 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial times was "on the brink of becoming impossible".

Global greenhouse gas emissions in



Climate change effects, such as extreme weather events, drive up environmental remediation costs. File photo

billion tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent to reach that target but, at current rates of growth, emissions are projected to reach more than double that level. Clearly drastic action is needed.

Reinforcing the sense of emergency, the World Meteorological Organization reported that atmospheric concentrations of carbon dioxide and other green- duction targets. Spanish Prime house gases reached new record Minister Pedro Sanchez says the

2030 would have to be under 25 highs in 2018. China is the world's largest emitter.

Spain stepped in to offer Madrid as a venue for COP25 after Chile withdrew as host because of mass anti-government unrest. However Chile is still leading the conference and together with Spain will be pushing countries to act quickly to raise the ambition of their carbon emission regoal is for "the largest number of countries" to commit to net zero emissions by 2050

From 2020 to 2030, emissions must be cut 7.6% a year to meet the 1.5 degrees Celsius goal, the UNEP says.

However the main negotiation process in Madrid is expected to focus on the unfinished business of the market-based mechanisms to create and manage new carbon markets under the Paris

Agreement. This would allow countries and industries to earn credits for above-target emission reductions that can then be traded. Big developing countries have already accumulated huge amounts of carbon credits under the previous but now largely discredited carbon credit scheme. It is a highly complex tangle of interests.

Carbon Brief, a UK-based climate website, says the Article 6 debate has the potential to "make or break" implementation of the Paris Agreement which comes into force next year.

"To its proponents, Article 6 offers a path to significantly raising climate ambition or lowering costs, while engaging the private sector and spreading finance, technology and expertise into new areas. To its critics, it risks fatally undermining the ambition of the Paris Agreement at a time when there is clear evidence of the need to go further and faster to avoid the worst effects of climate change," Carbon Brief ex-

While Article 6 is a highly technical area, the underlying issues are political, with some countries forming unofficial alliances to defend their own interests rather than the common good of the planet. But politicians have been put on notice that this time the world's public is watching closely. Horse-trading cannot be allowed to put our futures at risk.

UN: Green economy not to be feared, but embraced

MADRID

GREEN economy is "not one to be feared but an opportunity to be embraced", UN Secretary-General António Guterres said on Monday, in a keynote speech to delegates at the opening of the COP25 UN climate conference in Madrid on Monday.

The tasks are many, timelines are crisis. tight, every item is important

Mr. Guterres outlined the work programme for what will be a busy twoweek event covering multiple aspects of the climate crisis, including capacity-building, deforestation, indigenous peoples, cities, finance, technology, and gender. "The tasks are many", he said, "our timelines are tight, and every item is important".

"Do we really want to be remembered as the generation that buried its head in the sand, that fiddled while the planet burned?"António Guterres, **UN Secretary-General**

The conference must convey a firm determination to change course, demonstrate that the world is seriously committed to stopping the "war against nature", and has the political will to reach carbon neutrality by 2050, he continued.

COP25 marks the beginning of a 12 month process to review countries' "Nationally Determined Contributions" or NDCs (the commitments made under the 2015 Paris Climate Agreement), and ensure that they are ambitious enough to defeat the climate emergency.

Overcome divisions, put a price on carbon

Encouraging signs of progress, noted Mr. Guterres, came out of the UN's Climate Action Summit, held in September, which saw initiatives proposed by small island nations and least-developed countries, major cities and regional economies, as well as the private and financial sectors.

The stated intention of some 70 countries to submit enhanced NDCs in 2020 - with 65 countries and major economies committing to work for net zero emissions by 2050 - while governments and investors are backing away from fossil fuels, were also cited as positive signs.

The UN chief called for leaders to end division over climate change, and reach consensus on carbon pricing, a crucial tool for cutting greenhouse gas emissions. Doing so, he said, will "get markets up and running, mobilize the private sector, and ensure that the rules are the same for everyone."

Is this the generation that 'fiddled while the planet burned?'

However, failing to decide on a price for carbon will, warned Mr. Guterres, risk fragmenting the carbon markets, sending a negative message that can undermine efforts to solve the climate

Throughout his speech, the Secretary-General was crystal clear about the urgent, existential level of the climate crisis. Failure to act, he said, will be the path of surrender: "Do we really want to be remembered as the generation that buried its head in the sand, that fiddled while the planet burned?"

The signs of potential disaster are unmissable, he declared. For example, the current concentration of CO2 in the atmosphere is comparable to that seen between 3 and 5 million years ago, when the temperature was between 2 and 3 degrees Celsius warmer than now and sea levels were 10 to 20 metres higher than today.

Other indicators include the fact that the last five years have been the hottest on record, and have seen extreme weather events and associated disasters, from hurricanes to drought to floods to wildfires. Ice caps are melting at a rapid rate, sea levels are rising, and oceans are acidifying, threatening all marine life.

Meanwhile, coal plants continue to be planned and built, and large, important parts of the global economy from agriculture to transportation, from urban planning and construction to cement, steel and other carbon-intensive industries - are still run in ways that are unsustainable.

"There is no time and no reason to delay", concluded Mr. Guterres. "We have the tools, we have the science, we have the resources. Let us show we also have the political will that people demand from us. To do anything less will be a betrayal of our entire human family and all the generations to come".

Time for politicians to lead, not

Speaking at a roundtable with Heads of State and government attending COP25, Mr. Guterres urged them to lead, and not follow, at a time when public opinion over the environment is evolving very quickly, and cities, regions and the business community are taking action to tackle the climate



Former Titan II Missile in its silo, Sahuarita, **Arizona. Photo:** The Titan Missile Museum

minded them that at the recent G20 meeting of the world's leading economies in Osaka, a group of asset management companies, representing some \$34 trillion dollars had asked political leaders to enhance climate action, end subsidies to fossil fuels, and put a price on

The private sector, he added,

The Secretary-General re- a strong commitment to move forward, and complaining that it's governments who are lagging behind: regulation is inadequate, fiscal systems are not favourable, subsidies are still going to fossil fuels, and companies face obstacles to climate action.

With a head of steam building for action, it is for political leaders to "to be able to take is increasingly demonstrating profit of this movement and to ing Mozambique and the Car-

lead, for us to be able to defeat

climate change". Climate crisis mostly affecting 'those least responsible for it' The Secretary-General also addressed a forum of "climate vulnerable" countries, where he pointed out the "great injustice" of climate change: its effects fall most on those least

responsible for it. He cited examples, includibbean, ravaged by storms that cause devastation, in terms of lives lost, communities uprooted, and economies crippled; and drought in the Sahel and the Horn of Africa.

Nevertheless, some of the most vulnerable nations are in the forefront of climate action, showing leadership at September's Climate Action Summit: Mr. Guterres expressed his hope that their example will be followed by the world's big emitters.

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COLLABORATION

NBC, TTCL forge partnership to allow customers to access cash receipt services digitally

By Guardian Reporter

NATIONAL Bank of Commerce customers can now easily transact through T-Pesa of Tanzania Telecommunications Company Limited, thanks to an agreement reached between the two parties.

Addressing reporters in Dar es Salaam yesterday, NBC's head of digital services, Deogratius Mosha said the deal will allow digital payment solutions to be accessed by more consumers in the market hence facilitating financial inclusion.

"The launching of this services means that T-Pesa customers can now move their money into an NBC account hence ensure safety and security while also allowing them to move money from the bank and pay third parties," Mosha said.

He said NBC is committed towards extending formal banking services

to the majority of the people most of whom own a mobile phone and may probably be TTCL subscribers based in rural areas of the country.

"In order to make sure that the public has access to formal banking services, NBC has introduced a number of digital products such as NBC Mobile, Internet banking and NBC application backed by over 2,000 NBC Wakalas located countrywide," he added.

The NBC head of digital services further noted that the partnership with T-Pesa simply serves to extend banking services among the wider population because many adults in the market currently own a mobile

"This agreement allows T-Pesa customers access their NBC accounts through their mobile phones at the comfort of their premises anywhere in the country," he stressed.



National Bank of Commerce's head of digital services, Deogratius Mosha (L) addresses jounalists in Dar es Salaam yesterday during the launch of the bank's partnership with T-Pesa. He is with T-Pesa's director of mobile financial services, Lulu Mkudde. Photo courtesy NBC.

director of mobile financial services, Lulu Mkude said the deal will benefit millions of TTCL customers who are being served countrywide by a network of over T-Pesa 20,000 agents.

Mkude said the state owned TTCL which is T-Pesa's holding company

Speaking at the same event, T-Pesa crowded market through digital payment solutions which has now been extended to NBC, one of the market's top five elite commercial banks.

"T-Pesa's growth has resulted into efficiency and rapid increase in electronic transactions which include online shopping, sending and continues to grow and conquer the receiving money but also payment ceiving cash.

of utility bills, fees and many more," she noted.

Mkude stated that T-Pesa's rapid growth is also creating jobs through agents but also adding value to economic growth as digital transactions have meant that individuals and businesses are easily paying and re-

"Because of easy access of digital transaction through mobile phones, the percentage of people with access to financial services has increased from 44 percent in 2009 to 76 percent currently," she noted while inviting consumers to join the NBC-T-Pesa platform for better digital transactions.

OPTIMISM

UAE investments into Africa will flourish - Standard Chartered exec

DUBAI

THE UAE government, state-controlled entities and major private sector enterprises will scale up investments into Africa next year as the continent prepares to roll out a pan-African trade treaty, the co-head of Africa and Middle East global banking business at Standard Chartered said.

The UAE's public and private firms, which have traditionally looked to invest more in Europe and Asia, are now focusing attention on Africa and the level of investment is expected to rise sharply in the next few years, Saif Malik told The National in Dubai.

Standard Chartered, he said, has seen increased capital flow into Africa and the lender expects further momentum in 2020, based on the discussion it is engaged in with clients in both Africa and the UAE.

"It wasn't an important market [for the UAE] for a while, but now, especially for me in my role in the last 12 months, the amount of interest that I'm seeing from our UAE clients [for African investment] is unbelievable," Mr Malik said. "I think it [investment] is going to be probably at some record level, especially, from what I'm hearing in terms of discussion that are happening at government-to-government level."

Mr Malik, who oversees the bank's business with large multinationals that come to African markets from Europe, the US, Japan and elsewhere, also deals with large African family groups and does advisory work with sovereigns.

He was recently in the UAE meeting government-related entities and major private sector firms and sees the UAE becoming a "player" in the African investment scene next year. He also expects state-owned enterpris-

es to join the fray as well. Africa, regarded as the world's last frontier of growth, has a population of about 1.3 billion and is home to major economies such as South Africa and Opec members Nigeria, Gabon, Algeria and Congo.

Africa's economy is forecast to accelerate to 4 per cent this year, and 4.1 per cent in 2020, slower than India and China, but faster than other emerging and developing countries, according to the African Development Bank. Africa offers investment opportunities across sectors as countries look to modernise their infrastructures. Energy, renewables, health care, education, agriculture, rail and roads, airports, trade and logistics zones are



Saif Malik, Standard Chartered's regional co-head, global banking, Africa and Middle East

some areas open to investment. Several African countries are also trying to improve their oil and gas infrastructure and broaden their industrial bases.

AfDB estimates the continent's infrastructure needs alone are between \$130 billion (Dh477.1bn) to \$170bn a year, with a financing gap of \$67.6bn to \$107.5bn.

UAE-to-Africa trade with sub-Saharan African countries was estimated at about \$22bn in 2018, making the UAE Africa's fifth-largest trading partner behind Europe (\$155bn), China (\$120bn), India (\$60bn) and the US (\$38bn), according to a Standard Chartered report. The UAE is also among the top 10 source countries for foreign direct investment in sub-Saharan Africa, according to a white paper released by Dubai Chamber and Economist Intelligence Unit in November.

Improvements are being made to intra-Africa trade through agreements such as the East Africa Economic Community and Single African Air Transport Market but the most important is the Africa Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA), which will be the world's largest free trade area by number of countries once it's fully up and running.

After years of talks, the African Union has launched the operational phase of the treaty, whose goal is to establish a single market for goods and services across 54 countries, allow the free movement of business travellers and investment, and create a continental customs union to streamline trade and attract long-term investment.

Intra-Africa trade is estimated at \$159bn in

2018, according to Afrieximbank's African Trade Report reported released in June this year.

Mr Malik does not think AfCFTA will be ready by 2020, but said that UAE firms are setting the groundwork, building relations and getting to grips with a market that still presents some challenges. Interest is coming from large private enterprises, especially retail and consumer sector companies and commodities-led groups, he said.

"I think it is a mix of commodities and consumer side. Everyone wants to know [about Africa]. Everyone wants to see what they can do there," he noted.

EXPANSION

Airtel takes 4G network to Morogoro as it targets cross-country coverage

By Guardian Reporter

SUBSCRIBERS of Airtel Tanzania Limited's mobile services in Morogoro can now enjoy the luxury of accessing high speed broadband communication thanks to introduction fourth generation (4G) network coverage in the municipality yesterday.

Morogoro becomes the fourth region to have Airtel's 4G Lite network communications after recent similar launches in Coast, Dar es Salaam and Dodoma regions as the telco targets to cover the whole country in the next few months.

Speaking in Dar es Salaam yesterday, Airtel Tanzania's Director of Communications Beatrice Singano said the 4G Lite network expansion targets the whole country as the telco continues investing in bringing reliable, innovative, relevant and affordable products and services to its customers.

"Morogoro remains one of important regions to our business. In addition, the region plays a big role in contributing to the country's economy growth due to a number of industries that it hosts. By launch of the 4G network, we will definitely benefit residents of Morogoro," Singano said.

She further noted that the 4G network expansion is in line of 'Airtel mpya' phenomena which focuses on commitment to fulfill conditions reached by the company and Treasury earlier this year.

"One such condition is that Airtel pay Treasury 8bn/being a dividend for a period between January and August this year," Singano added.

She pointed out that as the company continues to roll out its 4G network countrywide to improve quality of its services, it has also heavily invested in a single largest mobile money agents network through Airtel Money Branches.

"We have over 1,000 Airtel Money Branches across the country aimed at supporting financial inclusion by bringing Airtel services and products closer to our customers. Our plan is to continue to build a strong, reliable agent network with an array of services that can be accessed through our Airtel Money Branches in addition to traditional cash in and cash out," the Airtel Tanzania Corporate Director noted.



Airtel Tanzania's director of corporate affairs, Beatrice Singano.

VAT prices Kenya out of East African seed market

NAIROBI

LOCAL seed producers are unable to sell outside the country as they cannot compete favourably because of costly product resulting from a 16 percent value-added (VAT) tax levied on vegetable seed.

Seed Traders Association of Kenya said they could not sell seed in Uganda, Tanzania and Rwanda and Burundi because of the VAT. Chairman Kassim Owino said the VAT comes on top of high cost of production in Kenya, which is 20 percent more than in neighbouring states.

"We cannot compete outside Kenya because of the 16 percent VAT that we pay on vegetable seed. We would like the government to abolish this levy to enable seed makers to take advantage of the regional market," he said.

Mr Owino said it is only Kenya that charg- that multinationals, which sell seed to Kenes the levy on production of seed. The official said Kenya has one of the best seeds in the region and should use this opportunity to increase sales by abolishing taxes that hamper competitiveness.

"Recently we saw VAT on pesticide abolished and we would like the same to be done on vegetable seeds," he said.

Last week, the lobby group complained

ya are withdrawing from the market after the government moved a plants agency out the port, leading to delays in clearance of the consignments.

The absence of the Kenya Plant Health Inspectorate Service at the port, left inspection to Kenya Bureau of Standards, which lacks the capacity to deal with plant **BUSINESS NEWS**

EXCELLENCE

Dutch institute names TBL Best Employer for the third year running

By Guardian Reporter

TOP Employer Institute, has named Tanzania Breweries Limited as the best employer following successful implementation of human resources principles observed and measures by the institute.

The award was presented to the company at a ceremony held in South Africa recently. It is the third year in a row that

local beer brewer has been awarded by efforts in making our company an em-Top Employer Institute, the company stated in a statement.

Responding to the success, TBL Group's managing director, Philip Redman said the award has come at a right time when the company is focusing on improving its products and services. "TBL is proud to receive this award for the third year in a row as it demonstrates our continuous

plover of choice both locally and internationally," Redman said.

He said TBL has been recognized for its exceptional employee conditions and the development of human resources practices which puts its people first." The company helps enrich the world of work through outstanding dedication to human resource excellence and because of this, TBL has been recognized as an employer of choice," he added.

The annual international research undertaken by the TEI, recognizes leading employers around the world who provide excellent employee conditions, nurture and develop talent throughout different levels of the company. Apart from the TEI interna-

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of companies.

DECELERATION

EGYPT'S non-oil private

sector activity contracted in

November to its lowest levels

since September 2017 as new

orders fell and firms voiced

concerns on the local econo-

my, according to a new survey

IHS Markit's Purchasing

Managers' Index (PMI), which

measures the health of the

non-oil sector, declined to 47.9

in November from 49.2 in Oc-

tober, remaining below the 50

mark that differentiates con-

traction and expansion, the

concerns over the domestic

economy and new business

declined for the fourth con-

secutive month," David Owen,

economist at IHS Markit, said.

"The downturn was extended

to foreign orders, with firms

noting weakness in key export

Egypt signed a three-year,

\$12 billion Extended Fund

Facility in November 2016 to

revive its economy through

highlighted

report found on Tuesday.

"Businesses

markets."

tional award, TBL has also won the Association of Tanzania Employers (ATE) -Employer of Year award in 2015 and 2016 and was a runner up in 2017, the brewer said in its statement.

In its statement to announce TBL's award, TEI said the beer brewer which has over 2,000 employees has shown excellence in nurturing new talent. "Our comprehensive independent re-

Egypt's private sector contracts in

November as new orders plummet

government devalued its cur-

rency and cut subsidies at the

agreement, followed by fur-

The reforms helped end

a major dollar shortage, re-

paired overburdened finances

and pulled the country out of

an economic crisis, although

by the austerity measures.

Egyptians have felt pressured

A "continued market slow-

down" led to a drop in output

and new orders while employment fell for the first time

since July, according to the IHS

Companies reduced their

output for the fourth consecu-

tive month in response to a

New business fell at a faster

rate in November, which com-

panies attributed to the slow-

Exporters also said sales

dropped despite new con-

tracts with firms in Saudi Ara-

bia, Greece, Morocco and oth-

Responding to the drop in the next 12 months.

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report said.

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stimulates sales. The drop in

rate in the index's history, the

Employment fell in Novem-

ber for the first time in four

months due to the lack of new

"On the positive side, infla-

tionary pressures continued

to ease, with the latest mark-

up in input costs being the second-softest on record.

This allowed companies to

raise input buying and also

lower selling prices for the

first time since May," Mr Owen

said. "The drop in charges may

see some demand restored in

sentiment decreased slightly

last month, with some expec-

tation of the slowdown in mar-

ket conditions to linger, the

However, the overall outlook

remains positive with a "high

proportion" of firms expecting

future output to rise in over

Egyptian companies' future

future months."

report said.



TBL Group's managing director, Philip Redman (R), during a past interview

TRADE WAR

China hints US blacklist imminent as threats to talks on trade escalate

BEIJING

CHINESE state media said the government will soon publish a list of "unreliable entities" that could lead to sanctions against US companies, signalling that trade talks between the two nations are increasingly under threat from disputes over human rights in Hong Kong and Xinjiang.

The Communist Party-backed Global Times said in a tweet early Tuesday that the list was being sped up in response to a bill sponsored by Republican Senator Marco Rubio requiring measures against Chinese officials involved in alleged abuses of Uighur Muslims in the far west region of Xinjiang. Beijing has threatened to publish such a list of companies since May, after the US placed restrictions on Huawei Technologies.

A response from China on the Xinjiang issue that hits US companies would add another obstacle as the two countries struggle to finalise a phase-one deal to de-escalate the trade war. On Monday, US President Donald Trump said that legislation signed last week censuring China over the protests in Hong Kong had already complicated the talks.

Global Times Editor-in-Chief Hu Xijin went further on Twitter, saying that US officials may face visa restrictions and US passport holders could be banned from entering the province.

"Based on what I know, since US Congress plans to pass Xinjiang-related bill, China is considering to impose visa restrictions on US officials and lawmakers who've had odious performance on Xinjiang issue; it might also ban all US diplomatic passport holders from entering Xinjiang," Hu Xijin (@HuXijin_GT) December 3, 2019.

China hasn't specified which companies would be affected by the blacklist, though courier firm FedEx has been under particular scrutiny this year. A reescalation of trade tensions also places more focus on a December 15 deadline for Trump to add yet more tariffs on Chinese imports.

The US House of Representatives is expected to vote on Tuesday on the Xinjiang bill, which was passed by the Senate in September.

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INVESTMENT

Rwanda to digitise public service recruitment

KIGALI

THE Government of Rwanda is set to set up an integrated e-recruitment system through which job applications, written interviews and marking will be conducted, the Prime Minister has said.

Edouard Ngirente said that the project, which is expected to be completed in one year, is designed to curb irregularities in the process of recruiting public servants. He made the disclosure on Monday while presenting the Government's ICT agenda in line with facilitating a knowledge-based economy, to a joint session of both chambers of parliament.

"The project is being developed but we think it will take about 12 months for us to have reached a level at which people can apply for job online, do exam (s) and immediately see whether they have passed or failed," he said. He said his office was working with the Ministry of Public Service and Labour on the project.

"We are considering the required equipment, and how the system can work. It will help check complaints addressed to the National Public Service Commission," he said as he responded to a query from MP Chantal Mbakeshimama on the need for promoting transparency in the process to recruit public servants.

"Police issues driving permit exams digitally, it is a good service which the public rates as transparent. I would like to know how the same method can be implemented in public service recruitment such that a candidate leave the exam room knowing their marks," she said. "It think this approach can reduce suspicion or even the injustice identified in various reports that we get."

Ngirente said that the system will address malpractices that might result from the traditional method where a candidate does a written interview on a booklet, and marking is done physically. So far, only job applications are online whereby applicants do not have to take their documents to physical offices of the recruiting institutions.



Rwandan Prime Minister, Edouard Ngirente speaking at the forum.

In this fiscal year (2019/2020), the Ministry of Public Service and Labour allocated Rwf201.5 million towards developing and testing automated shortlisting and waiting list in e-recruitment system. The Premier said that a similar online system is being implemented by Rwanda National Police to issue driving permits in order to ease service delivery.

From May this year when the system started until October it has served 84,391 people, the Premier disclosed. "This technology has proved to prevent malpractices in the provision of the license. It has been operational in 18 districts, and it will soon be taken to the remaining districts," he said.

Meanwhile, Ngirente said that in order to reduce the

distance that citizens used to make, save time and cost while seeking various services, in 2015, the Government introduced Irembo - a Government's e-service portal, which currently provides 98 government services online. As of June 2019, mobile money subscribers had risen to more than 11.9 million from more than 639.6 million in 2011, Ngirente said.

In addition, as a result of the e-service portal, mobile payment increased from slightly over Rwf1,000 billion in 2015 to Rwf2,000 billion in 2018, according to the Prime Minister. According to Rwanda's ICT Sector Profile 2018, as of December 2018, the Rwandan population accessed the Internet at the rate of 52 per cent while mobile cellular phone subscription reached at 82.1 per cent.

ANTAGONISM

Retailers clash with KRA on tax system

NAIROBI

SUPERMARKET owners claim that the Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA) has rejected billions of shillings in tax input claims over a new automatic value-added tax (VAT) computation system.

The taxman had claimed that inconsistencies between pur-

chase and sales invoices the traders submitted have seen them claim billions of shillings on input fraudulently since the claims are bulky, forcing the taxman to set up the Value Added Auto Assessments (VAA) that retailers are now terming as impractical.

The new system installed in

October last year was intended to help nab cases where a seller and buyer file inconsistent returns, curbing claims of inputs from fake invoices.

In a letter to the taxman, the Retailers Association of Kenya says the system is not suited to retailers, especially small ones

given the way they file their re-

The companies say they send their VAT records in bulk after selling to individuals who later make separate claims, which means that records do not match.

"If you are a small business Mbarire. selling textbooks and an indi-

vidual comes and buys across the counter and they do not tell you they will claim or not and have not given or taken their PIN, when you file you give bulk VAT for the till they will obviously not match," said Retrak CEO Wambui

"VAA does blind matching

for the invoices' serial numbers, which will always result in mismatches between invoices booked by the seller and the buyer due to the nature of the financial system used on both sides."

The association called for a crisis meeting with the KRA last Friday, which has been pushed

to this week as they seek to iron out issues raised with the implementation of the system. The taxman has previously defended its use of the automated system to police remittances on grounds that the system had made it easy to flag tax cheats and bring them



COMPETITION

Highly charged battle between Korean firms threatens US electric car market

SEOUL

IN 2018, South Korea's SK Innovation beat its larger, local rival LG Chem to a multibillion dollar deal to supply German carmaker Volkswagen with electric vehicle batteries in the United States.

With great fanfare, SK Innovation (SKI) broke ground in March on a \$1.7 billion factory in Commerce, Georgia, about 200km from VW's Chattanooga plant, which will be the car maker's electric vehicle hub in the United States. But LG Chem (LGC) had other ideas.

Stung by missing out on the VW deal to the new kid on the block and the departure of 77 employees for its rival across the Han River in Seoul, LGC took SKI to court in the United States in April accusing it of misappropriating trade secrets.

Fast forward seven months and the two firms have hit each other with US lawsuits for battery patent infringements in a bitter row that threatens to disrupt the launches of electric vehicles (EVs) by some of the world's biggest carmakers.

US court filings reviewed by Reuters show the feuding firms are trying to stop each other from importing and selling EV batteries destined for the SUVs VW will build in Tennessee as well as GM's Bolt, Ford pickups, Jaguar's I-Pace, Audi's e-tron, and Kia Motor's Niro.

At stake is the Korean firms' ability to supply electric vehicle makers in the United States with batteries just as the car producers are scrambling to lock in supplies with lucrative contracts ahead of an expected surge in demand, according to court filings by the two companies and several industry experts.

"Whoever loses the fight would suffer a fatal blow, unless the two reach a settlement. This will also be a setback for car makers," said Cho Jae-phil, a professor at Ulsan National Institute of Science and Technology who worked previously at another Korean rival, Samsung SDI.

Ford spokeswoman Jennifer Flake said it was encouraging LGC and SKI to resolve their conflict without litigation and that it believed there was sufficient demand for multiple suppliers. "We are aware of the issue. As a normal course of action, we have business continuity plans in place to protect our interests," Flake said

ACCELERATION

Saudi Arabia's non-oil private sector economy grows on new orders

RIYADH

sector economy of Saudi Arabia further improved in November on the back of continued growth in work orders, according to a new report from IHS Markit.

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"November's PMI data for Saudi Arabia revealed a stronger improvement in underlying economic conditions and, when coupled with the recent improvements in growth momentum, point to a faster rate of non-oil GDP expansion for the fourth quarter of 2019," said Amritpal Virdee, an economist at IHS Markit.

"A bright spot was a quickening of overall new order growth, which reached its fastest pace since April 2015. Stronger demand conditions helped outweigh contin- to the slowest in four tion and slower output ber. growth."

Confidence among non-oil private sector firms towards future output remained strong in November due to positive forecasts of underly- April 2015. This partly reing economic conditions flected a further pickup and plans for improved in new export orders, products. The degree of which increased at a optimism was the high- sharper pace than in Ocest since April, the report tober.

On the price front, the THE non-oil private latest data showed the third increase in charges for goods and services in the past four months. However, the rise in selling prices was marginal. Overall input prices continued to increase in November, but the rate of ally adjusted Saudi Ara- inflation eased for the bia Purchasing Managers' second month running Index – a gauge designed and was subdued by histo give a snapshot of op- torical standards, the re-

"Overall, the private economy - rose to 58.3 sector economy is wellin November, from 57.8 in placed as we look forward to 2020, with the survey's forward looking gauge, the Future Output Index rising to a nine-month high on the pace of new product initiatives and more positive forecasts for underlying demand," added Mr Virdee.

> Employment among non-oil private sector companies also rose in November, though the rate of job creation was marginal and subdued by historical standards.

Underpinning the positive PMI reading was a further increase in output. Although steep, the rate of expansion eased ued weakness in job crea- months during Novem-

The report also found inflows of total new business increased at a faster pace in November with the rate of growth steep and the quickest since



An illustration of growth of Saudi Arabia's non-oil private sector.

in an emailed statement to Reuters.

GM spokesman Patrick Morrissey said the company was aware of the dispute and at this point it did not expect any impact on the production of its Chevy Bolt electric vehicle. Kia, Jaguar Land Rover and Volkswagen, which also owns Audi, declined to comment.

Volkswagen has said it is worried there won't be enough batteries for all the EVs it plans to launch in the next five years, partly because producers such as LGC and China's CATL don't have enough skilled workers for new plants in Europe to ramp up output quickly.

According to Korea's battery industry tracker SNE Research, the market for EV batteries - the most expensive and important component in the vehicles – is set to grow 23 per cent a year to reach \$167bn by 2025, making it bigger than the global memory chip market, which is expected to be worth \$150bn by then.

In one court filing, LGC said its rival poached employees working on its own project to supply batteries for VW's MEB



A logo at Korean firm, SK Innovation at its offices in Seoul

electric vehicle architecture – and that SKI only won the VW contract because it had misappropriated trade secrets. SKI has denied stealing trade secrets, saying its staff

18:15 Mapishi

18:30 Mizengwe rpt

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signed agreements not to use information from former workplaces. "We value intellectual property," a spokesman for SKI said.

If the US International Trade

Commission (ITC) rules in favour of LGC on June 5, when it is due to make a preliminary ruling, that could jeopardise SKI's plans to supply VW in the United States

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with batteries from Georgia or a new factory in Hungary, according to court filings. In April, LGC asked the ITC to block SKI

from bringing batteries and components into the United States, as well as manufacturing systems needed for US production which is scheduled to start in 2022.

The SKI spokesman said there had been no change to its schedule for the factory, which will have the capacity to make batteries for more than 200,000 EVs a year. He said SKI had received enquiries about the lawsuits from customers, including if they would have an impact on supplies, without elaborating.

LGC said a final ruling on the case would be made on October 5 next year but it asked the ITC earlier this month to make a so-called default judgment against SKI quickly. According to a memo obtained by Reuters on Wednesday, the Commission's investigative staff recommended a motion in favour of LGC as it is "the most appropriate sanction for [the] respondents' (SKI's) widespread spoliation of evidence."

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17:00 The Base

18:00 Jiji Letu

18:15 Mapishi

19:30 Isidingo

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20:00 Habari

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21:00 Malumbano ya hoja



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Uwanja wa Mazoe

Kumekucha Michezo

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WORLD

Mugabe left behind US\$10 million, some properties

HARARE

ZIMBABWE'S former leader Robert Mugabe, who died in September, left US\$10 million and some properties in the capital, but no will naming his beneficiaries, details of his estate published by state-owned newspaper the Herald showed yesterday.

Zimbabweans have speculated for years about the extent of Mugabe's wealth, with many assuming that he and his family amassed a vast fortune during his 37 years in power.

Mugabe's daughter Bona Chikowore wrote in October to the Master of the High Court seeking to register her father's estate, the Herald reported. It listed assets including US\$10 million held in a local bank, four houses in Harare, 10 cars, one farm, his rural home and an orchard.

One of the properties is the palatial

home known as Blue Roof in an upmarket suburb of the capital where Mugabe

The list does not include several farms that he reportedly owned or a dairy business he ran with wife Grace, or any properties outside Zimbabwe.

The Herald said Mugabe's lawyer Terrence Hussein had also asked the court to register the estate, saying he and the family had not found any will left by Zimbabwe's founding leader.

Under Zimbabwean laws, the estate of a person who dies without a will is distributed between their spouse and children.

"Thus far, we have not been able to locate a will, but have sent out enquiries to other law firms, although the family members are not aware of any," Hussein wrote in a letter to the High Court that was quoted by the Herald.



Former first lady Grace Mugabe walks past a portrait of Robert Mugabe during the burial of the former Zimbabwe leader at his home village in Kutama, on Sept 28, 2019. The remains of former Zimbabwe president Robert Mugabe were taken to his village for a wake on September 16. Mugabe died a week ago aged 95 in Singapore, nearly two years after he was ousted in a 2017 coup that ended nearly four decades of increasingly autocratic rule. (AFP)

questions from Reuters for comment. Chikowore did not answer calls to her mobile phone.

A diplomatic cable from the US Embassy in Harare in 2001 that was published by Wikileaks said Mugabe was rumored to have more than US\$1 billion of assets in Zimbabwe and overseas but that it had no reliable information.

Social media posts showing his sons Robert Jr and Bellarmine Chatunga with bottles of expensive champagne at a Johannesburg nightclub and reports of Grace's shopping sprees have offered Hussein did not respond to calls and tantalizing glimpses of the family's lavish spending.

A legal dispute in 2014 over a US\$5 million villa in Hong Kong suggested the family had been buying overseas property. The government said it owned the house. Towards the end of his life, Mugabe complained about the size of his retirement package and said he did not have enough money to pay for the upkeep of the Blue Roof.

Mnangagwa hinted last week that the Mugabe family owned a number of farms in Zimbabwe and that the government would leave them with just one, in line with rules limiting farm ownership.

Trump praises UK PM Johnson as 'very capable' ahead of election

LONDON

U.S. President Donald Trump said yesterday he thought Prime Minister Boris Johnson was very capable and would do a good job, moments after saying he did not want to get involved in the British election campaign.

The Dec. 12 election will decide the fate of Brexit and the world's fifth-largest economy: Johnson has promised to take Britain out of the EU on Jan. 31 while opposition Labour Party leader Jeremy Corbyn has promised another EU

Trump has featured heavily in the British election campaign, where his name is used by the Labour Party as a by-word for a capitalist system that Corbyn, a promised to tear up if he wins

In London to attend a meeting tive of Johnson's election cam- - the main element of Corbyn's Brexit trade deal to ensure the nothing to do with it." Agencies

of NATO leaders, Trump said he did not want to complicate the election, but then added:

"I think Boris is very capable and I think he'll do a good job." He has previously cast New Yorkborn Johnson as Britain's Trump and feted him as the best leader to deliver Brexit.

Johnson's Conservative Party are ahead in opinion polls, but it remains unclear whether they are far enough in front to form the majority government Johnson requires to take Britain out of the EU in January.

Trump is a divisive figure for some in Britain, and senior Conservatives are nervous his involvement could upset their campaign. Johnson said good relations with the U.S. were vital, when asked if

Trump also reaffirmed his support for Brexit - the central objec-



U.S. President Donald Trump holds a bilateral meeting with British Prime Minister Boris Johnson (L) on the sidelines of the annual United Nations General Assembly in New York City, New York, U.S., September 24, 2019. (File photo)

paign - and denied that the U.S. election campaign. was interested in gaining access

Corbyn wrote to Trump on to Britain's National Health Ser- Monday to ask him to revise U.S. wouldn't want to. If you handed it vice (NHS) in a future trade deal negotiating objectives for a post-

NHS is not included.

Asked if he could work with Corbyn, Trump said: "I can work with anybody, I'm a very easy person to work with."

Trump was asked if the NHS could be on the table in post-Brexit trade talks and responded "No not at all. I have nothing to do with it. Never even thought about it, honestly.'

Corbyn dismissed Trump's assurances and referred to a remark made by Trump in June, when he said everything was on the table in trade talks with Britain.

Labour say Johnson wants to sell parts of the publicly funded system off to U.S. companies. Johnson has repeatedly said that is not true.

Trump said: "We have absolutely nothing to do with it, and we to us on a silver platter, we'd want

Leading with action in fighting climate change

CHINA is taking leading actions in staving off climate change with widely recognized achievements, as a shortfall in global efforts calls for deeper and faster cuts in emission before "terrible consequences for humanity" descend.

The United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP25) kicked off Monday in Madrid, Spain, with China pledging to try hard to conclude negotiations on the details of the implementation of the Paris Agreement.

"One of the most important points is that China opposes any kind of unilateralism and safeguards the authority of multilateralism," said Lu Xinming, deputy director general for climate change with China's Ministry of Ecology and Environment, adding that China will work with other parties to help make the conference a success.

China has been actively participat-

adheres to multilateralism and firmly upholds the framework and principles of global climate governance set out in the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, the Kyoto Protocol, the Paris Agreement and their detailed rules of implementation.

The following are some of the highlights of China's recent green efforts and acclaimed contribution to fighting global warming.

China has taken urgent actions to combat climate change and adopted effective policies to strengthen response. demonstrating its commitment to sustainable development and transformation to a low-carbon green economy, according to China's Progress Report on Implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

A 2019 study using data from NASA satellites showed that China is leading the increase in greening on land. The researchers found that the global green ing in global climate governance. It leaf area has increased by 5 percent

since the early 2000s, an area equivalent to all of the Amazon rainforests. At least 25 percent of that gain came in China.

By 2018, China had slashed carbon intensity by 45.8 percent from 2005 levels, meeting the target of a 40 to 45 percent decrease by 2020 ahead of schedule. The figure indicates that the country has avoided emitting 5.26 billion tonnes of carbon dioxide since

Meanwhile, the share of non-fossil fuels in China's primary energy consumption rose from 12 to 14.3 percent from 2017 to 2018, and power generated from renewable energy sources accounted for 26.7 percent of total power output in 2018.

China is taking the lead in renewable energy to meet its commitments, investing 126.6 billion U.S. dollars in 2017 alone and creating enough capacity to power the United Kingdom seven times over, according to leading Swiss

financial institution UBS.

China's shift to renewable energy is part of a significant transition that offers a roadmap for developing countries and helps drive technological breakthroughs that will drive down the costs of renewables for consumers everywhere.

"No other country has come close to matching China's dominance in transitioning to a low carbon economy," wrote Michael Baldinger, an official in charge of sustainable and impact investing with UBS, in a research note.

As China continues to reduce its energy intensity, its experience can offer a roadmap for developing countries. Meanwhile, its investments in renewables, both at

home and abroad, can help to drive additional technological breakthroughs that drive down the costs of those renewables for consumers everywhere, Baldinger said.

Inger Anderson, executive director of the United Nations Environment Program, said China "has had a tremendous success in demonstrating climate leadership in recent years" through large investments in clean energy and technologies, electric mobility and widescale land restoration.

"The problems we face today -- especially environmental ones -- are no longer confined to individual countries or regions. They are global in scope and scale. And an effective response will also be global. **Xinhua**

Kremlin says not inclined to believe rumors of Erdogan's order to shoot down Russian Su-24

MOSCOW proceeds from the fact that Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan did not give orders to attack a Russian Sukhoi Su-24 fighter jet in Syria in 2015, Kremlin Spokesman Dmitry Peskov told reporters.

"We are guided by Turkey's

statements, including public ones, that other people ordered the Russian plane to be shot down," he said.

When asked about the Kremlin's attitude to allegations that Erdogan could have given the order, Peskov pointed out that the source of those rumors was unclear so it was hard to say if they were true.

On November 24, 2015, a Turkish Air Force F-16 fighter jet shot down a Russian Sukhoi Su-24 attack aircraft taking part in Moscow's counterterrorism operation in Syria.

One of the two Russian pilots was killed, while the other was rescued in a 12-hour operation carried out by Russian

A marine was killed during the operation, and a Mil Mi-8 helicopter was destroyed.

Osaka to down computers automatically to curb overtime among civil servants

TOKYO

JAPAN'S Osaka is in the process of implementing a "compulsive off-work" system for civil servants by shutting down computers automatically, a move which has triggered heated discussion online.

The forced shutdown system will be implemented on the computers of some 7,600 non-management staff in the public sector, including Osaka police and public schools, in the winter of 2020 in an effort to reduce overtime, governor Hirohumi Yoshimura said Friday.

After introducing the system, a warning will pop up in computers at 6:00 p.m., saying "Please finish work quickly and shut down the computer."

The computers will then automatically turn down after 30 minutes. If an employee has to work overtime, he or she needs to submit an application for overtime at around 4:30

Only in exceptional circumstances, such as natural disasters and other emergencies, will the government remove the mandatory shutdown function. "We expect you to work efficiently and give full play to your abilities," Yoshimura said to the civil servants.

According to local media reports, employees in Osaka prefecture work about 1 million hours of overtime each year, with a total overtime pay of about 3 billion yen (27 million U.S.

Meanwhile, such "forced off-duty" seems to be saving a lot of operating capital, far more than the 50 million yen (4.6 billion dollars) needed to implement the new system.

The Osaka government's decision to introduce the mandatory shutdown system aims at cutting government spending and promoting the implementation of the reform bill related to work style. On April 1, 2019, Japan began phased implementation of the law on labor reform related to work style, in which overtime caught high attention.

According to the bill, employees' overtime hours are "in principle 45 hours per month and 360 hours per year." In case of busy periods, it shall not exceed 100 hours in a single month or 720 hours in a whole year, and companies that violate the rules will be punished.

In fact, Osaka has been making changes to reduce overtime, such as introducing artificial intelligence to automatically generate meeting notes. But since August, with typhoons and other natural disasters, the overtime personnel began to increase, prompting Osaka prefecture to introduce the "forced shutdown" system as it hopes to see the reform through.

However, the reform has not received positive results among the workers. A specialist clinic run by the Japanese medical society for helping seniors' old age conducted a survey among 500 men aged 20 to 50 on their working hours in Tokyo and Osaka. The results showed that after the implementation of the reform act, 53.8 percent of the respondents felt that their work was not as easy as before, and 50 percent felt that work pressure increased, especially among men aged 30 to 40.

Now with Osaka's mandatory off-work system, many Japanese netizens did not seem to buy the government's "kindness" and expressed their discontent on the comment section of Kyodo News" This only increases the time to hand in the form, and the work that can not be completed within the time limit has to be taken home," a user named "cat" commented.

"Instead of forcing employees to shut down their computers, it would be better to change the tedious work processes, such as making the paperwork digital which requires the team leader, section chief, deputy director and director to stamp and sign one by one, or reducing some boring regular meetings," a netizen called "Xen" said.

US military widely criticised for covering and downplaying scandals

IN recent years, the U.S. military has been facing extensive criticism from the international community for frequent

maltreatment of prisoners. The number of cases of sexual harassment and sexual assaults keeps rising in the U.S. troops. In countries including Afghanistan, Somalia, and Syria, armed forces of the U.S. frequently use unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) to carry out air strikes, causing massive civilian

casualties. What's more, the U.S. government has been trying to cover up and downplay the fact that the U.S. military has killed innocent people and mistreated prisoners. It has even obstructed investigations conducted by the United Nations (UN) into these cases, arousing uproar around the world.

"Charlie Company shot a rocket into the wrong house and killed a family of four. We gave cash to the relatives who remained," recalled Thomas Gibbons-Neff, Pentagon correspondent for The New York Times, in an article titled "A Marine Looks Back at His Battles in Afghanistan" published on website of The

New York Times this September. "We didn't understand the Afghans. They mostly hated us for destroying their homes, accidentally killing them...... wrote Gibbons-Neff, who has been to the

battlefield in Afghanistan as a marine. The case of killing innocent civilians that Gibbons-Neff mentioned in the article is a common occurrence in overseas operations of the U.S. military.

As shown by statistics recently released by the United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA), in the first quarter of this year alone, military operations of the U.S. military and its allied forces caused the death of 305 Afghan civilians.

This May, U.S. air strikes on alleged drug-processing facilities in Western Afghanistan accidentally killed at least 30 innocent civilians, including 14 children and a woman, according to a report re-

leased by the UNAMA this October. However, the U.S. military denied reports of civilian casualties and claimed that it had targeted Taliban-run methamphetamine labs. Moreover, it expressed protest against the investigation report of the UN.

Widespread abuse of prisoners and detainees has also been found in the wars waged by the U.S. military around

Early in the Iraq war, the U.S. troops were notorious for maltreatment of Iraqi prisoners. In recent years, such deeds of U.S. military as abusing prisoners and extorting confessions by torture have not been curbed.

The exposed methods used by the U.S. military to interrogate prisoners include slapping in the face, striking stomach, sleep deprivation, striping them naked, waterboarding, and forcing prisoners to

Chief prosecutor of the International Criminal Court (ICC) Fatou Bensouda spent 10 years trailing the crimes the U.S. military might have committed in Afghanistan, and affirmed that U.S. military personnel and the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) operatives "committed acts of torture, cruel treatment, outrages upon personal dignity, rape and sexual violence against conflict-related detain-

ees in Afghanistan and other locations." Bensouda asked for authorization in November 2017 to officially investigate the war crimes that might have been committed in Afghanistan by U.S. military and the CIA.

After that, the U.S. government threat-

ened to impose sanctions against the ICC officials, and revoked Bensouda's visa to the U.S., forcing the ICC to give up investigation into potential war crimes of the U.S. military.

The UN Commission of Inquiry (COI) censured the U.S. military for "launching indiscriminate attacks that result in death or injury to civilians amounts to a war crime in cases in which such attacks are conducted recklessly."

Meanwhile, the U.S. government has spared no effort to cover up the fact that U.S. soldiers have killed civilians and abused prisoners, and indulged the U.S. military's misdeeds, shocking people around the world.

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Michelle Bachelet, the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights

US moves backward on human rights

UNDER The current U.S. administration, immigration issue has been rapidly politicized, and tens of thousands of migrant children have been held in custody and forced to be separated from their parents.

Accused by all sides of the inhumane immigration policies, Washington, instead of changing the relevant policies, has repeatedly resisted the supervision and investigation of the United Nations (UN) and other international organizations. Its hypocrisy and arrogance on human rights issues is clearly revealed.

Michelle Bachelet, the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, issued a statement in July of this year, saying she was appalled by the bad conditions at the U.S. detention facilities for illegal immigrants.

She particularly commented that the U.S. may risk breaching the UN convention against cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment by holding the migrant children in

On June 2, 2018, an independent expert report on human rights and international solidarity, in accordance with the resolution 35/3 of the UN Human Rights Council, pointed out that the U.S., driven by populism, slandered and smeared the immigrants with racist and xenophobic expressions and forced apart the migrant children and their parents, seriously endangering the life, dignity, liberty and other human rights of immigrants.

The UN Human Rights Council has revealed the essence of the U.S. human rights crisis caused by the immigration policies and represented the popular opinion of the international community on this issue. Even some of its long-time allies couldn't agree with the U.S. on such inhumane policy, such as Britain.

Separating children from their parents is cruel and distressing, and may cause lasting emotional damage to them, said Anne Longfield, the Children's Commissioner for England.

The U.S., which has always chanted human rights slogans and criticized other countries for violating human rights, has turned a deaf ear to the human rights tragedies it caused and the strong criticism from the international community.

As of March this year, the UN special rapporteurs on human rights had filed as many as 22 documents of formal inquiries into the various human rights issues in the U.S., according to the reports by the Guardian and other media. The U.S., however, has made no

Besides, the UN experts on human rights have made repeated requests

to visit the U.S.-Mexico border after the inhumane treatment of immigrants there attracted worldwide attention, but such requests haven't been granted by the U.S., according

It is nothing new for the U.S. to resist international scrutiny in the field of human rights.

to the American Civil Liberties Union

The U.S. government has failed to submit its reports to the UN Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination or the UN Committee Against Torture in recent years.

In 2018, the U.S. announced that it would withdraw from the UN Human Rights Council, which astounded the

Moreover, some U.S. senior officials such as the Secretary of State and the Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs have openly threatened the International Criminal Court by claiming that the U.S. would impose sanctions against the judges and prosecutors of the institution if it initiated an investigation into the war crimes the U.S. committed in Afghanistan.

Ironically, the U.S., rather than being ashamed of its poor human rights record, tries to force its ideas concerning human rights on other coun-

Dissatisfied with the existing global human rights governance mechanisms, the U.S. Department of State announced the establishment of a Commission on Unalienable Right earlier in July, trying to redefine human rights with American tradition.

Some commented that such practice aims to promote the human rights theories of the U.S., especially the conservatives in the U.S., to the world.

When the existing global human rights governance mechanisms collide with those of the U.S., the country will not hesitate to tear down the existing rules and arbitrarily monopolize the international say in the realm of human rights. The international human rights cause is not a private property of the U.S., and the country, tarnished by frequent scandals related to human rights, has no right to stand on the high ground and interfere in the internal affairs of other countries under the guise of human rights.

Both the human rights crisis of immigrants along the U.S.-Mexico border and the obstruction of international inspection have suggested that the U.S. is moving backward on human rights. The country has become a major obstacle to the development of international human rights cause.

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NATO's outdated stereotypes of thinking cannot be instrument for cooperation – Putin

SOCHI

NATO's obsolete stereotypes of thinking cannot be an instrument for cooperation in the rapidly changing world, Russian President Vladimir Putin told a session on the government defense order for the Russian Navy yesterday.

"Bloc stereotypes of thinking of the



stressed.

"However, we have repeatedly expast years cannot be a good instrument pressed readiness for cooperation with for looking for and taking efficient de- NATO, showed readiness to jointly councisions given the sweeping changes to ter real threats, including, as we know, the modern world," the Russian leader international terrorism, local armed conflicts and the danger of an uncontrolled proliferation of weapons of mass destruction," Putin added. Putin highlighted that Russia had repeatedly met NATO halfway, trying to suggest a constructive agenda, and even holding joint events.

"However, after 2008, our cooperation was practically scaled down, since the Alliance was acting improperly towards Russia, if not to say rudely, without any regard to the interests of the Russian Federation," Putin said, adding that he was referring to partnership cooperation suggested by Russia.



UN to deliver food aid to 4.1 million in Zimbabwe, fears 'major crisis'

GENEVA

THE United Nations said yesterday it was procuring food assistance for 4.1 million Zimbabweans, a quarter of the population in a country where shortages are being exacerbated by runaway inflation and climate-induced drought.

Zimbabwe, once the breadbasket of southern Africa, is experiencing its worst economic crisis in a decade, marked by soaring inflation and shortages of food, fuel, medicines and electricity.

"We are very much concerned as the situation continues to deteriorate," Eddie Rowe, World Food Program (WFP) country director, speaking from Harare, told a Geneva news briefing.

"We believe if we do not reach out and assist these people then the situation would blow up into a major crisis," he said. The 240,000 tonnes of food aid, to be procured on international markets, represents a doubling of the WFP's current program in Zimbabwe.

The agency aims to purchase supplies from Tanzania, in the form of maize grain, as well as from Mexico, and pulses from Kenya and potentially the Black Sea area, Rowe said.

Zimbabwe has only had one year of normal rainfall in the last five and "markets are not functioning", he said. "There are families that go to bed hungry without a meal a day," Rowe added.

Zimbabwe President Emmerson Mnangagwa's government will scrap its plan to remove grain subsidies next year, a move it says will protect impoverished citizens from rising food prices, state media reported last week.

Rights groups say at least 17 people were killed and hundreds arrested in January, after security forces cracked down on protests against fuel price increases. Police have banned further pro-

Bethlehem set for a Happy Christmas: More rooms, more inns and part of its manger back

BETHLEHEM, West Bank

As the Christmas decorations go up in Manger Square, Bethlehem is preparing for its best Christmas for two decades, the town's mayor and hotel-

Five new hotels are in the pipeline and existing ones are expanding. The town has even extended the opening hours of the Church of the Nativity, revered by Christians worldwide as the place of Jesus' birth.

But even after three years of relative peace and prosperity, people are still nervous in the small Palestinian town, a few miles south of Jerusalem in the Israeli-occupied West Bank.

So dependent has Bethlehem become on tourist income that an upsurge of violence anywhere in the volatile Middle East - not just in its near vicinity - spells financial disaster, with nervous tour groups prone to cancelling months ahead.

Sitting in his municipality office overlooking the newly lit Christmas tree in Manger Square, Mayor Anton Salman said Bethlehem looked set to improve upon the 1.5 million visitors it received last year.

"Since three years (ago), things are going up, this year is better than 2018 and 2018 was better than 2017 and it is a continuous increase in the number of tourists who are coming to the city," Salman told Reuters.

The main bottleneck, he said, was the tiny front door of the Nativity church, through which pilgrims must crouch to enter. Once vast, it was reduced in size centuries ago by the Crusaders, then again during the Mamluk and Ottoman Turkish eras to prevent

looters driving carts into the church. For the first time this year the authorities extended the church's open-



A view shows a mosque minaret and the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem in the Israeli-occupied West Bank on Monday.

ing hours from sunset to 8 p.m., Salman said, and in 2020 they plan to enlarge the town's coach station and to address heavy congestion on the narrow road to Manger Square.

They will even consider asking tourist groups to register in advance in future. "If the number will be high and the church can't receive all of them we need to look for other plans that can be helpful," he said.

GHOSTS OF CHRISTMAS PAST This year townsfolk are abuzz about

a new attraction - a wooden relic reputed to be from the manger used by the infant Jesus and sent back last week to Bethlehem from Rome.

But the town remains wary. Bethlehem enjoyed good times until the outbreak of the second Palestinian uprising in 2000, which saw years of mutual blood-letting between Israelis and Palestinians, leading tourism to

Scars remain - most visibly Israel's high concrete wall that towers over the northern entrance to Bethlehem, and separates it from Jerusalem.

Palestinians call Israel's military barrier a land grab. Israel says the cordon of fences, ditches and walls has drastically reduced attacks on its citizens.

The manager of the Alexander Hotel in Bethlehem, Joey Canavati, said his family had nearly given up on the town during the lean years, but now had bookings through to 2021. The hotel plans to nearly double in size from 58 to 110 rooms.

"Business has been booming, we have never seen it like this ever before," he said. "(With) the number of tourists that have been coming in this year we have a huge lack of rooms here in Bethlehem."

But he added a familiar note of caution: "It's always about stability."

China suspends Hong Kong visits by US military ships, aircraft, sanctions US NGOs

BEIJING

THE Chinese government has suspended applications to visit Hong Kong by U.S. military ships and aircraft starting Monday, foreign ministry spokesperson Hua Chunying said.

China will also take sanctions against some U.S. non-governmental organizations (NGOs) for their role in the disturbances in Hong Kong, Hua said at a press conference.

The NGOs include the National Endowment for Democracy, National Democratic Institute for International Affairs, International Republican Institute, Human Rights Watch and Freedom House. A lot of facts and evidence



Kong's chaotic situation and should be sanctioned and pay their price.

The spokesperson said the United States has seriously violated the international law and basic norms governing international relations, and

interfered in China's internal affairs by signing the so-called Hong Kong Human Rights and Democracy Act of 2019 into law despite China's firm opposition. "China urges the U.S. to correct its

mistake and stop meddling in Hong Kong affairs or interfering in China's other internal affairs by any word and act," Hua said.

China will take further necessary actions in accordance with the development of the situation to firmly defend the stability and prosperity of Hong Kong and safeguard national sovereignty, security and development interests, she said.

Xinhua

Chinese people will not be intimidated by any threats

THE U.S. has signed the socalled Hong Kong Human Rights and Democracy Act of 2019 into law recently regardless of the solemn representations and strong opposition from China.

The U.S. move has seriously interfered in the Hong Kong affairs and the internal affairs of China, and violated the international law and the basic norms governing international relations.

Chinese government strongly opposes such barefaced hegemony and the Chinese people will not be intimidated by any threats. Any attempt to interfere in China's internal affairs is doomed

For over five months, radical protesters have committed violent crimes in Hong Kong, trampling

on the rule of law and social order, undermining the prosperity and stability of Hong Kong and challenging the "one country, two systems" policy of China.

The rioters have smashed buildings, committed arson, paralyzed the traffic, attacked the police and assaulted innocent citizens, pushing Hong Kong to the edge of an abyss and endangering the basic rights and freedom of Hong Kong

Facts have shown that the anti-China forces in the U.S. have been manipulating the Hong Kong activists from the behind scenes to cause chaos in Hong Kong.

To attain their sinister political goals, the U.S. Congress and some politicians have now even come up on stage without scruple.

Under the guise of human rights and democracy, they have made remarks that confused right and wrong and confounded black and white, and viciously created and approved the Hong Kong Human Rights and Democracy Act of 2019.

Ignoring stern representations and strong opposition from the Chinese side, the U.S. has now signed the act into law. By blatantly encouraging and backing up violent protesters in Hong Kong, the U.S. has grossly interfered in China's domestic affairs and severely damaged the common and fundamental interests of the majority of Hong Kong compatriots.

The series of evil misdeeds have set the U.S. side against the over seven million Hong Kong residents, the 1.4 billion Chinese people, the principles of justice and righteousness in the world and the basic norms governing international relations.

What the U.S. has done once again exposed its undue double standard and hypocritical hegemony. It has tried to interfere in the internal affairs of China with its domestic law, yet it claimed to support democracy. While ignoring the damage caused by the violent protesters in Hong Kong, the U.S. dares to consider itself defender of human rights.

By beautifying the anti-humanity rioters as pursuing human rights and democracy and fueling the violence and chaos in Hong Kong, the U.S. seeks to undermine Hong Kong's stability and prosperity, sabotage the practice of "one

country, two systems" principle, and disrupt the Chinese nation's endeavor to realize the great rejuvenation. Its egregious and mali-

cious nature is seen by all. We Chinese people do not believe in heresies, neither are we terrified by them; we do not make trouble, neither are we afraid of it. Looking back on the history of the People's Republic of China, the U.S. will find out that external threats do not intimidate the Chinese people and only prompt them to be more united; external pressure can never overwhelm the Chinese nation and will only make it more clear to them the nature of hegem-

Hong Kong's prosperity and stability, and China's development achievements are not a gift from

others, but the outcome of the hard work of the Chinese people.

The U.S. side and a few Hong Kong opposition politicians who follow Washington's lead should not underestimate China's firm determination to defend the prosperity and stability of Hong Kong, the country's strong will to implement the "one country, two systems" principle, and its ability and measures to safeguard national sovereignty, security and develop-

ment interests. The U.S. attempts to interfere in China's internal affairs are bound to fail. Hong Kong is China's Hong Kong and a special administrative region of China. Hong Kong affairs are purely China's internal affairs and the China will not allow any external forces to do whatever

they want in Hong Kong.

The Chinese government has unswerving determination to protect national sovereignty, security and development interests, implement the "one country, two systems" policy and oppose any external force in interfering in Hong Kong's affairs.

China will continue to firmly implement the "one country, two systems" principle, support the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) chief executive in leading the HKSAR government to govern in accordance with the law, support Hong Kong police in law enforcement, and support Hong Kong judicial agencies in punishing violent criminals in accordance with the law.

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Junior tennis player, Isando John, hits a return to an opponent in boys' singles' event of this year's BQ Open tournament, which took place at the Dar es Salaam Gymkhana Club (DGC) recently. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT JUMANNE JUMA

A new role for Steve Kerr: He gets to teach this season

By TIM REYNOLDS

STEVE Kerr is teaching. And learning. That is his silver lining from this season.

After five consecutive years of being No. 1 in the Western Conference – and ending up as NBA champions in three of those seasons – the Warriors are at the bottom of the league.

Everyone knows why: Kevin Durant left, Stephen Curry got hurt, Klay Thompson got hurt, D'Angelo Russell got hurt, Andre Iguodala got traded, Shaun Livingston retired, DeMarcus Cousins left ... it goes on and on.

"You can't have worse luck than they've had," Orlando coach Steve Clifford said.

But to Kerr's credit, the Warriors are desperate to make the best of their situation.

This will be a losing season for Kerr, his first in more than a quarter-century. He was a winner almost every year as a player, a winner in each of his three seasons as an executive in Phoenix, a huge winner in his first five seasons as coach. He won five titles as a player, three more as a coach. And next year – with Curry back, Thompson back, a top-five lottery pick likely, plus new faces that the Warriors will be able to add when some money frees up – he could be a title contender again.

What he's going through this year will make him ready for next year and beyond.

"I think I've learned how to be a better coach, honestly," Kerr said. "I haven't had to coach a situation like this and it's a good reminder that every circumstance is different, every year is different. The last five years, we've been a championship contender, so it meant that I had to manage the team through the season, prepare for the playoffs and try to get guys rest when we could. This is much more about teaching and developing young players."

Kerr lost 15 games in his first regular season with the Warriors, 15 more in his third season. The Warriors won the NBA title in each of those years. This season, they've already passed that 15-loss mark – with about 75% of the season left to play. Golden State wasn't planning to push the reset button this season but found itself with no choice.

"It's the way of life in pro sports, unless you're the Patriots," Miami coach Erik Spoelstra said. "Everybody else, you have to, at some point, recalibrate, retool and reinvent, get back at it -

which they will. Even right now, even though they've been decimated by injuries, the tenets and standards that they have had, you can see those habits being built."

Spoelstra and the Heat beat Golden State last week. After the game, Spoelstra – who knows a thing or two about seeing a perennial title contender head in a different direction, after Miami was forced to rebuild things once LeBron James left in 2014 and Chris Bosh's career came to a premature end a couple years later because of blood clots – pulled Kerr aside and offered some words of encouragement. "I've admired Steve just because he's been around winning teams basically his entire career as a player, as an executive and as a head coach," Spoelstra said. "It's extremely hard to do what they did, even with talent. It's really hard to accumulate that talent but then to get the talent to play together the way they did, it was exquisite basketball that changed the league in many ways."

The basketball isn't exquisite right now.

But when the Warriors are truly back, Kerr will be even better prepared for whatever challenges

"I'm lucky. I've got a great staff," Kerr said. "Mike Brown and Ron Adams have really helped me this year because they've both been through this before, coaching really young teams that have struggled. And I'm learning a lot myself. It's a good dynamic for my own career, to go through this and to feel it."

THE 150 CLUB

Entering Monday, there had been five instances of a team scoring 150 points in a nonovertime game this season – all of them coming in a five-week span.

That's as many as there had been in the previous 25 years combined.

Washington gave up two of those 150-pointers (150 vs. the Los Angeles Clippers on Sunday, 159 vs. Houston on Oct. 30). Atlanta also has given up a pair of them (also 150 vs. the Clippers on Nov. 16, 158 vs. the Rockets on Nov. 30). Houston gave up the other – 158 to Washington in their game

This is the first season since 1990-91 with at least five 150-point outbursts by a team in non-overtime contests. Before this season, the last time any team reached 150 in a non-OT game was March 16, 2010, when Phoenix beat Minnesota 152-114.



Golden State Warriors forward Draymond Green, left, talks with head coach Steve Kerr during the second half of an NBA basketball game against the Miami Heat, Friday, Nov. 29, 2019, in Miami. (AP Photo)

Winners and losers as spoils shared in Yanga versus KMC FC duel

By Correspondent Michael Eneza

YOUNG Africans (Yanga) extended their unbeaten run in the Vodacom Premier League to seven games after managing a 1-1 draw with KMC FC in Dar es Salaam on Monday.

On the other hand, KMC FC extended their winless run to four

KMC FC who were the better side in the clash were made to rue those missed opportunities as Yanga, the match's hosts, took the lead through Mrisho Ngassa before a last minute penalty from Abdul Hilary rescued a point for the visitors.

It was a well-fought point apiece at the National Stadium that pushes Yanga to eighth position in the table, having collected 17 points while KMC remains in the relegation zone, but who were the winners and losers?

Winner: Serge Alain

It is understandable to only rate only rate or value players if they produce 'end product' in the form of goals and assists. Now obviously those are the clearest and most obvious ways to judge the quality of players - but it is not the only way. Sometimes players can have great value and become beloved even without providing any end product.

Ivorian youngster, Serge Alain, for instance. Against Yanga he was dominant and fun to watch, yet he ended without either a goal or assist.

Nevertheless, watching Serge singlehandedly take on the entire Yanga defense was one of the highlights of the match. It was a genuine treat.

Loser: Ramadhan Kapera

Struggled to get into the game, giving Yanga's defenders a relatively easy afternoon. He did not even test keeper, Farouk Shikhalo, Kapera just skewed away his shots. It was a



Yanga midfielder Deus Kaseke (R) negotiates his way past KMC FC player when the two clubs met in the Vodacom Premier League match in Dar es Salaam on Monday. PHOTO; CORRESPONDENT JUMANNE JUMA

below par display, a shadow of his promising left-backs in Tanzanian decent display at Kagera Sugar last

Loser: Sadney Urikhob

Having fallen down the pecking order under interim coach, Boniface Mkwasa, the Namibian forward was restored to the first-team, starting his first Mainland Premier League game, with his last coming back when Mwinyi Zahera was in charge.

Very much a passenger throughout even surprised he lasted that long in that much.

His performance justified Mkwasa's decision not to use him recently.

Winner: Ally Ramadhan Ally Ramadhan is one of the most football, he has nailed a starting place in KMC despite his age. This season in particular he's developing into a dvnamo.

Caused serious problems down Yanga's left with pace, dribbling and good crossing. Unfortunate not to record an assist due to good defending and poor finishing.

Winner: Kenny Ally

A no-nonsense performance in the his time on the pitch and many were middle of the pitch, calmly allowing KMC to pass through him on their way up the pitch.

It was one of his better performances for KMC this season and he would be proud to watch the replays on DVD.

Winner: Mrisho Ngassa

Immediately added freshness to Yanga's game after his introduction. He took his goal well which was his second of this campaign.

He was guilty of selfishness when he tried an over ambitious shot that went wide when the better decision was to pass to his teammates who were in better positions.

Winner: Hassan Kabunda

Relentless up and down the flank. Won a penalty with a pulsating run in the last minute and refused to be cowed by Yanga. He KMC's primary creative force in the final third.

He dragged Yanga's defenders all over the place to open up spaces for his team-mates, but a striker has to score and he missed two absolute

NBC, Union investigate 'America's Got Talent' racism report

LOS ANGELES

NBC and the guild that represents television performers said they are investigating Gabrielle Union's allegation that she was fired as a judge on "America's Got Talent" because she complained of racism and other on-set issues.

The Screen Actors Guild American Federation of Television and Radio Artists issued a statement Monday saying it is looking into the allegations.

"We take issues of workplace health and safety very seriously." The Screen Actors Guild-American Federation of Television said in a statement. "We immediately reached out to Ms. Union's representatives when these reports came to light ... While we have taken steps to investigate this matter, we have nothing to report now."

The statement said such investigations and their results are

usually kept confidential, unless the companies said "America's Got Talent" It On" and "Bad Boys II." union member making the report has a strong record of inclusivity, and Union and another judge, Julianne

wants it made public. According to reports, Union, who environment she said allowed racist jokes, comments and notes from producers along with other troubling behavior, including judge-producer Simon Cowell's smoking indoors.

production company Fremantle and Cowell's company Syco issued their own statement Sunday. "We remain committed to ensuring a respectful workplace for all employees and take very seriously any questions about workplace culture," the statement said. "We are working with Ms. Union through her representatives to hear more about her concerns, following which we will take whatever next steps may be appropriate."

judge turnover is common. On her twitter account Monday, is black, sought action to address an Union, without specifying who she was addressing, retweeted instructions on how to give a proper apology, which included sincerely admitting wrongdoing, correcting the mistake loudly, and laying out steps to correct future behavior.

She added the comment, "This! This! AND THIIISSSSSSS!!!!!!"

She had previously thanked fans, friends and family for their support on her social media accounts, in similarly vague terms.

Her reported firing became a cause for celebrities on Twitter, including Union's husband, former NBA player Dwyane Wade.

Before landing the job on the talent showcase, Union was best known as In a previous statement, the three an actress from films including "Bring

Hough, were dropped from the show on Nov. 22 after one year, Variety reported.

The judging panel has changed since the show's 2006 debut, but most judges' tenures have lasted at least several years, including that of Sharon Osbourne, Mel B and Howard Stern. On his SiriusXM radio show

Monday, Stern, who left the show after four seasons in 2015, slammed Cowell, saying he "sets it up that the men stay, no matter how ugly they are, no matter how old they are, no matter how fat they are, no matter how talentless they are."

Stern said it is "obvious" that the show consistently replaces female judges with younger and more attractive women.



This image released by NBC shows celebrity judges, from left, Howie Mandel, Gabrielle Union, Julianne Hough, Simon Cowell on the set of "America's Got Talent," in Los Angeles. Union is thanking supporters for defending her amid reports she was fired from "America's Got Talent" after complaining about racism and other on-set issues. Without directly addressing her status with NBC's talent show, the actress tweeted that the backing helped overcome feeling of being lost and alone. (AP)

SPORTS NEWS

Guardian

Rapinoe caps amazing year by winning Ballon d'Or

MEGAN Rapinoe capped her incredible year by winning the Ballon d'Or Féminin on Monday in Paris, presented annually now to the top player in women's soccer.

She's the first United States women's national team player to win it, with Norwegian striker and Lyon star Ada Hegerberg winning the inaugural award last year.

Rapinoe (pictured) helped lead the USWNT to its fourth World Cup title last summer in France, scoring six goals and recording three assists to earn both the Golden Ball as the tournament's top player and Golden Boot as its top scorer. She also returned later in the National Women's Soccer League season and helped Reign FC reach the playoffs, where they fell to the eventual champion North Carolina Courage.

On top of that, the self-described "walking protest" became a global symbol for female empowerment, clashing with President Donald Trump from across the Atlantic and spearheading the USWNT's fight for equal pay.

Rapinoe, 34, sent a video message thanking her fans and peers as she couldn't be at the ceremony. She was joined by USWNT teammates Alex Morgan, Rose Lavelle and Tobin Heath as Ballon d'Or finalists.

England's Lucy Bronze finished as runner-up, while Morgan finished

The shortlist also included Hegerberg, Orlando Pride and Brazilian



star Marta, and Australian star Sam Kerr, who spent last season with the Chicago Red Stars and just signed with Chelsea.

Here are the other finalists: Sarah Bouhaddi (Lyon/France), Amandine Henry (Lyon/France), Dzsenifer Marozsán (Lyon/Germany), Wendie Renard (Lyon/France), Kosovare Asllani (Real Madrid/Sweden), Sofia Jakobsson (Real Madrid/Sweden), Pernille Harder (VFL Wolfsburg/ Denmark), Nilla Fischer (Linköpings/ Sweden), Lieke Martens (Barcelona/ Netherlands), Vivienne Miedema (Arsenal/Netherlands), Sari van Veenendaal (Atletico Madrid/Netherlands), and Ellen White (Manchester City/England).

(Agencies)

Atletico fans chant 'die' at Griezmann on return with Barcelona

MADRID

BARCELONA forward Antoine Griezmann was targeted by Atletico Madrid fans with chants and banners on his first return to the club.

Barca won 1-0 thanks to a late Lionel Messi goal which was enough to see them return to the top of La Liga.

"You wanted to have a name and you forgot to be a man," a banner in the Wanda Metropolitano's Fondo Sur read.

As Griezmann warmed up for the game on the pitch, Atletico fans chanted "Griezmann die."

And whistles greeted his name being read out over the PA system ahead of the game, while his first touch was met in a similar fashion. Griezmann's plaque outside the stadium, in honour of him playing more than 100 games for the club, had toy rats left on it prematch.

ESPN FC has contacted La Liga to ask if any action is set to be taken.

The only issue regarding the crowd that was written down in the referee's report was objects thrown onto the pitch, specifically an umbrella that was thrown from the stands while Barca celebrated Messi's goal.

Referee Mateu Lahoz picked it up before giving it to the fourth official. In his report the referee wrote: "Several objects were thrown, without impacting any player, highlighting a black umbrella."

The France international's €120 million move to Barcelona in the summer was controversial.

Griezmann had publicly turned

down a move to Barca in the summer of 2018 but only a year later left Atletico when the Catalan club paid his release

Barca waited for Griezmann's buy-out clause to drop from €200m to €120m on July to make their move.

Atletico reported Barcelona to the Spanish Competition Committee for breaking its rules by beginning negotiations with Griezmann while he was under contract with them without their

The Spanish Competition Committee fined Barca only €300 a breach of rules but absolved the player of any responsi-

Atletico Madrid spokesman Clemente Villaverde felt the home fans had not crossed the line of what is accept-

"Atletico is always against any sign of violence or incorrect behaviour," he said. "The public has kept a normal behaviour within the course of a game like

this one."

Barca coach Ernesto Valverde praised Griezmann in the post-game news conference: "I saw him well on the pitch. It was a difficult game in terms of the emotional aspect. The crowd did boo him a little but I saw him well. He worked and fought to help the team."

During five years with Atletico, Griezmann won the Europa League, the UEFA Super Cup and the Spanish Super Cup and scored 133 goals in 257 appear-

(Agencies)

Spanish league chief triggers new election to seek new term

MADRID

THE president of the Spanish league resigned - and immediately made himself a candidate again - to try to give the league greater "institutional stability" before negotiating new television rights.

Javier Tebas offered his resignation on Monday, triggering a new election for a four-year term.

In a letter sent to the clubs, Tebas said the move was aimed at giving the league the "greatest possible stability" to "maintain the trust" of national and international television operators which will be negotiating new rights.

Tebas' current term would end in early October, while the new tender for domestic television rights for the

period 2022-25 is set to take place from March to June 2021. Tebas said he believed the new tender process would be "too close to the electoral

Tebas said the stability was also important as Spain faces government changes that could affect the league and the clubs, and to keep the league in a strong position to fight against proposed changes to major European competitions.

Tebas has been in charge at the league since 2013, spearheading a transformation that included the implementation of a centralized sale of television rights and the creation of financial control measures that helped Spanish clubs significantly reduce their debts.

Messi wins sixth Ballon d'Or as Rapinoe takes women's prize

LIONEL Messi said he hoped to carry on undimmed by age after claiming a record sixth men's Ballon d'Or award at the age of 32 in Paris on Monday, while USA World Cup superstar Megan Rapinoe took the women's prize.

Rapinoe was not at the Chatelet Theatre in the French capital, unable to make the trip back to the country where she led the USA to victory in July.

However, Messi was there with his wife, Antonella Roccuzzo, and two of their children. It is Messi's first Ballon d'Or since 2015 and his sixth overall as he moves one ahead of old rival Cristiano Ronaldo.

"It is 10 years since I won my first Ballon d'Or here in Paris and I remember coming here with my three brothers, I was 22 and it was all unthinkable for me what I was going through," Messi said on stage after receiving the award from last year's winner Luka

"I hope I have several years left to keep enjoying my football. I am aware of the age I have and these moments are all the more enjoyable because the moment when I have to retire is getting closer and that

"All going well I'll have several years left but at the you need to respect greatness as well," said moment time seems to be flying and everything is happening very quickly.

"I hope to keep enjoying my football, my family, facing my rivals and all of this life that I have."

- Van Dijk comes second -The Barcelona number 10 won this year's prize -organised by France Football magazine and voted for by a panel of journalists from around the world -- ahead of Liverpool defender Virgil van Dijk, with Ronaldo third.

It is the first time since 2010 that Ronaldo has failed

to rank in the top two. Having starred in the Liverpool team that won the Champions League, Van Dijk finished second to Messi just as he did in the voting for FIFA's equivalent

prize, The Best, in September. "Unfortunately there are a couple of players like required, on Sunday he scored a wonderful



Barcelona's Lionel Messi with his six Ballon d'Or trophies during the The Ballon d'Or awards at Theatre du Chatelet in Paris, France on Monday. REUTERS

Van Dijk. Van Dijk was one of four Liverpool players in the top 10, with Sadio Mane fourth, Mohamed Salah fifth and goalkeeper Alisson seventh. The latter won a new prize for the goalkeeper of the year, named after former USSR icon Lev Yashin.

Messi has scored 46 goals in 54 matches so far in 2019, and netted 36 times in total in 34 La Liga matches last season as Barcelona won the title.

He did not enjoy a successful Copa America with Argentina but was also the top scorer in last season's Champions League with 12 goals.

As if any reminder of his brilliance were him who are a bit unnatural. Six times Ballon d'Or -- late winner for Barcelona against Atletico

Madrid.

- 'Incredible year' for Rapinoe -

This is just the second year that a women's Ballon d'Or -- voted for by 48 journalists -- has been awarded, with Rapinoe succeeding Norway's Ada Hegerberg.

Rapinoe was the star of the Women's World Cup on, and off, the field, winning the Golden Boot for top scorer, with six goals, and Golden Ball for best player.

She scored the opening goal as the USA beat the Netherlands 2-0 in the final.

But the 34-year-old feminist icon made headlines with her outspoken criticism of US President Donald Trump during the tournament and has led calls for her team to be paid the same as their male counter-

"It's been an incredible year," said Rapi-

noe in a recorded video message.

"I want to say a huge thank you to my team-mates, the coaches, the US Soccer Federation, for all of the support to allow me to be who I am and do what I do on the field but also be the person who I am off the field."

Rapinoe was one of four members of the US side that lifted the World Cup to be nominated for the prize, along with Tobin Heath, Rose Lavelle and Alex Morgan, who finished third on Monday. England's Lucy Bronze came second.

Dutch defender Matthijs de Ligt, the ex-Ajax star now at Juventus, succeeded Kylian Mbappe as the winner of the Kopa Trophy for the best player aged under 21.

At Man United, Mourinho was right man at wrong time. At Tottenham, it just works

LONDON

TIMING is an underestimated quality in football. Without being in the right place in the right time, a glittering career might never get off the ground, and nobody knows about the fates of timing quite like Jose Mourinho.

Just rewind the clock to March 2004. Mourinho's FC Porto are on the way out of the Champions League on away goals at the round of 16 stage against Manchester United until goalkeeper Tim Howard fails to hold on to a Benni McCarthy free kick and Costinha scores from the rebound.

The game is already in stoppage time, so it is a decisive goal; Mourinho celebrates by sprinting down the Old Trafford touchline, and a legend is born. Porto go on to win that season's Champions League, Mourinho moves to Chelsea, announces himself as the "Special One" and the rest is history.

But had Costinha not been in the right place at the right time that night, the Mourinho story might have been an unremarkable one, with no Champions League titles and no journey through Europe's big leagues.

Indeed, as he prepares to return to Old Trafford on Wednesday as Tottenham manager, Mourinho might consider how the fates have worked for -and against -- him over the years and how, once again, he looks like being in the right place at the right time at Spurs.

When he spoke to the media at his first news conference as Spurs manager less than two weeks ago, following the sacking of Mauricio Pochettino, Mourinho described the squad he had inherited as a "gift."

Pochettino left behind a group of players who had reached last season's Champions League final, only to lose to Liverpool, including a worldclass striker in Harry Kane, dangerous wingers in Lucas Moura and Son Heung-Min, a collection of reliable centre-backs, and the mercurial midfield talent of Dele Alli.

It is a squad that has been ready to win for a while, but one which seemingly just needs an extra dose of the hard-nosed winning mentality that has typified Mourinho's career ever since those early days at Porto.

Three games into his reign at White Hart Lane, Mourinho has overseen two victories that have lifted Spurs from the bottom half of the Premier League to fifth, as well as one which sealed their place in the Champions League knockout stages, so it is no wonder that he is smiling again. But the Tottenham Mourinho is a stark contrast to the man who spent two-and-a-half years with a scowl on his face at United until he was sacked last December.

Ever since his run down the touchline in front of the Sir Bobby Charlton Stand, Mourinho always appeared destined to manage United one day. He had the charisma, self-belief and insatiable desire for trophies which made him an obvious fit for the club once Sir Alex Ferguson stepped down.

May 2013 would have been the right time for United and Mourinho, in the immediate aftermath of Ferguson's retirement, with a squad of seasoned winners needing a manager with similar characteristics to themselves to guide them



Jose Mourinho

through the trauma of losing the most successful manager in the club's history.

But Mourinho had already given his word to Chelsea that he would return for a second spell in charge at Stamford Bridge, so United ended up with David Moyes and began their tailspin toward the mediocrity and chaos they find themselves in today.

When Mourinho eventually did get the job at Old Trafford, replacing Moyes' successor, Louis van Gaal, in the summer of 2016, he was suddenly the right man at the wrong time, perhaps for the first time in his career.

While he has inherited a squad ready to reach its peak at Tottenham, Mourinho found himself with a collection of under-performing misfits at United who

were simply not good enough to compete as he, or the club, demanded.

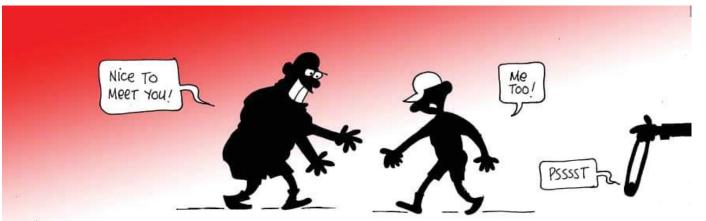
With Pep Guardiola landing in Manchester at the same time, to take charge of a City team that had been prepared for his arrival by the club's Abu Dhabi hierarchy, Mourinho found himself in his dream job, but with a team that could not even compete to be the best in its own city, never mind in the Premier League or Champions League.

He spent almost £400 million attempting to get United back on track, but there was never any sense of a clear strategy or of Mourinho, who lived in a Manchester hotel throughout his time in charge, truly believing he could succeed at Old Trafford as he had succeeded everywhere

It is different at Tottenham, however. At Spurs, he has the tools with which he can build a winning team and he hasn't had to spend a penny to get them. In many ways, he has a squad which reflects the key aspects of all of his successful teams -- strong, experienced defenders, reliable defensive midfielders, a worldclass striker, dangerous widemen and, if Alli continues to flourish, a player who can score goals from midfield as Frank Lampard did at Chelsea.

Mourinho never had those options as United manager, where he was the right man at the wrong time. But he heads back to his old club on Wednesday as the right man at the right time for Tottenham, so don't be surprised if his smile lasts for a while yet.

by David Chikoko



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Messi wins sixth Ballon d'Or as

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Some of Dar es Salaam athletes participate in training session at National Stadium in the city yesterday to prepare for this year's JICA race, penned for later this month at the year e PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT, ILIMANNE, ILIMA

Kilimanjaro holiday makers set for lifetime experience

By Guardian Reporter

THE festive season in Kilimanjaro this year is expected to be unique, as holiday makers will be treated to a lifetime experience, starting from December 21.

The event, known as 'Twenzetu Kilimanjaro Fest 2019', has been organized by Real PR Solutions

A statement issued in Dar es Salaam yesterday by the event's organizers, and signed by the chairman of the organizing committee, Clement Mshana, said there will be a day-tour of touristic attractions in Kilimanjaro on December 21.

Such places include caves at the College of African Wildlife Management, Mweka, Materuni, Kilasia Waterfalls, Njoro Forest, Mkomazi National Park, Ngangu Pilgrimage Hill, Maua Forest and so many others.

On their return to Moshi Municipality after the day trip, the holiday makers will be treated by 'After Party' event, starting from 7pm.

The next day, organizers will host a number of activities which include fun race, dubbed Capital Mountain Run (5km, 10km and 5km (corporates), nyama choma, music and an assorted entertainments at the Moshi Cooperative University

Also various prizes such as air tickets, paidup accommodation in the finest hotels in the region would be won through instant raffle would be on full display for the participants.

The event is part of a wider campaign dubbed Domestic Tourism Promotion Initiative (DTPI) which aims at sensitizing the general public to visit various touristic attractions in a view of boosting the government revenue and also support businesses to grow.

Sponsors who have come forward so far include the Tanzania Forests Services Agency (TFS),CRJE (East Africa) Limited, HAL, Kilimanjaro Wonders Hotel, Nyumbani Hotels, Capital Plus International and Afrimax Strategic Partnerships.

Mshana said the campaign will then be rolled out to other regions next year, starting with Dodoma, Dar es Salaam, Arusha, Morogoro, Geita and Mwanza.

The event is supported by the Ministry of Tourism and Natural Resources, Tanzania Tourist Board, Kilimanjaro Regional Commissioner's Office and other government agencies related in the tourism sector.

Over 8,000 people, mainly adults, are expected to participate in this event.

All of the race's finishers will be awarded medals, T-Shirts, giveaways from the sponsors, vouchers to buy at big discount from various shops and hotels in Kilimanjaro. A total 1,500 medals await the winners.



05:00 EA Breakfast 09:00 Supamix 12:00 Kipenga Xtra 13:00 Planet Bongo

6:00 EA Drive

20:00 Kipenga 21:00 The Cruise



Tanzania team's Ibrahim Kassim (R), blocks Uganda's Peter Gava during the COPA Coca-Cola Africa Cup soccer tournament's quarterfinal clash held at M-PESA Foundation Academy in Thika, Kenya on Tuesday. Tanzania beat Uganda 6-2 to make it to the last four.

Tanzania qualifies for COPA Coca-Cola Africa games last four

By Guardian Correspondent, Thika, Kenya

TANZANIA'S U-16 COPA Coca-Cola soccer squad has stretched its impressive spell in this season's COPA Coca-Cola Africa games, which are taking place in Thika, Kenya, given the team has made it to the last four.

The Tanzania youngsters had in the opening match made short work of South Africa, cruising to 3-1 win.

In the second game, Tanzania conceded 2-0 loss to Zambia. Much as they suffered loss in the clash, the Tanzania team sailed through to the last eight stage.

In the last eight, played yesterday, Tanzania squad regrouped to post a 6-2 rout of Uganda and cruise to the last four.

The eventual winners' forward line, which is led by Paul Nyerere, tormented

the Ugandans.

Nyerere was Tanzania's hero in the game, netting a hat-trick in the clash.
Team mates, Frank Zephania and Kas-

sim Ibrahim, scored a goal apiece.
Tanzania's squad opted for a defensive tactic, catching their opponents on counter-attacks, and the approach paid off.
Uganda had come out with 11-1 victory

over Namibia in the first match.

Abel Mtweve, Tanzania team's coach, received a lot of plaudits from the spec-

tators for opting for a better approach.

Tanzania team's head of delegation,
Vitalis Shija, who as well serves as the
Inter-Secondary Schools Games (UMISSETA) president, noted: "The boys have
impressed me, I did not expect they will
beat Uganda by such a margin, they have
truly showcased fighting spirit and fol-

lowed their coach's instructions."

"The government is fully cooperating with them, motivating them and I hope they will tomorrow post a win over Kenya and ultimately sail through to the final."

The COPA Coca-Cola Africa games, the biggest youth sports event in the continent, involves 10 teams from across the continent, with Kenya hosting the games.

Tanzania, Zambia, South Africa, Zimbabwe, Uganda, Ethiopia, Namibia, Angola, Botswana and Mozambique are also in the list of the competing squads in the

There were as well wins for the game's hosts Kenya, Zambia and Zimbabwe in the rest of the last eight duels.

Zambia cruised to 8-1 victory over Angola, whilst Zimbabwe clobbered Namibia 4-1. Kenya edged Botswana 1-0.

Flexibles by David Chikoko





NSC slaps one-year ban on Kigamboni Marathon

By Guardian Reporter

THE National Sports Council (NSC) has slapped one-year ban on Kigamboni International Marathon for what has been termed as the race's organizers' failure to adhere to laws and regulations governing marathons in Tanzania.

Neema Msitha, NSC Acting Secretary General, disclosed to the press in Dar es Salaam yesterday the punishment started effectively the same day.

She noted the race's organizers are as well required to see to it they hand over prizes, which had been set aside for winners, prior to December 12.

"There has recently been an increase in the number of marathons and other road races in the country. These races have offered significant contribution to promotion of athletics domestically and the country's economic growth," Neema noted.

"There are, however, a lot of challenges the hosting of the races has experienced, which include failure by some of the organizers to register their events."

Neema pointed out the races have as well been taking place without such necessary needs like traffic control, ambulances and water points, and failure by some of the organizers to hand over prizes to the races' winners

She disclosed some of the races' organizers host the events without professional supervisors, a situation which contributes to cheating.

The challenges, she noted, have brought misunderstanding among the organizers, participants and athletics stakeholders.

"Following the presence of these challenges, the NSC will, effectively from January 1 in 2020, be issuing all permits for hosting marathons and other road races at the district, regional and national levels," Neema disclosed.

"The permits will be handed over to the races' organizers once the Athletics Tanzania (AT) has approved the events."

"The NSC will first have to be satisfied the races' organizers have met all procedures for hosting the races."

"The NSC directs districts and regional sports authorities to see to it there is no road race that will take place without having been issued permit by the council."

"As per the NSC statute, all road races' organizers should pay one percent of the participation fees to the council's sports development fund."



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