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By Guardian Reporter

FALLING levels of ethical standards and discipline among the police force rank and file are becoming a headache, Inspector General Simon Sirro has declared. He cited challenges facing the police force, appealing for strategies to find solutions, in an opening speech for a three-day meeting of a task force of senior police officers at police headquarters. The task force includes regional police commanders (RPCs), convened to present

performance evaluations for past two and half years, along with police commissioners at headquarters. The meeting is intended to draw up operational directions in relation to overseeing the local government elections, the IGP noted. The deterioration standards in regard to police training was appalling, he said, noting that a police officer rushes to an incident of crime and then posts unintelligible things in social media platforms. "You keep the law and then you break it - what does that mean?" he asked, directing police

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Muhimbili National Hospital paediatric surgeons Dr Petronila Ngiloi (2nd-L) and Dr Zaituni Bohari carry recently separated conjoined twins upon arrival at the newly built babies' family house (behind them) at Mzenga in Kisarawe District, Coast Region, yesterday. Photo: Henry Mwangonde



## World Bank lines up 165 villages for improved solar water pumps

By Guardian Reporter

A TOTAL of 165 Tanzanian villages in nine regions will have access to sustainable water supply through improved solar pumping systems. This is premised on a new grant agreement signed between the government and the World Bank amounting to US\$4.5 million from the Global Partnership for Results-Based

Approaches (GPRBA), a World Bank statement in Dar es Salaam said yesterday. It said that the World Bank's long-term engagement in the water sector will now include a large pilot on solar water pumping via innovative financing which will support the country in moving from dated and inefficient diesel-powered pumps to

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# Bank presents house for use by formerly conjoined twins

By Henry Mwangonde

WORRIES by doctors over post-surgery life for conjoined twins who were separated at the Muhimbili National Hospital (MNH) last year got an answer yesterday after a new house was handed to them by well-wishers. The lack of proper shelter to match the condition was a worrying issue, and thus the mother of the twins, Esther Simon was full of smiles yesterday after the United Bank for Africa (UBA) handed over the house to the family at Mzenga ward in Kisarawe District, Coast Region. Soon after the surgery last year experts raised worries over their condition saying the efforts could fail if they returned to a thatched house in their home village in Kibaha district. Dr Petronila Ngiloi, a paediatric surgeon at MNH who participated in the surgery said "at least now we are satisfied that they are safe. We were worried

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because we saw the condition in which they were living. It was not friendly thinking of the situation which they went through." On their health, the mother said they were all doing fine only that sometimes they develop fever which she said was normal to children. She also mentioned a scaring situation a few months back when one of the twins started swelling and was rushed to hospital where it discovered that he had a shortage of blood. UBA bank built the house in response to a call by doctors who conducted the surgery for well-wishers to help the twins with accommodation because the house they were living in was not suitable for their condition. Speaking at the event UBA Bank Managing Director Usman Imam Isiaka said the house was a turning point to the health of the twins as it was going to facilitate quick recovery and good health

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## DCB Commercial Bank sees its fixed account deposits reach 18.5 billion/-

By Francis Kajubi

DCB Commercial Bank Plc has attracted deposits amounting to 18.5bn/- from its customers through its DCB Lamba

Kwanza Fixed Account - which enables customers to earn up to 14 per cent interest on money they deposit in the account. James Ngaluko, the bank's commercial director, announced in Dar es Salaam yesterday that the account was launched three months ago specifically to attract deposits totalling 15bn/- in as many months and this is in excess of the target. "We have received many requests from our customers that the product be restored as originally customers were given only three months to open

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## UAE agencies set out projects for Zanzibar

By Guardian Reporter

EXECUTIVES from the Chamber of Commerce and Industries and other investment agencies in Ras Al Khaimah in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) will support Zanzibar in its development efforts. This pledge was given when representatives of the UAE agencies presented ideas and projects to Zanzibar President Dr Ali Mohamed Shein (pictured) who is on an official visit, at a meeting held at the Waldorf Astoria in Ras Al Khaimah city. Those in attendance included assistant director general of the chamber, Eiman Alhawayas who profiled the various agencies while the chamber has 139 members. Darwish said ACCI has 52 years of experience in assisting business people and firms, boasting huge successes in economic development of the country. She said the chamber's efforts have made Ras Al Khaimah a leading state (emirate) in UAE in



industrial production, and thus there is a need for Zanzibar to see how it can benefit from this experience. The leadership of the Ras Al Khaimah business community expressed interest in cooperating with the Zanzibar authorities in various projects and to explore new areas for trade, including in areas like food safety, industries, tourism and agriculture, she specified. Ahmed Numan, the Director General of the Ras Al Khaimah Economic Zone (RAKEZ) said that the emirate is well known internationally as regards investments. Within the emirates (states) that form the UAE, RAKEZ is among the fastest growing and its fruits are easily discerned, whereas already it harbours 40,500 investment companies, the director noted. RAKEZ contributes 25 percent to the emirate's GDP mostly from industrial production, he said. Presenting a paper on the Ras Al Khaimah

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Students from Dar es Salaam's Fountain Gate Academy hand over an assortment of items to Yatima Group Trust Fund and Umra orphanages in marking the school's annual Charity Day. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

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commanders to attend meetings convened in line with Police Force Regulations.

"You have detectives, then what is the problem for you each month to evaluate your detectives so that you know how many cases they have investigated, and what are the challenges and successes?" he posed.

The piling up of exhibits up to headquarters level was incomprehensible as each of those cases has stations and have their own commanders, he said.

"There are people who act like gods - a commander does not listen to his juniors, and if a constable wants to see his commander he refuses, forgetting that it's them who make you to be in your position. You make the constables to suffer psychological depression," he told the police commanders in attendance.

IGP Sirro said corrupt practices come up every time when a traffic policeman stops a passenger bus, as instead of inspecting it he goes aside with the conductor to take money. "Who has taken any action?" he demanded.

Some of the commanders engage in politics, which is not right and is contrary to the constitution and in the end people ask themselves if higher authorities made a mistake to post him that officer to that region.

"Are you a politician who wants to be voted for? You act in a way that you humiliate yourself and the entire police force. Police General Orders (PGO) explain everything," the top police officer thundered.

IGP Sirro also said he is always surprised by some RPCs parading crime

suspects to the media as it only shows that they want to be commended.

He said police officers risk being sued in court by parading suspects, noting that crime suspects are rarely paraded unless it is a huge crime incident.

In the meeting IGP Sirro vowed to unseat any commander who fails to explain failure to complete the construction of police quarters in that region.

The RPCs intended in that remark were those of Dodoma, Mwanza, Katavi, Tabora, and Zanzibar Urban West region. They all explained various challenges they face, promising to get the work completed soon, by end of next month.

Sirro went back to the case of death of journalist Daudi Mwangosi at Nyololo Village, Mufindi in Iringa region on September 2, 2012 saying that the police force bungled in that incident of violence.

IGP Sirro also talked of the death of National Institute of Transport (NIT) student Akwilina Akwilini who died during a protest march by Chadema followers in Dar es Salaam in February 2018 and earlier, Daudi Mwangosi in Iringa.

"We must work from the challenges that came up during those incidents as the coming elections must take place in an orderly manner. Why did the two cases - involving Akwilina and Mwangosi happen? The answer to this may provide a way on how to correct ourselves in future," he said.

"I can't say what exactly happened in regard to the Akwilina case but we are all witnesses. Can't we say there is somewhere the police force did not perform its duties?" he demanded.

## India to sponsor 400 Tanzanians for various trainings

By Guardian Reporter

THE Indian High Commission in Dar es Salaam has pledged to send more than 400 Tanzanians to India for training in various fields agriculture, health, education and others.

The pledge was given on Monday by the Indian High Commissioner Sanjiv Kohil at a function organized by Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC) for the purpose of bringing together workers and students who were sponsored for studies in India.

Kohil said the aim is to strengthen ties between the two countries.

He said India will continue to

cooperate with Tanzania in various areas and that in some one area they pledged to cooperate in is Information Technology (ICT).

"For a long time we have been cooperating with Tanzania in many areas and every year we have been taking Tanzanians to India for learning in various in various sectors, and this year we plan to take in about 500 people," said High Commissioner Kohil.

On his part the Principal of Dar es Salaam Institute of Technology (DIT) Prof Preksedia Ndomba said as of now the two countries have agreed to cooperate in the health sector.

Prof Ndomba said already they have agreed that as of now Tanzanians will be able to receive medical treatment by consulting with doctors through the internet (e-treatment).

He said in the plan they will work in conjunction with all referral hospitals in the country to enable patients seeking to consult with doctors in India to do so. "Already, we at DIT in collaboration with the Indian High Commission, have completed that process and have started putting the system to trial first," said Prof Ndomba.

He said the e-treatment plan will greatly assist in reducing medical expenses which patients used to incur

going to India for treatment.

"We understand many Tanzanians have been travelling to India for medical treatment, but through this e-treatment system, they will now be able to consult face to face with doctors in India, and all this will be undertaken in collaboration with us at DIT, the Indian High Commission and the country's referral hospitals," said Prof Ndomba.

The Minister for Education, Science and Technology Prof Joyce Ndalichako, said India has given huge assistance to Tanzania in various sectors, particularly in education, ICT, and investing in heavy and small industries.

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for them.

"We feel very proud to be part of this history that MNH has made and we believe that by this we have given back to the society what we get from them," he said.

The twins, Gracious and Precious born in Kisarawe District were separated at MNH in September last year in a record surgery by the hospital in a period of 30 years.

They weighed two kilogrammes on birth and shared to some extent the liver and a bone in the chest.

MNH examined the twins since they arrived at the hospital a day after they were born and saw to it that it was an issue that the hospital can handle.

Historically such cases were received by MNH in 1994, 1998 and 2001 but they were referred to South Africa for treatment.

This was another milestone for the country's main referral hospital after successful establishment of some key services in the past two years.

MNH has in recent years enhanced its capacity to provide major services whereby the first was cochlear implant, radiology intervention and later kidney transplant.

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clean and climate-friendly solar pumping systems.

"The new systems will help decarbonize off-grid water pumping in rural Tanzania and significantly reduce the cost of water extraction for at least 500,000 beneficiaries.

"The project opens up new resources of available funding to help close the vast investment gap for rural water supply in Tanzania. It also shifts the focus to mobilizing private sector financing consistent with the World Bank's maximizing finance for development (MFD) approach," the statement noted.

Quoting Zaruhi Tokhmakhian, acting head of GPRBA, it said that this is the first attempt to leverage private sector financing in Tanzania's rural water supply sector.

To supplement GPRBA's grant and to diversify sources of funding, the project uses a blended finance approach, combining debt finance and output-based subsidies, it said.

GPRBA funds will facilitate a 60 percent subsidy against loans for Community-Based Water Supply Organizations (CBWSOs) to replace their diesel generators with solar-powered pumping systems.

The debt finance will account for 40 percent of the investment and CBWSOs will be able to repay the loan over a four-year period with additional money made available by eliminating the use of diesel fuel, it elaborated.

In addition, an innovative mobile-banking payment platform will be piloted to manage revenue collection from water sales and loan payments from participating CBWSOs directly to the participating local bank.

The funding also includes a technical assistance

component for training CBWSOs to perform at a greater capacity for improved impact, and to encourage their practice of loan repayment to increase their creditworthiness and ability to borrow for future activities, it further noted.

"The introduction of solar water pumping systems is expected to significantly reduce operation and maintenance costs for CBWSOs, providing them with financial resources to lower the price of water to users and expand service to presently unserved communities," said Prof Kitila Mkumbo, Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Water.

To address the growing concern of the delivery of safer water for consumption, this project will also install simple chlorinators to improve the water quality delivered to communities. When fully achieved, a range of benefits will emerge from expanded access through the rehabilitation of water schemes, it specified.

The latter include increased reliability and sustainability of service, reduction of operating and maintenance costs, private sector involvement through a five-year service agreement and other operational efficiencies and service improvements, it asserted.

World Bank Country Director Bella Bird said that with this project, the bank is seeking to introduce new technologies to scale and better facilitate private sector financing and sustainable rural water supply.

"It is our hope that the combination of solar water pumps, pre-paid meters, chlorination, remote sensors and 5-year service agreements will form the synergies which will shape a new era for the sector," she added.



A community worker at Msalaza in Pangani District, Tanga Region, briefs Water deputy minister Jumaa Aweso (L) on a water project in the village yesterday. Aweso soon after dissolved the village water board for alleged misuse of funds. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

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Tourism Development Authority, Navritu Rai explained that the emirate's tourism development is in tandem with steps being taken to develop the sector.

She said Ras Al Khaimah's total population is 345,000 and that it has the resources to drive the tourism sector, including mountains, the desert, oases and mangroves all of which are big attractions for tourists.

The emirate's aim, come 2025 is that they should be able to bring in 2.9m tourists whereas presently they have already reached 1.2m and target 1.5m tourists by end of 2021.

The main approach employed in attracting tourists is to invent new attractions, such as pearls farm whereby those engaged in looking for the commodity under the sea add value by adorning them with various ornaments thereby becoming a huge attraction to tourists.

Another strategy is the planting of mangroves which are a favourite home for birds, another tourist attraction. Ras Al Khaimah has a forest reserve that is home to scores of indigenous trees, she remarked.

Various forms of entertainment have also contributed to the growth of the tourism sector, such as jumping over rocks, the Isles delegation was told.

Apart from starting new tourist attractions from the resources available, they also engage in advertising these attractions in various countries through international exhibitions.

In addition, they engage in developing new cities by claiming land from the sea, she said, citing the tourist island of Marjan which receives 17,200 tourists per year.

The Ras Al Kahimah Ports Authority is an institution with long experience in the ports management, she said, elaborating that Ras Al

Khaimah ports have been an important link for UAE and the distribution centre for cement and other building materials among the Gulf countries, having 14 dry docks for servicing ships.

On his part, Dr Shein praised the Ras Al Khaimah Chamber of Commerce and Industries and other business institutions, welcoming cooperation between the two countries.

Isles leaders expressed appreciation for the development attained by Ras Al Khaimah and posed some questions for clarification so that they work on them back home.

Taking note of development features attained by Ras Al Khaimah, Zanzibar was taking steps in implementing its own plans and strategies in cooperation with various investors in the same outlook as Ras Al Khaimah, the delegation observed.





Angellah Kairuki (L), Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office (Investment), has a word with National Service volunteers at Mlale camp in Ruvuma Region yesterday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## NBS set to help private statistics stakeholders in improving quality

By Songwa Songwa, Dodoma

THE National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) has said it is ready to work with private stakeholders including Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) that conduct various surveys to help them improve quality of their reports.

Speaking here yesterday while opening a two-day workshop for editors and senior journalists, the NBS Statistician General Dr Albina Chuwa said the bureau is willing to avail its experts to empower private entities involved in generation and distribution of various surveys so that their reports meet scientific requirements.

"This profession is a science of collecting, analyzing and disseminating statistical information. We are ready to go out there and help private stakeholders especially in the area of scientific aspects," she said.

This extension of olive branch to work together with private stakeholders came after the parliament in June this year passed the Written Laws (Miscellaneous Amendment) Bill number 3 of 2019 into law which removed criminal liability for collecting and disseminating statistical information contradicting the official one.

Dr Chuwa hailed the recent amendment of the Statistics Act 2015, saying the changes have been welcomed not only locally but internationally, adding that statisticians from Argentina came to NBS for benchmarking thereafter.

"In this age of data revolution, not only the government should collect and disseminate statistics; private organisations and individuals should also do the same but by adhering to scientific methodologies," she said.

Amendment of the statistics law in 2018 introduced prison sentence and fine of up to 10mn/- for offenders.

After the changes passed in June, if the government contests any statistical information released by private organisations or individuals, it can only through NBS issue a statement giving its version or forward the matter to a five-member ad hoc committee formed by the minister whose two members must be foreigners, it was said here yesterday.

The Statistics Act of 2015 made it a crime to publish "false official statistics" or to disseminate information that would result in the distortion

The government came under heavy criticism for the Act from both local CSOs as well as international organisations.

The statistical awareness workshop for editors which takes place at the NBS headquarters here aims to deepen understanding of participants on recent amendment to the law among others.

It bring together 30 editors and senior journalists from Dodoma, Morogoro and Dar es Salaam.



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## Take full part in November civic polls, women urged

By Correspondent Deogratias Mushi

FORMER Speaker of the National Assembly Anne Makinda has called on more women to contest in the forthcoming local elections slated for November this year.

Makinda was speaking at the 14th gender festival organised by the TGNP Mtandao in Dar es Salaam yesterday.

She said women deserve equal chances so they should not lag behind, adding that the local elections to be held in November this year should open way to more women in contesting for leadership, to enable them assume their leadership roles in society

For his part, Deputy Minister for Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly, and Children Dr Faustine Ndugulile said equal chances to women can also reduce gender violence in society.

"Women and girls should not undergo gender based violence. They deserve greater access to resources, opportunities, and decision-making power, in order to sustainably reduce extreme poverty, build healthy communities, and promote inclusive growth" he said.

He added that the establishment of gender desks, One Stop Centre which handles Gender Based Violence (GBV) and Violence Against Children (VAC)

has attracted praises as effective strategies to check aggression in the society.

We need to put more efforts which focus on strengthening women- and youth-friendly policies at the national level, he said, to increase women's equality and youth inclusion, and also ensure that Tanzanian women and youth are healthier and more productive.

According to Dr. Ndugulile, Tanzania has made notable progress on gender equality and women's empowerment.

The Vision 2025 for Tanzania Mainland stipulates equality between men and women as laid down in the

Constitution and recognizes gender equality and the empowerment of women in all socio-economic and political relations.

According to Dr Ndugulile, Tanzania's Five Year Development Plan emphasizes women's economic empowerment as a means of bringing about equality in economic empowerment.

"Our Ministry is charged with coordinating and providing guidance for mainstreaming gender in all development processes. This is supported by the Women and Gender Development Policy and Strategy and an Implementation Plan on Gender" said Dr Ndugulile.



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## TAWA donates maize to family homes attacked by elephants

By Guardian Correspondent, Meatu

TANZANIA Wildlife Management Authority (TAWA) has donated two bags of maize to each family living in fringe areas of Maswa Forest Reserve in Mwasengela and Tindabuliga wards in Meatu district, Simiyu region after they were attacked by elephants.

The elephants that came out of the reserve attacked a total of 39 families in the wards during which they destroyed their houses and ate all the food stored, including maize, millet, cassava, potatoes and flour.

Handing over the donation yesterday to the Meatu district Commissioner Dr Joseph Chilongani, the manager of the Forest Reserve, Lusato Masinde said the assistance follows the pledge given by TAWA Director General, Dr James Wakibara on September 9 2019 during his visit to the families.

"The director, after witnessing for himself the destruction, as a human being saw it fit for TAWA to offer assistance as a token consolation but also to help the wananchi whose crops were eaten by the animals, today we are donating two bags of maize to every family that were affected, whose total is 39," said Masinde.

Masinde said fortunately no deaths or injuries were reported by the elephants' rampage to the said families.

He said what TAWA had done is not within its procedures, but after the director general witnessed, felt very sorry for the families following the sad incident.

He called upon the villagers living in the reserve's peripheries always to be vigilant over the wild animals whose numbers have multiplied many fold due conservation.

The Councilor for Tindabuliga Ward, Antony Magembe said the elephants destroyed the houses and then searched for the stored cereals and consumed all of it.

On his part the Meatu DC thanked TAWA leadership for the donation which he said will help the villagers as they were left without any food, and stressed to them to form groups of youth who were trained on how to prevent the animals from such destruction.

One of the villagers Lonzwe Kuhenda from Mwasengela Ward thanked the government for the donation but pleaded for more as the animals ate all of their foods.



Anthony Mavunde (L), Deputy Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office (Labour, Youth and Employment), receives from RoutePro general manager Duane Edwards (R) 30 motorcycles to be used by youths in dispatching goods to customers as part of an empowerment strategy. This was at a ceremony held in Dodoma yesterday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

By Guardian Correspondent, Dodoma

THE government has commended RoutePro, a Tanzanian last-mile distribution company, for the creativity it has been engaging towards empowering youths in the country in part by creating employment for them

The firm has so far provided motorcycles and conducted business training for 30 youths in Arusha, Dar es Salaam and Dodoma, Mwanza and Singida regions.

Anthony Mavunde, Deputy Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office

# RoutePro empowers 30 youths through offer of bikes, training

(Labour, Youth and Employment), extended the commendation here yesterday at a ceremony at which RoutePro handed out 30 motorcycles for distribution to youths in the five regions.

"Youth unemployment is one of the major challenges facing our nation and addressing it one of the top priorities of the government and that is why we continue working closely with

various development partners to create sustainable solutions to the issue," he said.

"When Tanzanian companies such as RoutePro take initiatives to provide

training and employment opportunities to our youths, we extend to them as much of the support they need as we can," he added.

RoutePro's initiative is expected

provide 30 motorcycles to youths along with training on business and distribution practices alongside educating them on the use of modern technology to track sales and data management.

It already has 400 motorcycles engaged in last-mile distribution across the country for several fast-moving-consumer-goods firms, including Tanzania Cigarette Company.

RoutePro is also determined to engage with its business partners and other Tanzanian manufacturers and to support candidates with stock for distribution and sale. The two parties are thereafter to split the profit 50/50.

RoutePro operations manager Jaja Mbazila spoke on the selection procedure, saying they used a database to identify youths who have been working with the firm in various distribution projects and picked those who had demonstrated "diligence and determination to grow".

"We are basically giving the hardworking and self-driven youths an opportunity to grow and eventually build their own businesses," he said, adding: "We have worked closely with them over the past few years and they have demonstrated determination and potential to do well in this line of business."

He noted that, apart from the brand-new motorcycles, RoutePro will give each of the 30 candidates 100,000/- as part of a start-up package.

After 24 months, successful candidates will become the legal owners of the motorcycles and will continue to use them in distributing stock. However, the candidates may choose to enrol for another two-year programme that will see RoutePro give them a second motorcycle for use during another two-year period.

RoutePro has five years of experience in last-mile distribution using state-of-the-art mobile applications in tracking sales and collecting data for market analysis.

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James Ngaluko (2nd-L), DCB Commercial Bank Plc's commercial director, briefs journalists in Dar es Salaam yesterday on the resounding achievements he said the 'DCB Lamba Kwanza' campaign had made. With him (from-L): DCB head of marketing Rahma Ngassa, head of personal banking Frederick Mwakitwange and Magomeni (Dar es Salaam) branch manager Fortunata Benedict. Photo: Selemani Mpochi

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it. The 18.5bn/- is 123 per cent of the set target," he said.

DCB Lamba Kwanza is a special fixed account that lasts between three months to two years can enable a holder receive his payments of interest at the beginning of every month if he wishes so instead of waiting up to the end of the year or the two years that the account may last.

"The account allows you to receive the interest of your deposits as soon as you open the account. Instead of waiting two years to have your money, the interest is broken down into monthly basis to enable you to have it at the beginning of every month," said Ngaluko.

"The account is free from monthly charges and no cost is incurred in opening it. It is like we are paying you a monthly salary. This is a no stress account as holders shall be paid as employees," he quipped.

Last year saw the bank pay 745.2m/- in corporate tax and Value Added Tax as well as a withholding tax amounting to 747.2m/-.

Ngaluko said that the bank has reduced interest rate on mortgage loans to below 20 per cent down from the previous 22 per cent, while the payback period of the mortgage loans has been extended

from ten years to 15 years.

He said digitisation has fostered a decrease in operational costs and interest charges, adding that the introduction of digital accounts such as DCB Kibubu Digital account and DCB FDR Digital account has enabled bankers to make transactions with great ease.

"Efficiency in our operations and digitisation contributed to a decrease in operational costs to 16.9bn/- last year from 21.2bn/- registered in 2017. This was also amplified with the realignment of personnel that included a few retrenchments," he added.

The director revealed that the bank listed 36.6million shares at the Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange (DSE) this May to maximise its capital and started selling its shares to its shareholders and the public from early November 2018.

The trading of shares aimed at maximising capital by strengthening right issues to its shareholders and the rest of shares were sold to members of the public.

The sale of shares was conducted under the supervision of the Capital Markets and Securities Authority (CMSA), with the bank having been the first to list at DSE - in 2008.

The bank has some 200,000 customers, the target for 2022 being 300,000 customers by 2022.

By Beatrice Philemon

## High Commissioner of India encourages people from private sector to make good use of ITEC programmes

INDIA'S High Commissioner to Tanzania, Sanjiv Kohli has encouraged people from the private sector to make good use of the education opportunities availed under the Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC) so as to benefit from free professional training and capacity building in India.

He said in Dar es Salaam on Friday during the commemoration the ITEC day to celebrate Tanzanian officials and specialists who benefited with various short courses in India, in this financial year. "Right now we encourage people from private sector to apply for short term and long term scholarships that offered by ITEC because it opens for everyone and you don't need to go directly to the Tanzanian government, you can come directly to us and tell us

which course you are interested in to study," he noted.

He said under ITEC programme, the Indian government provides scholarships in various fields such as engineering, IT, accounting, manpower training, computer studies, rural development, diplomacy and many more and the number of beneficiaries had increased to 500 people from different sectors.

He said the assistance in educational field had produced tangible outcome in Tanzania's socio-economic development and further strengthening the bonds of trusts and cooperation

between two countries.

"ITEC intends to invest in human knowledge, I encourage people from government institutions and private sector to apply for the courses according to their needs."

In her address, the Minister for Education, Science and Technology, Dr. Joyce Ndalichako said that the government acknowledges what Indian government has made to Tanzanians especially in the area capacity building.

According to her, Tanzania has been a major beneficiary of training opportunities offered under ITEC programme and Special

Commonwealth Assistance for Africa (SCAP) programme.

She noted that the schemes began with 24 trainees annually in 1972 and has gradually increased to 365 slots in 2018 whose beneficiaries include civilians, defence and security officers and more than 30 scholarships were offered for academic year 2017/2018 by the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR).

Apart from the scholarships about 3000 Tanzanian self-sponsored students are estimated to be studying in India. She said India has remained a steadfast friend throughout the time and supported Tanzania in various

sectors through grants, credit and concessional loans.

"I acknowledge the support that Indian government has made to Tanzania to establish India-Tanzania Centre of Excellence in Information and Communication Technology (ICT) at the Dar es Salaam Institute of Technology (DIT), Nelson Mandela Africa Institute of Science and Technology in Arusha and establishment of Vocational Training Center (VTC) in Zanzibar," she noted.

Tanzania will continue to strengthen cooperation with India and collaborate in education to help Tanzania have enough skilled labour force that will

help Tanzania to transform to an industrial economy. She said students will take field attachment in India for a long study with our friends in India.

Currently the area that Tanzania need more training include IT, skills development, small and large scale industrialization and others to help Tanzania become a middle income and industrially developed nation by 2025.

"If we don't have skilled workers and practical skilled labour, we will not manage to become a middle income and industrially developed nation by 2025. India and Tanzania enjoy long standing cordial relations that dated back from the pre-colonial era. These relations were formalized in 1961 with the establishment of diplomatic relations and Tanzania attaches the highest importance to its relationship with India.

## LENOVO AND RED DOT SHOWCASE POSSIBILITIES FOR ENHANCED WORK PLACE EFFICIENCY AT TANZANIA EVENT



Lenovo, the world's number one PC maker, in association with Red Dot Distribution, Africa's leading ICT distributor, co-hosted a partner training event to highlight Lenovo's range of commercial devices powered by advanced Intel processors and Windows 10 Pro..

Held at Tanzania's Hotel Serena on the 18th of September, the event gave attendees the opportunity to experience the latest innovations from Lenovo's commercial portfolio, designed to enhance workplace productivity. Guests also heard from Martin Yala, Lenovo's Commercial Sales Coordinator for West and Central Africa, who outlined the company's ambitions for the future of its commercial business in the region.

In an increasingly competitive marketplace, Lenovo recognizes the need to differentiate its offerings to provide customers with experiences unique to its products. As a result, the company continues to invest in its R&D efforts, implementing cutting-edge technology into not only its PC and Smart Devices division, but also segments such as warehouse automation.

Founded in Beijing in 1984, Lenovo has since gone on to become a key player in both commercial and consumer technology



markets around the world - selling products in around 180 countries. Recently, Lenovo achieved an all-time record PC market share of 24.9% globally, meaning that one in every four PCs built in the world is now a Lenovo device. The company remains committed to reimagining the possibilities of technology through its 'Intelligent Transformation' ethos, designed to solve global challenges and improve the ways in which people work and communicate.

In conjunction, Red Dot Distribution aims to provide 'Technology with a Difference'. In contrast to its humble beginnings with a small team based in Tanzania, Red Dot is now one of the leading ICT distribution companies in the region, with operations spanning across Eastern and Southern Africa, in addition to the Middle East.

As the national distributor for Lenovo in Africa, Red Dot prides itself on providing uncompromising customer service, regular partner training programs, continuous marketing support and a world-class logistics model. Red Dot continues to work closely alongside vendors such as Lenovo to provide quality, yet competitively priced devices and solutions, helping to bridge the gap and make technology accessible to a wider audience across the region.

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## Morogoro Municipality receives 40m/- dividend from bus stand business

By Guardian Correspondent, Morogoro

MOROGORO Municipal Council has received a 40m/- dividend from its partner, the Public Service Social Security Council (PSSF) following profit accrued from running of Msamvu Bus Stand that was jointly built at a cost of 14b/-.

The Council entered into the partnership before the merger of pension funds, when it was still Local authorities Pension Fund (LAPF), for the construction of the Bus Stand at a junction of Dar es Salaam, Iringa and Dodoma highways.

On its part PSSF, which had contributed a bigger amount in the bus stand construction received a dividend of 117m/- from the profit accrued in one year since the stand was commissioned by President John Magufuli last year.

During the Councilors meeting held recently, the Councilor for Sabasaba Ward, Mudhihil Shoo wanted to know when will the Msamvu Bus Stand be fully owned by the Council, as the situation now is that it is jointly owned by Morogoro Municipal Council and LAPF.

In another question Councilor Shoo also wanted to know the construction

progress of the new bus stand for commuter buses plying in the municipality at Mafiga.

Giving explanation about the Msamvu Bus Stand project, the Council's Mayor Pascal Kihanga said the Council had allocated land costing 5b/- used to build the bus stand whereas LAPF invested 14b/-, and the two sides agreed to jointly run the bus stand for ten years before being taken over by the Council.

The Mayor said when President John Magufuli was opening the bus stand he promised to pay LAPF the money it invested so that they wholly relinquish it to the Council so as to increase its (Council's) revenues.

Kihanga who is member of the Msamvu Bus Stand board said the process of handing the stand to the Council still continues as already President Magufuli has directed various authorities to deal with the issue and hence called upon the councilors to be patient.

In regard to the construction of Mafiga stand for commuter buses (daladala) Mayor Kihanga said the work is expected to begin any time as a contractor has been named and is already at the site.



Dar es Salaam Water and Sewerage Authority meter reader Mohamed Mwakimila (L) pictured along Muzimuni Street in the city's Kawe suburb yesterday pointing at a water pipe said to be illegally connected to a bigger one, as a nationwide operation meant to arrest the trend continues. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## Kibiti residents all smiles as access to quality health services gets nearer

By Getrude Mbago

OVER 120,000 residents in Kibiti district, Coast region have all the reasons to smile as they will now start accessing quality health services following the construction of the district hospital which is now in final stages.

Funded by the government, the 45-acres project involves construction of a maternity ward, laboratory, operating theatre, children ward, Out Patient Department (OPD) and waste

water management system, among others.

Speaking recently at the hospital, deputy permanent secretary President's Office, Regional Administration and Local Government (Health) Dr Dorothy Gwajima said that the completion of the buildings will transform and enhance efficiency of health service provision while serving more people from inside and outside the district.

The deputy PS was in the district to oversee the construction of various

development projects and visit the beneficiaries of the Tanzania Social Action Fund (TASAF).

Launched in March, this year, the project is set to commence initial service provision next month.

According to her, the government's major aim is to improve the overall health in the district and all over the country thus reduce disease burden, eradicate maternal death and complications among others.

"Inadequate health services are major obstacles to the socio-

economic development and have a negative health impacts in the population, so this project is going to boost social-economic activities," she said.

The deputy PS further said that the government is building 67 new district hospitals in all district councils without district hospitals.

For her part, executive director of the Kibiti District Council Alvera Ndabagoye said the project's cost is 1.5bn/- and that the district is also appealing for 470m/- more for fully

completion.

"This area was once a forest but due commitment and closer cooperation with local residents we managed to clear it and built the buildings, we commend the government for funding this project which is going to benefit thousands of residents," she said.

She added that "We created a teamwork spirit, worked hard while engaging the local residents for positive results...We commenced the construction in March this year and

now the project is on its final stages...it has not been an easy job but we have achieved."

Ndabagoye also urged authorities and residents to ensure that the implemented project is well kept and supervised for the services to last long and benefit future generations as well.

She further added the hospital will also contribute to the local economy by keeping people healthier enough to engage in income generating activities.



Small traders in business at the Msimbazi rapid bus transit point in Dar es Salaam's Kariakoo market area yesterday, causing untold inconvenience to hundreds of other people. Photo: John Badi

By Correspondent Mutayoba Arbogast,

Bukoba

THE National Electoral Commission (NEC) has increased the number of Voters' Registration centres in Kagera region from 1,665 in 2015 to 1,678 this year, a senior official has said.

NEC commissioner, Asina Omari said this here at the weekend in remarks at a voter sensitisation workshop.

The voters' registration exercise was re-launched on July 18 this year in Kilimanjaro and to date has

## NEC: We have introduced more voter registration centres in Kagera region

extended to seven other regions of Arusha, Manyara, Simiyu, Mara, Geita, Shinyanga and Mwanza.

Asina called on Tanzanians aged 18 years and above to turn out in big numbers and register with Biometric Voters' Register (BVR) which kicks off on November 2, this year.

She said that those eligible for

registration would be those born before October 2002, or would be 18 years next year, adding that it will include those who have moved to other new areas or lost their voters cards.

The commissioner said that the registration was mainly for presidential, parliamentary and councilors only and not for local

government elections.

She further urged Kagera residents who might have been bereaved as from October 2015 to date to report the deaths at their nearest registration centres to enable NEC delete the names of their dead relatives from the Permanent Voters' Register (PVR).

## Deputy Speaker calls for patriotism in bid to visit and promote tourist sites

By Correspondent Friday Simbaya, Iringa

THE Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly Dr Tulia Ackson has appealed for Tanzanians to be patriotic, visit the country's tourist attractions and heavily promote them so as to increase the number of tourists coming to Tanzania.

She urged them to promote their country through various media like social media for the people to know what Tanzania offers.

Speaking during the official opening of the "Karibu Kusini Tourism Fair" held at the Kihesa Kilolo grounds, Iringa Town last Friday, the deputy speaker said that tourism had continued to play an important role in the country's economy and was rated among the fastest growing sectors in the country.

"I call upon Tanzanians to participate in promoting tourism by visiting national parks and other attractions to promote the industry, as this sector contributes to the economy by bringing in foreign currency," she said.

According to her, as the government was invested much in marketing, hospitality and infrastructure to boost tourism in the country especially the southern circuit, Tanzanians have to compliment the efforts by visiting the attractions and promoting them wherever they are.

Dr Ackson commended authorities in southern highlands zones for good planning and organization of the festival that had attracted a variety of visitors and exhibitors from various parts of the regions.

Dr Ackson further said that tourism in the southern highlands continues to grow as tourist attractions in the region have increased from 3000 to more than 20000.

She also hailed Iringa MP Peter Msigwa (Chadema) who said that people in the region should be part of the creative process to attract tourists by getting tourists to visit the centers

thus expand the tourist base.

Earlier, in his welcome remarks, Iringa Regional Commissioner Ali Hapi said southern regions are well prepared to promote tourism by ensuring the tourism industry continues to grow and benefit the country and its people.

One of the participants of the exhibition, Sifa Tours & Safaris Ltd, located in the south highlands of Iringa Municipality, hailed the exhibition organisers saying that it was among essential events to promote the tourism industry in the region.

Sifa Tours & Safaris operations officer, Salima Wangerage said the exhibition would help to create greater awareness and reach more customers.

Wangerage added to the company offers tours and safaris in various national parks of Ruaha, Kitulo, Mikumi, Udzungwa, Kalenga Museum and Isimali Stone Age site and other parts of tourism in Tanzania.



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Clearing of a drainage system gets under way yesterday along Muheza Street in Dar es Salaam city's sprawling Kariakoo market area. Photo: John Badi

## Tawa allots 1.5bn/- to promotion of photographic tourism, walking safari in nation's central corridor

By Correspondent Valentine Oforo, Dodoma

Tanzania Wildlife Authority (TAWA) has set aside at least 1.5bn/- for General Management Plan (GMP) at Swagaswaga and Mkungunero Game Reserves in Chemba and Kondoa districts respectively to improve a pace of tourism in central zone corridor.

The development is part of efforts by the fifth phase government to stimulate tourism activities in the central zone circuit.

In an interview, Manager of Swagaswaga Game Reserve, Alex Choya, said the reserve was among five game reserves in the country under special development priorities by TAWA.

He added the area was formerly used as a hunting block, but the authority has decided to transform its uses into photographic tourism and walking safaris.

He said the ongoing management plan works involves construction of visitor's hostel, improvement of infrastructure facilities, and installation of artificial water sources as well as modern offices and staff quarters.

Moreover, he said the plan is also to set up an airstrip in order to attract many local and foreign visitors, added: "the hostel we're constructing will have a capacity to accommodate 72 visitors at a go".

The manger sounded high optimism that when start operating, the reserve would attract many visitors due to

its high tourism potentials.

"There are diverse key animals, ranging from jumbos, lions, giraffes, leopards, as well as lesser and greater kudus, to mention but a few," he expressed.

Moreover, he said recently researchers have discovered presence of at least 52 rock paintings within the reserve, out of which, 20 paintings are of high tourism potential.

"Currently, there are several researchers from Poland and local universities continuing with deep researches to support how the area can be developed into a best crowd-puller tourism site within the country," he noted.

Expressing other tourism packages the reserve has in offing, he mentioned Mountain Githau, the highest pick of the reserve.

"When standing at the roof of mountain Githau visitors can access a full view of Dodoma region," he said.

According to the plan, if all goes well, Swagaswaga game reserve will come to full operation from October this year, after completion of installation of key tourism facilities.

For many years, Dodoma and Singida were considered as tourism -barren regions, despite being endowed with numerous attractions.

But of late, especially since when the government decided to shift its headquarters from Dar es Salaam to Dodoma, the two regions has started to witnessing some tourism activities at all potential sites.

## Mghwira challenges orphanages on need to ensure children realise their dreams

By Correspondent James Lanka, Moshi

KILIMANJARO Regional Commissioner Dr Anna Mghwira has challenged orphanage centres to ensure that the children enrolled in their centres are well taken care of and supervised for them to achieve their dreams.

According to her, orphanage centres are among areas where children from different areas and backgrounds meet, so taking well care of them was imperative so as to produce competent national work force to serve the future.

Mghwira made the appeal here when she visited the Moshi-based Treasures of Africa

Children's Home (TOA) charitable organisation.

The RC was satisfied on how TOA has organised its leadership thus providing quality services to the children.

She was happy to see that children of different ages from zero to eighteen who are been taken care at the centre are living good life, getting better education in various good schools and colleges. "My appeal to parents is to take care of their children instead of abandoning them as most the kids here have been abandoned by their parents, and normally they are taken here by the Moshi Municipal Council Social Welfare department in collaboration with the police gender desk ..." she explained.

For her part, Faith Kimori, administrative coordinator of TOA, said that the centre is currently taking care of children from the age of zero to more than 20 years, and some of them are in various primary, secondary, and universities pursuing their dreams.

She said that the major mission of TOA is provide a place where an orphaned, abandoned or vulnerable child finds refuge and healing for a broken spirit, soul and body.

It is a place where a top quality education is received that prepares each child to be successful in a high-tech world. A place where each child is encouraged to dream big dreams about his or her future without restrictions and

is helped to achieve those dreams.

She added that "Treasures of Africa was established in Tanzania in March, 2007 with three children and now we have a total of 33 in our centre which is a place where an orphaned, abandoned or vulnerable child finds refuge and healing for his broken spirit, soul and body; a place of safety where being a child is a joyful and love-filled experience, and a place where a top quality education is received that prepares each child to be successful in a high-tech world."

For her part, the founder and Executive Director of the institution Rita Langeland explained that, Treasures of Africa Children's Home is a project of Hidden With Christ

Ministries (HWCM) -a nonprofit corporation in the USA which is also a registered NGO in the United Republic of Tanzania.

One of the beneficiaries of TOA, Marry Migiro (19) who is an orphan explained that, she was taken at the centre in 2007 after she lost all her parents. "By the time my parents passed away, I was living a very difficult life with my grandma, but I am thanking God that Treasures of Africa treated me as their daughter, taking me to various good schools and I am now taking my Bachelor Degree in Medical Laboratory in Microbiology and Immunology at the Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Sciences (MUHAS)..." she explained.



WARIDI – WATER RESOURCES INTEGRATION DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE

### Job Opportunity

Tetra Tech ARD, Inc. a US – based international development firm is implementing the USAID Tanzania Water Resources Integration Development Initiatives (WARIDI) which seeks to achieve improvements in health, water resources management, agriculture, climate change adaptation and the environment in Tanzania. Tetra Tech is advertising for the position of Water Supply Quality Assurance/Quality Control Advisor to be based in Morogoro for the duration of one (1) year. All applicants should be Tanzanian citizens and be fluent in Swahili and English. The position is immediately available. Candidates must be able to work in a multi – cultural, multi – ethnic environment with sensitivity and respect for diversity and gender. Women are encouraged to apply.

WATER SUPPLY QA/QC ADVISOR, WARIDI Morogoro, Tanzania

#### Position Summary:

Tetra Tech ARD is the prime implementing partner for the USAID/Tanzania Water Resources Integration Development Initiative (WARIDI) with major subcontractor Winrock International. The Water Supply QA/QC Advisor will help monitor field-level activities that are focused on water supply construction. S/he will report to the Chief of Party and closely coordinate and support activities with the engineering team, providing analyses and reviews of construction activities at key points in the construction management schedule. S/he will play a critical role in tracking and advising Tetra Tech ARD and Winrock management on construction activities to ensure successful and timely implementation.

#### Main Responsibilities and Tasks:

The Advisor will report to the COP and liaise directly with the DCOP, Water Services Technical Lead and WASH Technical Advisor or their designees as directed. S/he will have the following principle responsibilities:

- Provide targeted technical civil engineering support as needed to water supply projects, sharing openly with COP, DCOP, Water Services Technical Lead and WASH Technical Advisor insights and recommendations to ensure success.
- Review and monitor construction activities related to in-process water supply projects in close coordination with Winrock International.
- Support identification and monitoring construction management and quality issues and provide thoughtful, detailed and actionable recommendations for timely resolution to construction management challenges.
- Cross-check field construction activities in relationship to surveys and construction designs as appropriate.
- Monitor and support engineers on environmental issues to ensure WARIDI is in compliance with the WARIDI Environmental Monitoring and Mitigation Plan (EMMP) and is following best practices on environmental health and safety.
- Visit construction sites on a regular basis and provide useful reports on compliance to quality standards for field work.
- Review plans and specifications for water projects for compliance with quality standards and prepare recommendations to support continuous improvement in quality assurance and quality control areas.
- Strategically and effectively support reviews of progress for water supply projects throughout implementation.
- Provide solution-oriented recommendations to address identified construction issues.
- Prepare and provide quality and timely technical reports each week on observations, recommendations, and conclusions as appropriate.

- Identify opportunities for improvements in activities related to monitoring, evaluating and reporting of project progress in coordination with WARIDI's monitoring, evaluation and learning (MEL) team.
- Facilitate the inspection, verification and confirmation for work in progress and for completed projects by partners as directed in close coordination with Winrock International.
- Build and maintain a continuous interactive exchange of information with the COP, DCOP, Water Services Technical Lead, WASH Technical Advisor and other team members.
- Where necessary represent WARIDI at water related technical meetings as directed by the COP.

#### Qualifications: (MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS)

**EDUCATION:** Relevant graduate degree in Civil engineering, construction management, hydrology or related field.

**WORK EXPERIENCE:** Minimum of 10 years' experience working in the construction management sector as it relates to rural water supply in Tanzania. Experience managing donor-funded projects in Tanzania and/or East Africa. Experience in building and effectively supervising a diverse team of employees. Experience building capacity of local organizations. Exceptional and demonstrated management, organizational, conceptual, strategic and analytical skills in construction management.

**SKILLS:** Excellent knowledge of various water supply assessments, designs and systems in Tanzania. Demonstrated ability to maintain a high degree of social awareness on sensitive issues in the field. Familiarity with Tanzania and USAID environmental laws and regulations. Ability to multi-task effectively and prioritize with competing deadlines and priorities. Strong organizational skills with ability to analyze and understand complex construction projects at both high- and detailed-levels. Experience partnering with a variety of individuals and organizations, including Tanzanian and US government officials, local communities, local NGOs, consultants, international agencies and donor organizations. Demonstrated effective interpersonal skills, creative problem solving and ethical management.

**LANGUAGES:** Strong command of the English and Kiswahili Languages (written & oral)

**GENERAL:** Be a team member. Be trustworthy, be reliable, Be self-motivated. Having the ability to be multi-tasked and efficiently respond to the needs of the project support and technical staff.

Interested and qualified candidates should email their current curriculum vitae (CV) and 3 references to: [jobs4waridi@gmail.com](mailto:jobs4waridi@gmail.com) Subject of the email should include "WARIDI Water Supply QA/QC Advisor". Short-listed candidates will be contacted for an interview. Selected candidates will be hired as soon as they are available. Compensation will be commensurate with relevant experience.

This position is open to Tanzania candidates only. Tetra Tech ARD is committed to diversity and gender equality in all encourage applications from women and under represented groups. Tetra be an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer.

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### ABOLISHED TARIFF IN THE MARITIME TRANSPORT SECTOR

The Tanzania Shipping Agencies Corporation (TASAC), established under Section 4 of the Tanzania Shipping Agencies Act No. 14 of 2017, is mandated through Section 12(1)(d) of the Act to regulate rates and charges in the maritime transport sector.

With respect to the above mandate, TASAC has observed tendencies of some regulated service providers in the maritime transport sector to impose tariff without prior approval of the Corporation, contrary to the requirements of the law. There are cases where service providers quote incorrect names of approved tariff to the extent of confusing customers.

All regulated service providers are hereby directed to refrain from applying non-approved tariff. Stern regulatory measures, including suspension or revocation of licence, will be taken against any regulated service provider proven to violate approved tariff.

Consumers of regulated services are urged to report to TASAC in case they are required to pay unapproved tariff in the maritime transport sector. Notably, consumers and stakeholders should be aware that the following tariff items have been abolished:

Table 1. List of Abolished Charges in Consolidation Business

SN	Abolished Charge	Unit of Charge	Amount (USD)
1.	LCL charges	per W/M	25 - 40
2.	Delivery Order fees	Per HBL	45
3.	Administration charges	Per HBL	20 - 100
4.	Handover fees	Per HBL	15 – 150
5.	Car service charges (CSC)	Per CBM	1.00
6.	Container Service Charges	HBL or W/M	50/100
7.	Payment of Rebate	Various	Various

Table 2. List of Abolished Charges in Shipping Agency Business

SN	Abolished Charge	Unit of Charge	Amount (USD)
a.	Delivery Order Fee	per BL	45

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## All parties concerned should work on presidential gesture

RELIEF is in the air for families of suspects of economic sabotage and a broad section of the public in relation to the 'peace of the brave' idea floated by President Dr John Magufuli lately. The Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) has already set out details of how freedom can be accessed for those facing economic sabotage charges. The conditions need to be rapidly accomplished so as to stay within the grace period fixed by the president, which is one week.

The DPP told a press conference that those facing these charges must first put aside their lawyers so as to avoid conflicts of intention on what their letters of intent to access the leniency facility actually intended. They are supposed to write letters to show the individual's intention to admit to those offences. That would be followed by intent to pay up.

What was particularly remarkable about the president's remarks at the State House ceremony to swear in various government officials, was that he was sad at the situation that those who are languishing in prison face. There was a humanitarian bent to his expression that is perhaps too often forgotten how far it is a substantial aspect of his personal outlook and governance disposition. It is thus a humanitarian streak that was being used at the right time, to say enough is enough, that something must be done to clear up this mess. But it is being put to use in a way that doesn't obviate from the judicial process, admitting guilt and restituting the state.

This sort of situation is complicated, as the government has actually lost

many of the cases it has entered in various courts with private individuals. When recently such a ruling came, the government won on a technicality that a 'municipal court' in South Africa wasn't empowered to adjudicate on an issue of investment dispute and remedies, as it was too close to the complainant. This broke natural justice norms of one not being a judge in his own case, that is, one's pals ruling on the case; instead, empowered tribunals handle such issues.

In the cases lined up in Dar es Salaam courts, not only is there an agonizing situation of elderly people languishing and wasting in remand prison, but complicated issues of legal and illegal actions or events. The plea bargaining option set out is likely to be more inclusive if it envisages that those charged have things to say in their defence, but are ready to meet the state's demands, for the sake of their freedom. It means that the parties meet halfway, that any money that is ill gotten is returned; that they be ready to admit clever gaining of cash.

There is an additional aspect about an enabling environment in the manner in which most of the sabotage cases took place, that there were systems in place where they were just actors. In many instances they did not put these events into motion but cooperated as agents in an enterprise with plenty of economic sense but with clever things planted therein. The spirit of clemency includes recognizing that the greater evil is often in the system rather than with economic agents that gain in making use of its prerogatives, and helping others as well, often top public officials, to realize set objectives.

## Forests provide ecosystem services to humans and serve as tourist attractions

A forest is a large area dominated by trees. Hundreds of more precise definitions of forests are used throughout the world, incorporating factors such as tree density, tree height, land use, legal standing and ecological function. According to the widely used Food and Agriculture Organisation definition, forests covered 4 billion hectares or approximately 30 per cent of the world's land area in 2006.

Forests are the dominant terrestrial ecosystem of Earth, and are distributed around the globe. Forests account for 75 per cent of the gross primary production of the Earth's biosphere, and contain 80 per cent of the Earth's plant biomass.

Human society and forests influence each other in both positive and negative ways. Forests provide ecosystem services to humans and serve as tourist attractions. Forests can also affect people's health. Human activities, including harvesting forest resources, can negatively affect forest ecosystems.

THE Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO) and Tanzania launched a new initiative aimed at teaching children about the importance of managing forests sustainably in order to safeguard natural resources.

Funded by Germany, the three-year project will see selected local primary schools introduce forest education modules for children aged 9-12 on the vital relationships between forests and biodiversity, health, wellbeing, and the climate.

Education modules will be developed with local education and forestry experts based on interactive learning approaches, with lesson plans including outdoor activities to green spaces to teach children to value nature.

Forests and woodlands cover 52 percent of Tanzania and are vital to the lives of rural populations, while over 90 per cent of urban and semi-urban households rely on charcoal for energy.

However, the overexploitation of forests and clearing land for agriculture

have contributed to high deforestation and forest degradation, with the country losing around 1 percent of its forest cover each year.

The new children's forest education project will add to important regulations, policies, acts and guidelines that Tanzania has been putting in place with the aim of ensuring the conservation and the sustainable use of its forests.

The forest sector in Tanzania continues to play a significant role in human, cultural and economic development.

Tanzania is the first country to partner with FAO to roll out the \$1 million project, which will also be launched in the Philippines in a second phase in 2020.

At the end of the project, a publication will be developed to guide other countries interested in adapting the forest education modules for use in their own schools, drawing on lessons learned in both Tanzania and the Philippines.

Education about forests around the world is often inadequate and does not address emerging issues, while rapid urbanization means populations are increasingly disconnected from nature and lack an understanding of forests and their many benefits. At the same time, fewer young people are studying forestry at university or college, and even fewer primary and secondary schools include forest education in their curricula. Projects like this one can have a real impact on a global scale and will hopefully inspire young people to become foresters who can deal with the complex challenges facing the sector.

Funded by Germany with over \$1 million, the three-year-project will develop forest education modules based on an interactive, experiential, forest-based learning approach, and will then make these materials available for further adaptation and use around the world via a dedicated website. The materials and lessons learned will be also disseminated during key forestry events.

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By Imraan Buccus

THE South African crisis isn't just about State Capture and a corrupt and sometimes criminal faction of the ruling party trying to get its hands on opportunities for patronage. It is also about a lack of ideas.

I'm writing from Kampala in Uganda. It's not regarded as a popular city in Africa. But it's a tree-lined, temperate city that bustles with traffic, like New Delhi, and thousands of tourists visit.

There's something about Kampala that intrigues the soul. The views from the Gaddafi mosque are mind-blowing - the slums of Katwe on one end and upmarket buildings on the other. Beyond the city's sights and sounds, I'm fortunate that my work here takes me to Makerere University. Once considered the Harvard of Africa, this is one of Africa's foremost institutions. This university is the alma mater to many post-independence African leaders, including Ugandan president Milton Obote and Tanzania president Julius Nyerere.

And today it's home to Mahmood Mamdani who, along with Achille Mbembe, is often considered Africa's leading intellectual. But the university is not what it was. Mamdani's 2007 book *Scholars in the Marketplace* is an important study of how neoliberal pro-market reforms seriously compromised scholarship at Makerere. In South Africa, our national crisis is so profound that there's seldom much focus on the state of our universities. In July an important piece by Michael Nassen Smith and Niall Reddy on the deeply troubling approach taken to the imperative to decolonise by the

## To build a more inclusive society, the state needs to win back the trust of the people

University of Cape Town inspired a few weeks of discussion. More recently the scandalous abandonment of the criteria for promotion to professorship at Unisa has inspired another round of discussion. But the most profound social force driving our universities is the global pressure to commodify knowledge.

Mamdani's work shows, with characteristic brilliance and flare, that as soon as commercial forces shape knowledge production, the decline of the university is inevitable. With the real threat of the ANC having to turn to the IMF to fund an increasingly broke state, discussions about universities may seem like a luxury that we can't afford in a time of crisis. But our crisis isn't just about State Capture and a corrupt and sometimes criminal faction of the ruling party trying to get its hands on opportunities for patronage. It is also, importantly, about a lack of ideas. And real universities, universities where knowledge is pursued for its own sake, and a professor is a person of real scholarly accomplishment, are the institutions that are best at generating ideas. The decline of Makerere, and before that the once great university in Dar es Salaam, are urgent reminders that we must value our universities and fund them properly. Of course, though, the lessons from Kampala extend beyond the question of its university. Sitting in its shady streets one can't help but remember Idi Amin's expulsion of Asians in the Seventies. Mamdani also wrote an important book, *Amin*

- *Imperialism and Fascism in Uganda*, published in 1984. It's a great pity that this brilliant little book isn't read much in South Africa. Mamdani's super account of the collapse into fascism under Amin is highly relevant to attempts to make sense of the Zuma/Magashule faction of the ANC, and its new allies in the EFF. Mamdani warns that we shouldn't understand the rise of fascism in Uganda as simply the result of one problematic individual, Idi Amin. He sees Amin as an expression of a crisis, rather than the fundamental cause of that crisis. Mamdani argues that fascism developed in Uganda, and found its champion in Amin because colonial thought was continued Independence with the result that the new order failed the majority.

Under these circumstances, the emergence of a "strongman" promising to "clean up" society by scapegoating a minority had significant appeal.

Now that South Africa has plunged into a serious economic and social crisis, and the ANC seems incapable of resolving its internal crisis, which means that it can't act to resolve the national crisis, we are also in a situation where strongmen offering what seem to be easy solutions to complex problems are already starting to become attractive to some sections of society. The idea that fascism is a uniquely European problem is a classic case of Eurocentrism, and lazy and ahistorical thought at its worst. Uganda collapsed into fascism under Idi Amin. India has collapsed into

fascism under Narendra Modi. Any society can collapse into fascism when an existing elite is unable to resolve an entrenched social crisis. If we actually took the experience of other African countries, and countries in the global south, more seriously we'd know that many societies have collapsed into authoritarianism or even fascism. And if we really understood this we'd understand that the alternative to authoritarianism is not neoliberalism. On the contrary, it is neoliberalism that paved the way for Zuma and Malema to emerge, and more neoliberalism will only strengthen the hand of the authoritarian populists waiting in the wings.

If we are to sustain our democracy and avoid a descent into authoritarianism, or even fascism, we need to build a society that puts people before profit. And in order to do that we need to restore the integrity of the state. Without the latter, the former is not possible.

After all, no one in their right mind would not be concerned about the NHI after the Life Esidimeni scandal, or the scandalous state of many of our state hospitals. Until the state is able to win back the trust of the people there simply will be no realistic way to build a more inclusive society. For this reason, the battle against corruption is our most urgent battle. If that battle can be won, then the next battle must be for a socialist or at least a social democratic alternative to neo-liberalism, including measures like the NHI.

## There will always be challenges in being an aid worker in South Sudan

By Moses Abure Dada

I would love to hear women speaking up, this will help to change cultural norms. And I want to see men supporting them - men and women need to work together.

My father was a soldier, he had six wives. Soon after my mother gave birth to me, he died and the other five wives left my mother with all 22 of my father's children to raise. I saw how my mother supported the family on her own. And one day I thought: my mother doing all of this work, how many other women are doing the same?

She was not paid, she did everything voluntarily. I thought I needed to study and do something to support my community, just like my mother was supporting the whole family. That is what motivated me to get involved in humanitarian work.

In this kind of work there will always be challenges. When things get difficult, I try to have a positive mental attitude. I encourage all humanitarian workers to look after their mental health especially with issues like stress, loss of relatives, tribal disagreements - otherwise they

will affect your ability to help others.

When you are delivering services, you have to be neutral and confident, so you can serve people with dignity and humanity.

There are things you can do, and things you cannot do. So you have to learn to let it go. When it comes to security risks humanitarian workers may pay the ultimate price - loss of life - while delivering work.

This is one of the most difficult aspects of the job, especially in the context of South Sudan. Part of the problem here is tribalism - although we are all South Sudanese, our country has around 64 different tribes and there is often conflict along tribal lines. If I am called to work in Upper Nile or other parts where there is a lot of tribalism - it can be very risky.

Robbery is also rampant, and humanitarian workers are often targeted. It has become worse because of inflation and the economic crisis.

Humanitarian workers are targeted because the robbers think we are earning money, so they turn up at our door. Many humanitarian workers are abducted while they are travelling to

provide services. Some of our own staff were kidnapped, but fortunately they were released.

Many of my fellow South Sudanese only recognise the need for humanitarian work in the form of relief, food, financial support. But I want to challenge this ideology.

Skills-building is what creates development. South Sudan's Yei River State, where I work, was brutally affected during the 2016 crisis, and women suffered most as a result of the conflict - they were traumatized, widowed, there were many cases of rape and gender based violence.

I strongly believe that a holistic approach of social and economic empowerment is most important in Yei, it is helping to solve the problems that we have.

When you look at the challenges that affect communities, conflict is a big part of it - where there is conflict is where we are most needed.

For Women for Women International, serving conflict-affected women is our mandate and mission, so we cannot justify leaving permanently because of a crisis, we always had to find a way to

re-open our programme and continue working.

I would encourage people working in similar contexts to take a similar approach. If you can't work in particular communities because of violence and insecurity, you can operate in nearby areas where it is safer.

If you set up an office in the town and start to solve problems, gradually you can expand as the situation improves.

As the situation improves here, I would like to strengthen our Men's Engagement Programme because men are also traumatized, they might have killed many people, and now they are rejoining their families and returning to their wives.

We need to address their trauma, and conflict resolution should be part of the men's engagement training.

Ultimately, I would love to hear women speaking up, this will help to change cultural norms. And I want to see men supporting them - men and women need to work together.

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# Transferring of employment helps Xinjiang village get rid of poverty

Bai Zhiyu

**T**HANKS to the efforts of employment transfer, the villagers of Yarmali can finally live a wealthy life, and the aroma of fruits is always floating in the village in summer.

Yarmali in Aitoglak township, northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region was once a village surrounded by the Taklamakan Desert. Due to the encroachment of the sand, plants barely survived there and the people were living in poverty.

Because of the harsh ecological conditions, it was difficult for the people living at Yarmali village to shake off poverty through agriculture. Meanwhile, the development of the village was further hindered by the huge rural labor surplus.

As a result, a vicious circle was formed in the village, with deteriorating ecological environment, shrinking farm production, enlarging labor surplus, and growing poverty closely knitted with each other.

Therefore, poverty reduction became an urgent need that must be addressed by the stationing officials and village leaders.

The village was facing two prominent problems: how it could combine labor surplus with agricultural development and how it could protect local ecology without impeding agricultural development and causing a decline in population.

After repeated investigations and discussions, village cadres decided to think differently and resorted to employment transfer as a way to facilitate poverty alleviation.

Employment transfer is not job hopping. A well-established industrial chain of modern agriculture, as well as the introduction of favorable policies for relevant manufacturing enterprises is a prerequisite for creating new jobs.



**A woman feeds a cow in Kashgar, north-west China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, Aug. 13, 2019. Many local villagers have lifted themselves out of poverty through plantation and livestock breeding.**

To promote employment transfer and assist relevant work, poverty relief cadres searched hard for jobs with low recruiting standards that were also close to the laborers, organized pre-job training and mandarin courses.

Besides, officials were sent to the working sites with the laborers in order to provide better management, and improve communication, summaries and feedback.

Thanks to the employment transfer, 23-year-old Awahan Ainiwar now works as a manager assistant at a village-run factory that owns 154 weaving machines. However, farming and cooking were all she could do three years

ago as a woman who finished only junior high school.

Awahan is not the only one that has benefited from employment transfer. Some of the villagers in Yarmali have become pancake makers, producing hundreds of pancakes a day; some work on a ranch, picking and cleaning alfalfa, and selling them to supermarkets in the city; and some work for a rose production factory.

Last year, 295 villagers were employed and lifted out of poverty. "The new jobs have become a major source of income for many households," said Kou Xianmin, first secretary, or poverty-reduction official of the village's Party branch.

The sound development is also improving the ecology of the village. In Yarmali, dayun, an herbal medicinal weed that grows with rose willows and helps fixing sands, has become an important source of income for the villagers after preliminary processing and is lending a big hand to desert control.

The plant is making desert control profitable, and more and more people are willing to join the combat against desertification under such appeal. As a result, the Yarmali village has turned into a sea of green. *People's Daily*



## Support tools for gender-based violence survivors

By Salochanee Reddy

**I**N support of survivors of gender-based violence - irrespective of when the experience occurred - here are some practical self-compassionate tools of support.

A new wave of activism against gender-based violence has engulfed South Africa following a recent spate of horrifying incidents. At the extraordinary joint sitting of Parliament on Wednesday, 18 September, President Cyril Ramaphosa acknowledged a "dark and heavy shadow across our land", saying "women and children of this country are under siege".

He announced an "emergency five-point action plan" to be implemented over the next six months to tackle the scourge of gender-based violence. The five points are prevention, strengthening the criminal justice system, enhancing the legal and policy framework, ensuring adequate care, support and healing for victims of violence, and strengthening the economic power of women. The plans outlined by the President had a familiar ring to them, echoing the likes of the State of the Nation address - more talk and framework building with little or no concrete, immediate action. We are known to be a nation that reacts when in crisis, but sadly, in six months' time, the momentum of our current trauma will have fizzled and we will have a new crisis to focus on. The scope and severity of our current crisis requires immediate action in the form of well-being support for survivors of gender-based violence. Gender-based violence not only violates and traumatises its survivors, it depletes the resilience of society, making it harder to recover and rebuild. The revolution in consciousness on the subject presents us with an opportunity to collectively address a major global problem. Sexual attacks on women have captured attention in recent weeks, but there are other recognised forms of violence - intimate-partner violence, non-consensual sodomy, sexual violence against men and child abuse, among many others. The survivors' physical, emotional and psychological full functioning and well-being is inhibited and contributes greater risk of future health problems. According to a study done by World Health Organisation (WHO) on Gender based Violence Health Emergencies: "This violence has serious short and long-term consequences on women's physical, sexual and reproductive and mental health as well as on their personal and social well-being. The health consequences of violence against women include injuries, untimed/unwanted pregnancy, sexually transmitted infections (STIs) including HIV, pelvic pain, urinary tract infections, fistula, genital injuries, pregnancy complications, and chronic conditions. Mental health impacts for survivors of gender-

based violence include Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), depression, anxiety, substance misuse, self-harm and suicidal behaviour, and sleep disturbances. In addition, a survivor of GBV may also face stigma and rejection from her community and family." Survivors suffer further because of stigma associated with GBV, as society is not equipped with supportive tools to assist survivors. Our health care focuses on symptom crisis management, and hardly ever diagnoses the root cause of illness, by taking the whole person into account. According to WHO: "South Africa has the fourth highest interpersonal violence rate in the world." Along with limited sources of support to help the survivor, stigma still dominates in society, where survivors are unable to reach out for support. While our government and community call on rigorous social dialogue, adding that men need to also speak out about violence, as a society, individually we each have the responsibility to support survivors of GBV. In support of survivors of Gender-Based Violence, irrespective of when the experience or incident occurred - here are some practical self-compassionate tools of support for survivors. Shift from victim to survivor mentality. Thoughts become words and words trigger action. The word "victim" signifies a role in a crime and, in the legal context, it has to be used. Unfortunately, it is aversive to be a victim and the word has developed aversive connotations. The tendency of victims is to not speak out, announce stigmas or seek help. In my opinion, being a "victim" evokes emotions of hopelessness, helplessness and feeling "less than", of allowing mind and body to not want to heal from trauma. Choose the thoughts and words of your experience carefully by consciously being aware and filtering out words and thoughts that promote a victim mindset. True acknowledgement is required for healing to begin. Many survivors of traumatic violent experiences find comfort in blocking out memory of the event. Avoidance is an apparent coping and self-protection belief, to allow healing. But sustaining this short term coping mechanism prevents you from engaging in true healing. Memory blocking robs you of self-compassion and healing. Acknowledging your experience is the only way to detoxify your trauma. Many avoid acknowledging what happened because it requires reviving and reliving the experience. But not acknowledging your experience prevents you from owning your hurt, pain and suffering - which results in feeling stressed mentally and distressed physically. Lean into your emotional pain and, over time, you will find the levels of discomfort diminish.

Turning towards your pain and suffering potentially opens a deep reservoir of compassion, acceptance and gentleness to yourself.

# Climate action a necessity for world peace

By Ray Morphy

**"**TODAY, peace faces a new danger: the climate emergency, which threatens our security, our livelihoods and our lives. That is why it is the focus of this year's International Day of Peace. And it's why I am convening a Climate Action Summit." - UN Secretary-General António Guterres

Each year the International Day of Peace is observed around the world on 21 September. The General Assembly has declared this as a day devoted to strengthening the ideals of peace, both within and among all nations and peoples. The United Nations Member States adopted the 17 Sustainable Development Goals in 2015 because they understood that it would not be possible to build a peaceful world if steps were not taken to achieve economic and social development for all people everywhere, and ensure that their rights were protected.

The Sustainable Goals cover a broad range of issues, including poverty, hunger, health, education, climate change, gender equality, water, sanitation, energy, environment and social justice. Sustainable Development Goal 13 "Climate Action" is a call for immediate action by all to lower greenhouse emissions, build resilience and improve education on climate change. Affordable, scalable solutions such as renewable energy, clean technologies are available to enable countries to leapfrog to greener, more resilient economies.

2019 Theme: "Climate Action for Peace" draws attention to the importance of combatting climate change as a way to protect and promote peace throughout the world. Climate change causes clear threats to international peace and security. Natural disasters displace three times as many people as conflicts, forcing millions to leave their homes and seek safety elsewhere. The salinization of water and crops is endangering food security, and the impact on public health is escalating.

The growing tensions over resources and mass movements of people

are affecting every country on every continent. Peace can only be achieved if concrete action is taken to combat climate change. On 23 September, the United Nations convened a Climate Action Summit with concrete and realistic plans to accelerate action to implement the Paris Agreement.

The Summit focused on the heart of the problem - the sectors that create the most emissions and the areas where building resilience could make the biggest difference - as well as provide leaders and partners the opportunity to demonstrate real climate action and showcase their ambition.

That climate change is linked to insecurity is no longer in doubt.

That is why Climate Action is necessary to ensure peace around the world especially in parts of the world where climate change has created instability, crisis and forced migration.

In looking for such places, look no further than Sub-Saharan Africa.

Ten years ago the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) warned that Lake Chad, once one of the world's largest water bodies, could disappear in 20 years due to climate change and population pressures, resulting in a humanitarian disaster. The lake - surrounded by Cameroon, Chad, Niger and Nigeria - has shrunk by 90 per cent, going from 25,000 square kilometers in 1963 to less than 1,500 square kilometers in 2001.

The 30 million people living in the Lake Chad region are being forced into competing over water, and the drying up of the lake could lead to migration and conflicts, FAO had cautioned. Fish production has recorded a 60 per cent decline, while pasturelands have been degraded, resulting in a shortage of animal feed, livestock and biodiversity.

The agency collaborates with the Lake Chad Basin Commission (LCBC), founded in 1964 which brings together countries in the region regularly to discuss regulation and control of water use.

President Muhammadu Buhari has been rallying Lake Chad Basin



Countries leaders to see how the lake could be saved or recharged because of its vital economic importance to the countries surrounding it. Already Nigeria is suffering from insurgency lead by Boko Haram terrorists and its ISIS partners fueled largely by lack of economic opportunities as fishing and farming activities becomes endangered due to the impact of climate change.

The UN agency has also warned that climate is a critical factor in the activities of herdsmen and farmers in Nigeria. The changing climatic condition, generally referred to as global warming, is no doubt taking a toll on the survival of herdsmen and farmers business. The desert encroachment from the Sahara towards the Sahel region and other associated climatic conditions have continued to affect the livelihood of herdsmen as they push further south in search of available space, pitching them against farmers and host communities.

The continued movement of herdsmen southwards in search of pasture for their animals has pitched them against farmers, eventually leading to conflict and destruction. For example, farming along the Benue River accounts for over 20 000 tons of grain annually. This same area is also fertile ground for herdsmen to feed their

cattle. Thus, farmlands within the riverbank areas are the most affected by the movement of the herdsmen - resulting in a number of clashes.

To address the challenge posed by climate change, especially to halt desertification, the federal government established The Great Green Wall Agency. In 2013 the Federal government established the Great Green Wall Agency to tackle desertification. This was in response to the 2007 African Union Great Green Wall Initiative that aimed at encouraging member states to plant 8 000km of trees along the Southern Sahel to counter the effects of desertification along that area.

How effective this agency has been in greening the Sahel region of Nigeria remains to be seen. However, if the increasing conflict between farmers and herdsmen is anything to go by, it is safe to say that much more need to be done to green the Sahel and reduce herdsmen migration to the south with its accompanying consequences.

Israel is largely a desert, yet its government and people have through the application of science and technology turned it into a green land and made it self sufficient in food production. We could copy from Israel and create food security in the country and also help in halting the spread and impact of climate change.



# Young African: Afrophobia is neither our heritage nor our future

By Danai Pachedu

**A** YOUNG person writes why her fellow Africans are still not free and why liberation is a lie.

I was only 11 when I wrote my first article on Xenophobia (An Open Letter to All South Africans: Je Suis Kwere Kwere)

I'm 15 now and nothing has changed. For the past four years, I've witnessed shops and property belonging to foreigners being burnt and looted and people beaten and burnt to death like animals because they are not South Africans. It has been four years and I still don't have the emotional capacity to understand why my people are under fire. Nothing has changed, the attacks are still only on foreigners of African descent. The reasons for the attacks have not changed. The government's response to the attacks has not changed and they minimise the attacks as "acts of pure criminality".

I still live in a Jewish-dominated neighbourhood where at least 10%-20% of the population is foreign, has come into the country in the past 10 years and owns businesses in the area. They have not been looted or attacked. Next to me is Cyrilidene which is a Chinese-dominated suburb. Most of the Chinese in this community have come into this country in the past 20 years; they have not been attacked. None of the China Malls and shops has been looted or attacked. Bedfordview, where some of the most notorious drug kingpins live, is still a quiet, safe neighbourhood.

The leadership in South Africa has continued to call the thousands of people marching on and beating, stealing from and necklacing only certain people, "pure acts of criminality". The problem remains that as long as you define what is going on as pure acts of criminality, the method you use to combat or address the violence will not be effective or sustainable. As long as we define what is going on in this country as "just criminal acts" the issue of Xenophobia will only worsen.

To me, as a child of a foreigner born in this country, but yet proud of my heritage and my language, liberation is a lie. In South Africa, I am not free.

I live in fear of being heard speaking a "foreign language", going to the townships, going to Hillbrow and all the so-called hot-spots. I am reduced to living a lie in fear of being identified



as a foreigner and being burnt alive.

I don't have the same worries as my South African friends. I worry that one day as a family we will wake up with our house on fire, punished for our African foreignness. I worry that my brother, my mother, my cousin, our friends might be necklaced and killed, their only crime being that they are African foreigners. Kwame Nkrumah, the father of African independence, once said:

"Freedom is not something one can bestow on another as a gift: they claim it as their own and none can keep it from them." Yet many years later, so many of us are not free in Africa.

For decades, those who took power from the colonialists have exploited Africans and failed to protect our resources, causing civil wars, unemployment and poverty. They have looted and condemned our beautiful countries to survive on foreign aid. Many Africans have died – in South Africa, in trying to cross the Mediterranean, as well as in the mines in the DRC. Too many children in the Ivory Coast will perish for the sake of Swiss chocolate and too many die on the streets of Harare because they can't afford basic medication.

Cholera, HIV, ebola and malaria have become strictly African diseases. Foreigners don't run to another coun-

**A young woman holds up a placard against xenophobia in preparation for a march in Johannesburg, 14 September 2019**

try because it's a luxury, they run because they desperately want a chance at survival. Why, my brothers and sisters, is that so difficult to understand? When shall we reach a point at which we recognise that the borders which exist between our countries are the very same borders enforced by the colonisers, specifically for the purposes of exploiting the African people, because they knew that together we were a power to be reckoned with?

Of course, I am no longer 11 and naïve, I am aware that borders serve a purpose and we can't allow an influx of people into the country illegally. I question though, whether the solution is to cause so much fear, pain and kill those that then cross into our country? Sixty "foreign" people were killed in 2008 and since then more have had their property destroyed and been brutally killed. Has the number of African foreigners coming to South Africa decreased because of these "pure acts of criminality"?

It breaks my heart that our struggle for liberation as a people is far from over. The fundamental value that binds us as Africans is ubuntu; that "you are who you

are because of other people". Without the rest of Africa, Namibia, Zimbabwe, South Africa would have struggled to achieve the independence that we have today.

What then is the ideal way forward? To suggest that we open our borders knowing full well that Africa doesn't have the necessary stability or infrastructural capability would be naïve. However, it is intrinsic to the process of liberating our people and their mindsets that we recognise that corruption and poor leadership and governance are what has brought us to where we are today. Ask yourselves honestly: would South Africa be experiencing an outbreak of Afrophobia if unemployment was at a record low, if our law enforcement mechanisms were able to deal with the real criminal elements effectively and purposefully, and if the pockets of our police force were not lined with bribes?

Or better yet, if the criteria for entrance into South Africa was not how much the Home Affairs official on duty was willing to take as a bribe? Would attacks of this nature continue if we were not looking for voter support?

I am beyond certain that the number of Africans not living in their home country would be exponentially smaller if African leaders didn't fail their people by allowing their own need for social, political and economic power to exceed that of their need to emancipate the people. A popular proverb in South Africa is, "the bull is among the calves." Let us apportion blame where it belongs.

At 15 I have begun to ask myself where I actually belong. I was born and bred in Johannesburg, I know no other home, and I don't identify with any other nationality. Yet, I know this can no longer be my home, I am not safe in South Africa, my future in a country which I love and know like the back of my hand is uncertain. I might be killed if I am in the wrong place at the wrong time merely because I am labelled a foreigner. I will always be a kwere kwere, an outsider, and when the community leaders instruct the communities to hunt down foreigners, I stand no chance.

I am a victim of leaders who refuse to understand my predicament, who refuse to take

a stand on Afrophobia, hiding behind technicalities such as calling the phenomenon, "pure criminality".

Many of my African foreign brethren are victims of the likes of Emmerson Mnangagwa, who has failed to rid his country of poverty and has reduced his countrymen and women to beggars and victims, all while he splashes out on funerals of dictators and himself.

If the bull is truly among the calves, the only prophecy one can give on Africa is that more will die very cruel, unnecessary deaths – and this is just the beginning. Africa will never unite because our young people are being groomed to hate their own brothers and sisters. You are asking me to accept that for as long as our leadership continues to play games with people's lives, I will never be accepted and I must accept that for as long as I am in South Africa, I can die at any time, all because according to leaders and their communities, I am a foreigner and therefore do not deserve to live.

Ultimately we must recognise the humanity of African refugees.

They do not run because running is easy.

They do not cry because they are happy and they do not bleed because they have not been stabbed. Africans run because the ghosts of poor leadership, corruption and greed are chasing them. Africans cry because the rain hasn't touched the ground for years and they are trying to feed their families with tears.

Africans bleed, because red is the colour of our fallen brothers and sisters, and they are still suffering.

Before giving power to the people, we must give the people humanity. We as Africans cannot facilitate the genocide of other Africans. We as leaders must take responsibility; have you got enough blood on your hands? We as journalists must stop fueling the seeds of hatred by failing to report in a responsible manner which protects everyone in our borders. It's time to stop.

## If we burn, you burn with us

By Special Correspondent

MILLIONS across the globe took to the streets to agitate for climate action, igniting a revolutionary spark against capitalism in the battle for the future.

This year, the Arctic and the Amazon both caught fire. July was the hottest month ever recorded. The climate crisis is here. Without collective action to radically alter this trajectory, we are facing the endgame of human civilisation.

On Friday 20 September 2019, millions of people took part in a global climate strike, taking to the streets to protest against the inaction of their governments on global warming.

The Earth Strike, which is set to continue on 27 September, is the largest climate justice mobilisation in history. Strikingly, it is primarily being led by young people and schoolchildren who have an awareness of the bleak future of environmental collapse and social breakdown that they face.

As the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change warned last year, there is a small window of time to begin the rapid transition to renewable energy and to break our suicidal dependency on fossil fuels.

But if business-as-usual continues, the future will be a howling abyss of thirst, heat death, global famine and resource wars. The Earth will one day recover from climate breakdown and mass extinction, but our species may not be around to see it.

### The dim future here

In Southern Africa, we have already seen the evisceration of Mozambique by Cyclone Idai. Cape Town almost became the first modern city to run out of water. These disasters are ac-



companied by the slower processes of drought and scarcity, which are already hitting the poor and marginalised.

In the 2020s, we can expect to see further social disintegration as food prices skyrocket, even for the middle classes, and our already broken infrastructures are inundated with extreme weather events. The climate migrants seeking refuge in South Africa will find themselves faced with a violent culture of xenophobia. In turn, South African citizens may soon be in the same position – desperately seeking a new life abroad as this country becomes ever hotter and more environmentally inhospitable. Ultimately, however, nowhere in the world will be safe from the ravages of climate breakdown. Despite the escape fantasies of people like Elon Musk, there is no

Planet B to which to escape.

### Capitalism to blame

The slow apocalypse falling into place around us is not the collective fault of humanity. It is a direct product of the sociopathic greed and myopia of the capitalist system. Corporations and governments have built their power and wealth on the basis of fossil fuels. Faced with a choice between disaster and a safer future for humanity, elites have chosen to throw the rest of us into the gaping maw of climate chaos.

This is especially evident in South Africa, whose highly unequal and stagnant economy is based on extractive mining. Government's vacillation on renewables is exemplified by Eskom, a

dysfunctional company which continues to run toxic coal while not being able to keep the lights on all the time. Eskom's power stations in Mpumalanga have the highest level of air pollution in the world.

In South Africa, a delicate balance is needed to address the environmental, social and economic downsides of mining. There is, of course, the inescapable reality that mining provides thousands of jobs and supports hundreds of thousands of working-class people.

President Cyril Ramaphosa may make pretty speeches about the environment, but in practice his government continues to push fossil fuel expansion. The South African state has no

credible response to the climate crisis, and this dismal reality will persist until it is forced to act by the citizenry. Corporate polluters will not stop ravaging our air and water until their operations are forced to a halt.

Faced with an unprecedented existential threat, humanity is locked into an economic system based on endless growth and consumption. Governments cynically claim there is a fundamental opposition between the environment and development. In reality, environmental collapse is already unraveling wealth creation. A report issued this year by Moody's listed South Africa as one of the countries whose economies will be most blighted by climate collapse.

This puts the lie to the lazy stereotype that climate breakdown is the exclusive fixation of privileged hippies driving to protests in their Teslas. Global warming will kill the poor and crush the middle class.

But by embracing a renewed concept of modernity that focuses on human needs and environmental restoration, the Left has an unprecedented opportunity to confront the intersections of class, racial and gender domination that underlie environmental collapse.

### Climate agitators

The protesters at the Johannesburg climate strikes were impressively clear sighted about these linkages. They articulated how climate overlaps with the bloody history of colonial land theft, the growing global tide of hyper-

nationalist, anti-migrant hysteria and the crisis of gender-based violence. The message was clear – our current socio-economic model is reproducing barely livable cities and rural ghost towns. Confronting the climate emergency is not only a question of survival, it is also an opportunity to renew South Africa's democracy out of its mire of cynicism and authoritarianism and aggressively tackle our disastrous levels of economic inequality.

Today's youth have grown up watching politicians sacrifice their future for the benefit of a rapacious and unhinged oligarch class. The neoliberal platiitudes of Barack Obama or Ramaphosa are being supplanted by the climate nihilism of neofascists like US President Donald Trump and Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro, who both deny the reality of global warming while doing everything in their power to accelerate it. By encouraging the burning of the Amazon, for instance, Bolsonaro is gleefully piling up the ashes of the future. Trump, meanwhile, has made sure to have seawalls built around one of his golf courses in Ireland. In a nutshell, this sums up the relationship between capital and climate chaos – our collective health and lives are being sacrificed so that the super-rich can add to their already grotesque fortunes.

The current tone of the climate protests is pacifist and reformist, aiming to shame the state into action. However, there is an undercurrent of anger and indignation, which has a profoundly anti-authoritarian, even revolutionary, potential.



# 'Tap digital solutions to transform Africa's agricultural sector'

By Laura Owings

AFRICA'S agri-tech industry is booming, but for smallholder farmers to profit, investment is vital, writes Laura Owings.

Flying 100 metres over a section of Mozambique farmland, a drone is taking infrared pictures. These images will tell the farmer that his crops are suffering from disease - up to 10 days before the damage is visible.

With GPS coordinates of the exact location where his crops are in need, he can pinpoint the problem and treat it. As a result, his crop yield is not affected, and neither is his livelihood.

Drone technology like this is just one example of agricultural technologies being used in Africa. Also known as agri-tech services, they are part of a booming industry aimed at increased efficiency and productivity.

But the success of these services, and their ability to benefit Africa's smallholder farmers, is hindered by cost and availability. Making agri-tech more affordable and accessible can overcome this, but requires a collaborative approach of investment, development and policy.

## Smart maps

The drones flying in Mozambique are part of an agri-tech initiative called ThirdEye. They carry an infrared camera that can map crop stress, which helps identify early problems caused by pests, weeds, a lack of water or a lack of fertiliser.

"Because infrared reflection changes according to how crops are performing, we're able to detect problems 10 days before they're noticed with the naked eye," says Martijn de Klerk, project manager at FutureWater, the Dutch organisation behind ThirdEye. "This allows the farmer to take protective measures," he adds.

FutureWater launched ThirdEye in 2014, with backing from USAID. Since then, the service has helped smallholder farmers increase yield by 20 per cent and water productivity by 55 per cent,

says De Klerk.

ThirdEye now reaches more than 3,500 farmers who pay 300 MT (US\$4.89) per acre for the service. There is reason to believe this model works, says Bacelar Muneme, a local drone operator who has been with the company since 2017.

"Most of our farmers agree with this price, and can generally afford it," he says. He notes that the value of the service also attracts farmers.

"If we were doing it regularly in one area, the farmers start to see improvement and then others come forward who want to use it as well," he says.

In 2017, ThirdEye was awarded funding from Dutch non-profit organisation SNV to launch in Kenya, where the aim is to become commercially sustainable as well. However, De Klerk says the challenge will be in funding growth and improving services.

"One of the ways we are doing that is by targeting commercial farms as well," he says. But that may not be enough. "If we want to expand or upgrade the systems, we'll need more funding."

## Smart irrigation

Mobile phones are also a valuable source of agri-tech for smallholder farmers. Niger's Tele-Irrigation tool allows farmers to control crop irrigation by simply dialling a number into their mobile phones.

"Over 200 farmers are using our technology, and some have since increased their areas by three, even four times and accumulated significant income," says founder Abdou Maman Kané.

The service launched after winning the Orange African Social Venture Prize at the 2011 AfricaCom Awards. "The award helped us launch the concept and validate it. After that, a local bank and other finance partners came on with support," says Kané.

The Tele-Irrigation system is installed with a custom solar-powered pump that's connected to



A farmer showcases his harvest in a climate-smart village in Nyando, western Kenya.

a mobile app. The farmer then programmes the system for specific watering times and durations and can initiate irrigation by mobile phone.

Since 2013, the service has been offered direct to farmers for one million CFA francs (US\$1,686). Anour, a farmer who has been using the service since 2016, has seen value in the investment. "It took only a day to install and has been easy to run. Almost immediately my production improved," he says.

However, Anour is one of few farmers who can afford the service. According to Kané, most Niger farmers cannot buy the system without help.

"Financial partners like the World Bank are helping our most vulnerable farmers pay for

the service," he says. "Others are paying with bank loans, which they must repay bit by bit to local banks."

Although he says a farmer can earn back the investment in just a year, financing remains their biggest challenge. "We've had to change our economic model to seek more capital investment and funding for research and development," he says.

"We want to scale up but to do that we need financing to conquer the African market."

## Coordinated development

There is funding available to support services such as these. According to a report by Disrupt Africa, more than US\$19 million in financing was funnelled into Africa's agri-tech

market over the past two years.

But the organisation's co-founder, Tom Jackson, says more is needed. "Most services are priced for smallholder farmers, as they comprise the majority of the market. However, they need to reach scale in order to make money themselves and become sustainable."

Indeed, the vast majority of start-ups in this sector struggle to achieve economic and operational sustainability, says Michael Hailu, director of the Technical Centre for Agricultural and Rural Cooperation (CTA).

He points to CTA's recent report finding that only 40 per cent of the 33 million African smallholder farmers who have signed up to agri-tech services are actually using them.

## Tanzania hunter-gatherers receive 2019 Equator Prize for carbon-offset project

By Guardian Reporter

AS the Climate Week is globally celebrated in New York City from September 23rd to 29th, a representative of the Hadza community received the award on Tuesday insisting to continue protecting the forest since they are always used to protect the environment for their survival.

The Hadza have no concept of 'owning' land in the modern sense, meaning they had little legal defense against encroaching migrant farmers or cattle herders who decimated the wildlife-rich savannah woodland they need to survive.

But they adapted a legal tool

never used this way before to assert their community's title to 57,000 acres of their territory, meaning they could protect it, and enter commercial agreements to earn money from it.

A press statement released by Carbon Tanzania stated that the prize is awarded to indigenous groups by the UNDP Equator Initiative for innovative work in developing solutions to climate change and promoting sustainable development.

The Hadza launched the Yaeda valley project to trade carbon offsets from woods and forests that cover their territory with support from Carbon Tanzania—a social enterprise working to reframe

how people earn value from natural environments.

Ezekiel Phillipou who represented the Hadza community in New York said: "You must understand that we Hadza, we always protect our environment because that is how we survive, so really if this carbon offset programme was not here, we would still be doing that". Phillipou said: "But now we earn a lot of money from doing what we do anyway, protecting the forests and the animals that live in it. We are able to do many things that otherwise we could not afford, like sending our children to university, or paying hospital bills if we fall sick, or giving salaries to game scouts to

patrol our forests."

The Climate Week is run in coordination with the UN and the City of New York, Climate to showcase amazing climate action and discuss how to do more.

The Hadza project is only one of several that Carbon Tanzania is operating that all focus on supporting communities to obtain land rights or resource rights that result in them earning revenue from ecosystem services/environmental protection. The Hadza people have lost 90 per cent of their land to farmers and livestock herders

"This is a nature-based solution that's helping mitigate the effects of climate change while also

preserving a people's traditional way of life in a modern world," said Marc Baker, Carbon Tanzania's CEO and co-founder.

"It supports sustainable socio-economic development, and proves the power of cooperation between all sorts of organisations and people, from international financial experts to African local governments to conservation organisations, and most importantly, to these communities", Baker added.

From the outset, the Government of Tanzania and the the Ujamaa Community Resource Team, a local Tanzanian legal rights organisation, were key to supporting the communities to

securing legal land-rights over their remaining forested areas.

These land-rights take the form of a Certificate of Customary Right of Occupancy (CCRO), the first of its kind for an indigenous group in Tanzania, and a designation that reflects the Tanzanian Government's commitment to devolving power and decision making to local communities. Building on this landmark achievement, the Hadza collaborated further with Carbon Tanzania, the Dorobo Fund and The Nature Conservancy to create the Yaeda Valley Project, an innovative nature-based solution to climate change that delivers sustainable rural development and

also contributes to biodiversity conservation.

It is a shining example of the power of co-operation between a variety of actors who bring different strengths, skills and resources to create an open, transparent and empowering environment for effective, locally driven conservation and sustainable development.

The project relies on the communities putting in place governance structures and practical activities to protect their traditional forest lands in order to generate carbon credits, which are sold to companies and individuals who wish to offset their carbon impacts.

## Collaboration is key to taming of malaria

By David Thomas

FOR decades, the scourge of malaria has taken a fearful toll of Africa's young and old, decimating lives and crippling economies. Yet good news emerged in September when Kenya began rolling out a vaccine pilot project for babies and toddlers, becoming the third country to introduce the vaccine after Ghana and Malawi.

The vaccine, known as the RTS,S, is the first and only vaccine to significantly reduce malaria in children, including life-threatening malaria, according to the World Health Organisation (WHO).

Such vaccines can offer particularly effective protection in poorer communities that do not have immediate access to doctors, nurses and health facilities.

It is another prong in a recommended response to malaria, which includes the routine use of insecticide-treated bed nets, indoor spraying with insecticides and timely access to malaria testing and treatment.

The new plan shows the extent to which coordination against the disease is improving in Africa, but there is still a long way to go. Kenya has a malaria incidence of 27% for children under five, according to the director-general of the country's health ministry.

Africa as a whole still carries a disproportion-

ately high share of the global malaria burden. In 2017, the region was home to 92% of malaria cases and 93% of malaria deaths.

In 2017, five countries accounted for nearly half of all malaria cases worldwide, of which four were in Africa: Nigeria (25%), the Democratic Republic of the Congo (11%), Mozambique (5%), and Uganda (4%). The WHO has noted a worrying recent surge in deaths.

Against such a formidable disease, this scheme is just the beginning. The vaccine will be available to children from six months of age, according to the WHO, and the aim is to vaccinate about 120,000 children per year across the selected introduction areas.

## Making an impact

Still, the project shows the impact that can be made when governments, NGOs and the private sector work together - the WHO-coordinated pilot programme is a collaboration with the ministries of health in Ghana, Kenya and Malawi and in-country and international partners, including PATH, a non-profit organisation, and GSK, the vaccine developer and manufacturer, which is donating up to 10m vaccine doses for the pilot.

Funding is provided by Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance; the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria; and Unitaid.



Stanbic Bank Tanzania's head of vehicle and asset finance (VAF), Stephen Masha (L), has a word with a Tanzania Truck Owners Association (Tatoa) member during the association's annual general meeting held in Dar es Salaam on Monday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

The pilot project could have an impact well beyond Kenya's borders - it will provide the WHO with a data set to mould policy and

could lead to the broader introduction of the vaccine in sub-Saharan Africa, eventually saving tens of thousands of lives.

If Africa is to finally beat the scourge of preventable diseases, such international alliances remain critical.



# It's time to get smarter in battle against rampant crime

By Ralph Clark

SMART technologies, like gunshot detection, help police build a composite picture of a crime scene - allowing them to deploy their resources more efficiently and effectively.

"Has the time not arrived to build a new smart city founded on the technologies of the Fourth Industrial Revolution?" President Cyril Ramaphosa spoke these words as he delivered a forward-looking, optimistic State of the Nation Address in June. The speech was peppered with references to futuristic technology and progress, offering a stark contrast to the daily realities currently faced by many South Africans.

In the same speech, the President committed to halving, if not eradicating, violent crime in the next decade. One of the many solutions he proposed was a promise to increase the number of police officers in training by 2020. He pledged to improve the effectiveness of the judicial system in prosecuting offenders and outlined formal strategies to deal with drugs

and gender-based violence.

But surprisingly, in a speech with a focus on the future, he did not offer any thoughts about applying smart-city technologies in the fight against crime. One can imagine how disappointed he must have been, as we all were, when the country's annual crime statistics were released recently. They showed the number of murders had increased by 3.4 pc, attempted murders by 4.1 pc and violent robbery by 1.2 pc. Fifty-eight people are now killed in South Africa every day.

Given the budget squeeze, the national government faces, exclusively flooding the streets with an army of police officers is not a viable option. And applying the same strategies repeatedly while expecting a different result seems futile in the face of seemingly endless violence.

Chairperson of parliament's portfolio committee on police, Tina Joemat-Pettersson, acknowledged this when she recently proposed a relook at South Africa's policing. "The committee views it as unacceptable that every year there is a general increase on crime, yet there are no strident and cutting-edge



strategies in place to fight crime," she explained. The truth is that cutting-edge strategies to fight crime are available and ready to be implemented. Technology has the power to amplify traditional policing resources and cut down on wasted efforts - especially technology that leverages real-time data, which is the new currency in improving productivity and effectiveness.

New developments such as intelligent camera systems and gunshot-detection sensors augment existing policing resources by narrowing down the location and identifying the perpetrators of crimes as they occur. Such a case was successfully prosecuted in Cape Town in 2018 when a gang member fired a gun and assumed he would escape arrest by changing clothing and disposing of his firearm. Fortunately, a combination of gunshot detection and CCTV systems located and followed him in real-time as he did so - ensuring a speedy arrest and successful conviction.

Smart crime-fighting technologies also offer the potential to save money in a fiscally constrained environment. Gunshot detection technology, for example, helps the police build a composite picture of where shots are fired and at what time. This enables police to deploy resources efficiently and effectively to prevent gun crime before it happens. In South Africa, where so many officers themselves fall prey to violent crime, it is crucial police officers know what they are walking into when a crime is reported. If police personnel have a better understanding of the exact situation on the ground, they can respond more accurately, safely and quickly to violent incidents. This week, in the run-up to World Rhino Day, we announced the deployment of ShotSpotter gun detection technology in the Kruger National Park to combat rhino poaching. Given the precarious position of the rhino population, the announcement has been received very positively.

But while rhinos are important, so too are the people of South Africa. People deserve to be protected from violent crime as they pursue their ambitions and possibilities.

As the President said in June, we need to work together to fight crime. It is my hope that these kinds of technologies will be positively embraced by governments across South Africa.

The Constitutional Court judgment on corporal punishment of children means that the common-law defence of reasonable and moderate parental chastisement is constitutionally indefensible. This judgment has nudged South Africa closer to fulfilling its international obligations to protect children.

What would you do should you find your 11-year-old child watching pornographic material on his/her laptop; or if you find the 11-year-old playing with the vibrator left inside the bedside drawer? Do you apologise to the child for not keeping safe the adult material or do you yank your leather belt to beat up the child and kick him or her on the buttocks for being naughty? Do you follow the prescript of Psalm 137:9?

Those advocating for the so-called parental right of chastisement would have wished that the Constitutional Court decision in *Freedom of Religion South Africa v Minister of Justice & Constitutional Development 2019 ZACC 34* had been

decided by the Supreme Court of Canada.

In 2004, that court [in *Canadian Foundation for Children, Youth and the Law v. Canada (Attorney General)* [2004] 1 S.C.R. 76, 2004 SCC 4], addressing the constitutionality of section 43 of the Criminal Code on "reasonable punishment" defence to the physical punishment of children with the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms provided guidelines that allowed the continued use of chastisement.

The Canadian guidelines allow spanking under a number of conditions including corrective force (or physical punishment) that is minor or "transitory and trifling" in nature; no physical punishment on children younger than two or older than 12; not using physical punishment on a child in anger or in retaliation for something a child did; no use of objects such as belts or rulers; no hitting or slapping on the face or head; and no physical punishment on a child who is incapable of learning from the situation because of a disability or some other factor. This judgment, much to the dissent of Arbour J, provides too much discretion and may lead to arbitrary application.

One of the most captivating headlines on media opinions following the Constitutional Court judgment [Freedom of Religion South Africa v Minister of Justice & Constitutional Development 2019 ZACC 34] on corporal chastisement in the home was that on Daily Maverick article by Lauren Kohn titled "Spare the rod... and spare the child: Landmark ConCourt ruling overturns Psalm 137:9."

Spanking, slapping, shoving, yanking, kicking, beating (leaving a mark), hitting (not leaving a mark) ear twisting, violent shaking, pinching, paddling (striking the buttocks with a wooden paddle) and many others are what South African children have been exposed to and are expected to endure in the safety of their homes as part of their parents' and care-givers' corrective punishment administration.

Christian organisation Freedom of Religion South Africa (FOR SA), among others, has criticised the Constitutional Court ruling that spanking children is unconstitutional.

In this case, the so-called punishment of the 13-year-old son took in part the form of kicking and punching. Whether you want to call it a violation of God-given parental responsibility with gross interference by the State; State overreach in private affairs of citizens, particularly how they raise their children; or as the beginning of ending violence against children under the guise of discipline as opined by Save the Children South Africa (SCSA), it is clear that the Constitutional Court judgment on corporal punishment at home is a decision that has the country on tenterhooks and in heated conversation.

Not everybody agrees that corporal chastisement in the home is inherently wrong and evil - even the Constitutional Court in part expressed itself in a manner suggesting that there can be loving corporal punishment.

The import of this judgment is not criminalisation of spanking by the Bench, but it, in essence, means that the common-law defence of reasonable and moderate parental chastisement is constitutionally indefensible. The necessary legislative interventions must now kick in.

## HALMASHAURI YA JIJI LA DODOMA



24 Septemba, 2019

### TANGAZO UUZAJI VIWANJA

Halmashauri imepima viwanja kwa matumizi ya biashara katika eneo la Nzuguni. Viwanja hivi vinazunguka eneo la Soko Kuu na Stendi ya Mabasi mpya inayojengwa eneo la Nzuguni.

Matumizi ya viwanja hivi ni kama yafuatayo:-

- Viwanja vya Hoteli
- Kiwanja cha huduma ya Mafuta
- Viwanja vya Biashara
- Maduka Makubwa (shopping Malls and Super Markets)
- Taasisi

#### UMUHIMU WA VIWANJA HIVI

Viwanja vipo takribani kilometa saba kutoka katikati ya Jiji la Dodoma na kilometa kumi kutoka Mji wa serikali Mtumba. Eneo hili lipo mkabala na uwanja wa maonesho ya Kilimo na Mifugo (Nanenane) Nzuguni. Eneo hili ni muhimu (prime) kwa sababu zifuatazo;

- Kituo cha Mabasi na Soko Kuu**  
Ni eneo ambalo linazunguka kituo kikuu cha mabasi na soko kuu, hivyo kuvutia uwekezaji wa kibiashara wenye uhakika na soko wakati wote wa maisha ya mtu na umiliku wa kiwanja husika. Eneo hili litakuwa kitovu cha biashara katika Mji Mkuu wa Serikali Dodoma.
- Kuwa katikati ya Mji wa Serikali na Mji wa Sasa**  
Viwanja hivi vipo eneo ambalo ni kati ya mji wa sasa ambapo taasisi nyingi zipo na mji wa serikali ambao unajengwa Mtumba. Hivyo, ni eneo ambalo mtu akianzisha shughuli zake atapata wateja karibu eneo lote wa mji.
- Kufikika Kirahisi**  
Eneo hili linapitiwa na barabara kuu ya kwenda Dar es Salaam na ni katika kituo kikuu cha mabasi. Hivyo ni eneo ambalo linafikika kirahisi muda wote kuliko eneo lolote katika jiji la Dodoma. Pamoja na kufikika kirahisi, ndilo eneo ambalo mtu ataweza kufanya biashara kwa masaa ishirini na nne (24) kutokana na uwepo wa kituo kikuu cha mabasi na pia kunatarajiwa kujengwa standi ya reli (railway station).
- Uwepo wa viwanja vya uwekezaji katika maeneo ya jirani**  
Eneo linapakana na viwanja vya uwekezaji vya Njengengwa, hivyo kupata wateja wakati wote vikiendelezwa.
- Uwanja wa Mpira Nzuguni**  
Mkabala na eneo hili ndipo patakajengwa uwanja wa mpira wa miguu mkubwa kuliko vyote Tanzania. Hivyo kuwa na mategemeo makubwa ya biashara wakati wote kwa wataofika katika shughuli za michezo.

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8	16	AY	3,812.00	HOTELI
9	17	AY	3,819.00	HOTELI
10	18	AY	3,817.00	HOTELI
11	19	AY	3,825.00	HOTELI
12	20	AY	3,848.00	HOTELI
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17	25	AY	6,765.00	MADUKA MAKUBWA (SHOPPING MALL)
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25	10	AZ	2,104.00	BIASHARA (COMMERCIAL)
26	11	AZ	2,102.00	BIASHARA (COMMERCIAL)
27	12	AZ	1,833.00	BIASHARA (COMMERCIAL)
28	13	AZ	2,448.00	BIASHARA (COMMERCIAL)
29	14	AZ	2,856.00	BIASHARA (COMMERCIAL)
30	15	AZ	2,729.00	BIASHARA (COMMERCIAL)
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Mkurugenzi wa Jiji  
DODOMA

## Internet plays a role in China's poverty alleviation

THE rapid development of the Internet in China has not only unleashed huge digital dividends, but also opened up a fast track for poverty alleviation.

Gaibao village in Liping county, southwest China's Guizhou province is a beneficiary of the Internet. After videos of its picturesque natural landscape and distinctive folk culture went viral on short-video platforms, the village started to cash in on a tourism boom as a rising tide of visitors flooded in.

The advantages of the Internet lie in unbounded information, inclusiveness and sharing. Even poor rural areas can be closely connected with the Internet.

A network cable and a signal tower could connect agricultural products deep in the mountains to dining tables in the city, and enable urban residents to receive more stories about rural life.

Yinan county, located in the hinterland of the Yimeng mountains in east China's Shandong Province, had difficulty in selling agricultural products to the outside world because it is landlocked and had insufficient access to relevant information.

In a new round of targeted poverty alleviation, Yinan adopted e-commerce as a poverty alleviation tool, establishing

e-commerce service stations in impoverished villages and connecting farmers with manufacturing companies and e-commerce platforms. Under these efforts, the county's high-quality and distinctive industries have achieved further development.

Thanks to the e-commerce service stations, the price of peaches doubled. "On average, a peach can be sold for 10 yuan," said a local farmer named Liu Yu-anqiang.

In the first half of this year, online retail sales in China's rural areas reached 777.13 billion yuan, up 21% year-on-year. Online retail sales of agricultural products amounted to 187.36 billion yuan, with a year-on-year increase of 25.3%.

In the same period, online retail sales in poverty-stricken counties in China reached 65.98 billion yuan, up 18% year-on-year.

The country's efforts to reduce poverty through e-commerce are paying off as great potential has been unleashed in rural e-commerce and online retailing grows rapidly.

The Internet also bridges digital divide and ensures equal access to sources of information. Through the Internet, children in poor areas can receive an

education of higher quality, and farmers can learn the latest techniques. This is a way to compose internal driving forces for sustained development.

Currently, close to 100 million rural Chinese students in primary and middle schools are covered by a national satellite broadband transmission network for online education.

About 64,000 schools across the country are equipped with digital educational resources, benefiting nearly 4 million students in remote and poor regions who do not have access to proper education due to teacher shortages.

In recent years, the construction of information infrastructure in rural areas in China has picked up pace. In some poor areas, telecom operators have launched exclusive packages at discounted prices. Such measures provide network guarantee for poverty alleviation in these areas.

There is a rule in the Internet age: those having easier access to information can usually get themselves out of poverty faster. It is believed that once every corner of urban and rural areas is connected by the Internet, there will be more and more beneficiaries like Gaibao village



## TECHNOLOGY

## Moroccan company to analyse soil texture in Southern Highlands

By Beatrice Philemon

SOIL analysis of Southern Highland breadbasket regions will be undertaken this year by Moroccan company, OCP Africa to know which minerals are deficient hence apply appropriate fertilizers.

OCP Tanzania Country Manager, Dr Mshindo Msola said in Dar es Salaam last week that the soil health analysis and testing exercise will in Iringa, Mbeya, Morogoro and Rukwa regions and help farmers use the right fertilizers.

Dr Msola said the exercise will be conducted free of charge for farmers and to start with, they will begin in Morogoro region. Apart from analyzing the soil, the farmers will also be trained on proper fertilizer and tech-

nology use.

"All the nutrients in our food originally come from the soil and in order to create healthy crops with highly nutrient content, the farmers need to work with rich soil," he noted while pointing out that the main goal is to understand the texture and fertility.

OCP Tanzania which plans to invest in a fertilizer factory to manufacture artificial fertilizers has already undertaken soil analysis and testing in Songwe and Njombe regions with about 20,000 farmers from 100 villages benefitting.

"Right now we are writing soil recommendations that will guide us to understand what kind of fertilizer is required hence farmers in those areas know exactly which fertilizers to

apply," Dr Msola noted.

On her part, Tanzania Agricultural Research Institute's Mlingano Centre researcher, Dr Catherine Senkoro said the institute will work in

partnership with OCP Tanzania to ensure farmers get proper fertilizers for their soils and crops.

Dr Senkoro stated that high nutrients needs of soils should be treated with the right type of

fertilizer realized through soil health analysis and testing by experts. "OCP Tanzania has come to advise us on what kind of fertilizer is required for which soils and crops after undertaking the analysis," she noted.



Bagamoyo District Commissioner Zainab Kawawa (in black blouse) and some farmers from the district are briefed by Mwinyi Abdalla whose paddy rice farm has been administered with fertilisers after OCP Tanzania expert analysis of the soil texture. Photo: Beatrice Philemon.



Financial Sector Deepening Trust's Executive Director Sosthenes Kewe cuts a ribbon to launch an IBUA youth campaign meant to influence financial service providers and policy makers to effectively respond to needs of the group in the market. The campaign seeks to initiate new thinking on ways to incorporate and support the growing market needs of youth to ensure they derive value from regular use of financial services. Left is an official from FSDT, Christine Hillary and the campaign's ambassador, Masoud Kipanya (C). Photo courtesy of FSDT.

## COMPETITIVENESS

## Indigenous cosmetic brands are taking off in South Africa

JOHANNESBURG

A STRUGGLING economy doesn't necessarily mean makeup products will be left on the store shelf, but those shopping for cosmetics are increasingly looking for more affordable and organic brands.

According to market research firm Euromonitor International, although consumers are cutting back on non-essential goods, beauty and personal care products continue to register good growth, despite the challenges in the market.

"On the demand side, a strong personal grooming trend where greater importance was attached to physical appearance and hygiene led to changing purchasing patterns," says Euromonitor. Looking pretty is serious business.

The Department of Trade and Industry tells Moneyweb that last year cosmetics contributed 0.1% to gross domestic product (GDP), with imports at R18 billion, exports at R13 billion, and 60 000 jobs created in the 12-month period.

Swapping  
Euromonitor says private label and

economy brands performed well towards the end of the review period (its report was published in June 2019) as their affordability appeals to price-sensitive consumers.

"South Africans are increasingly engaging in brand switching behaviour as they look for products that offer quality at competitive prices," according to the report. "While there is a general preference for heritage brands, a change in perception towards private label has led to a surge in demand, especially in categories where the quality is on par with the former." The South African consumer will, however, not compromise on quality.

"Mid- to high-income consumers are willing to spend extra on products that offer exceptionally good quality, and which stand true to their claims. This is the case for products that consumers use daily, such as skincare."

The research firm believes that health and beauty specialist retailers such as Clicks and Dis-Chem responded to this by offering aggressive price promotions, introducing value formats and widening their portfolios of budget-friendly brands. "The rising popularity of private label and travel-



Afri-Berry co-founder Relebohile Moeng with her Moroccan-based hair and skincare products.

sized pack types further contributed to maintaining growth momentum for some beauty and personal care categories," it says.

E-commerce playing a major role  
Euromonitor goes on to say that retailers offering e-commerce services has led to pricing transparency for consumers, and hence the increase in sales. "[Previously] there were some price differences among various retailers, but now all prices are uniform across the distribution channels. The only difference in price comes from

## INNOVATION

## Kigali kiosks are back, bigger and better

KIGALI

LATELY, it's hard not to notice a modern wooden kiosk around Rwandex, which easily catches the eye of most passersby.

This is one of many such kiosks that will increasingly be seen in the city, according to the City of Kigali's Director of Urban Economic Development Unit, Augustin Rwomushana. Rwomushana revealed that the development is a product of a partnership between the City of Kigali, and Rwanda Ex-Combatants Benefits Union Ltd.

The Rwanda Ex-Combatants Benefits Union is an institution that invests in special projects in economic development, infrastructure, as well as ICT infrastructure. The partnership will see the establishment of more than 200 "imigongo" decorated wooden-made kiosks in Kigali. The kiosks are back on our streets and this time, bigger and better. Their name, One-Stop Smart Kiosk.

REBU Ltd is in charge of construction and management saying that there are other kiosks will be built around the country after the pilot project is deemed successful and approved by the government. According to the City of Kigali, multi-coloured umbrellas and various metallic kiosks on the streets, don't reflect the true definition of a

"Smart City."

Due to economic growth and development of Kigali, Rwomushana explained, multiple businesses agents such as telecom, newspapers and Tap n Go vendors, among others often shelter in different umbrellas which doesn't look well-coordinated and has no specific mapping.

In addition to that, security concerns, raised by this agglomeration, are among the reasons that induced these modern kiosks. Fraudsters who often conned members of the public disguised as telecom or bank agents' jackets will no longer find a way, Eng. Toussaint Birakwiye, Board Chairman at Rwanda Ex-Combatants Benefits Union Ltd, told The New Times. Eng. Birakwiye explained that members of the public will now know that there is a fixed place where those agents will be operating from.

In order to operate from these kiosks, "the agents register through our system called Agents Services Access Point (ASAP), with their IDs as well as their companies, and the system also gives them an identification number which will be seen on their badges which will in turn help identify the agent in case of a problem with a customer," he added.

The kiosks embrace the Made in Rwanda concept by using locally made materials. A kiosk can accommodate

six people and will also tap into the beautification of Kigali City as a clean city and tourist attraction site.

Agents' concerns

However, Alphonse Nkinamubanzi, an MTN agent with an umbrella at Rwandex, who is among the first pioneers of the pilot project to have registered for relocating to the smart kiosks, raised some concerns. "I am worried about rent. I fear that my commissions from the services provided, won't afford me the rental fees of such a beautiful kiosk," the agent told The New Times.

The board chairman of REBU Ltd, responding to the agent's concern, said that the pioneers will operate freely for 6 months as part of the pilot project, "notwithstanding, the proposed monthly rent ranges between Rwf 5,000-Rwf 10,000 per person which will take effect after the approval of the pilot project."

According to Birakwiye, the proposed rental fee might not go up significantly as other businesses that will need to provide services through these kiosks will go through REBU Ltd.

Nevertheless, the 6 square metre kiosks won't be used as regular kiosks. The Director of Urban Economic Development Unit in the City of Kigali emphasised that these kiosks are not meant for refreshments.

becoming more conscious of their heritage, he says. "That is why we are seeing, for example, more soaps [coming] from the Kalahari. They give us that warm fuzzy feeling that this is our culture, our heritage, and our country."

He adds that retailers are also actively seeking locally manufactured cosmetic brands because of this, and because these products are likely to be cheaper than international cosmetics (not least of all because the transportation costs should be less, even though their all-round input costs might be higher because of the lower volumes produced).

Brown encourages start-up cosmetics brands to have an online strategy, while having a store of their own and also making use of established third-party retailers, to increase their profits.

Entrepreneur Sonto Poee of NativeChild, a plant-based skin and hair care brand, faced challenges with large retailers not wanting to give her products retail space.

"Getting into retail is difficult," she says. "Some retailers are more open to new smaller brands than others. Sometimes you find that international brands get into stores that you have been trying to get into for a long time [sooner than you]."

While its products are now available from Takealot, King-online, Game, Jet and Crafters Warehouse (they are also exported), NativeChild's hurdle at

the beginning was that shelf space at some retailers is expensive and comes with many requirements. "It is expensive to be on shelf because some [retailers] require you to buy advertising in their catalogues, which ends up being very costly for a small business," says Poee.

Afri-Berry, another naturally-based skin and hair care product line, faced similar challenges. When co-founder Relebohile Moeng entered the retail market two years after establishing Afri-Berry, South African retailers were hungry for locally produced cosmetic products, but she was unsure of the requirements needed.

Moeng finally received assistance from Pick n Pay. She was given mentorship, guidance and the business development support the business needed, unlike other retailers that simply rejected the brand. She has high praise for Pick n Pay's Small Supplier's Toolkit.

"Everything in the cosmetics industry and the retail market was new to us," says Moeng. "We didn't even have a barcode, but we were up for the challenge." "Other retailers just rejected us without telling us what we were doing wrong," she adds.

Moeng has now extended Afri-Berry's distribution to Edgars in Namibia, Swaziland and Botswana, and is preparing to distribute through Shoprite too. The company now has 28 employees and an annual turnover of R20 million.



## INVESTMENT

## Mavunde orders DCs to allocate land for youth to cultivate crops, keep livestock

By Guardian Reporter, Dodoma

ALL district councils in the country have been ordered to set aside land meant to accommodate youth to engage in agriculture and fisheries activities in order to make the group productive.

Deputy Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office, Antony Mavunde who visited various youth development projects in Manyara and Dodoma regions under the "Oye Youth Empowerment Project," during the weekend said, the SNV implemented and

Swiss Development Agency financed projects have shown that youth have massive potential to be productive.

Mavunde said the Fifth Phase Government through the Ministry of Agriculture and the Prime Minister's Office have come up with a specific strategy to engage young people engage in agriculture by training and sensitizing them to acquire skills and change their attitudes towards agriculture.

"The first step we have taken is to partner with various institutions including Sokoine University of Agriculture (SUA) whose ex-

perts are coming to the project to change the attitude of young people and make them believe that agriculture is the key to their economic growth," he said.

"In the next step, we have massively invested through the Prime Minister's Office and have started a strategy to build capacity of 100 young people across the country, of which 80 will be trained to cultivate vegetable through green house technologies," the Deputy Minister stated.

Briefing the Deputy Minister, OYE Program Manger, Jean Muthamia-Mwenda said that

soon after the project commenced, they have seen young people change their lives by engaging in agricultural activities.

"Youth are now generating income, saving and managing themselves as being advocated by the government under President John Magufuli," Mwenda said while commending Mavunde for encouraging youth to make money from farming.

OYE Project's consultant, Faustine Msangila said so far, the project has helped over 8,000 youths against an initial target of 6,500 in the first phase which started in 2016 in Shinyanga, Man-

yara, Singida Tabora, Dodoma and Morogoro regions. "We are planning to start the second phase of the project in collaboration with the government by targeting over 20,000 youth in 15 regions of the country," Msangila said backed by SNV's Monitoring and Evaluation consultant, Rashid Byarushengo who said that they have been training young people on how to mechanise in agriculture.

One of the beneficiary youth from Dareda village in Manyara region, Marcel Damas and Mathias Jembe, said despite the challenges, they are doing much better under the project.

## BAILOUT

## SA lines up rare Eurobond as concern mounts over Eskom

JOHANNESBURG

SOUTH Africa is back in the Eurobond market for the first time since May last year, looking to offer securities with returns that compensate investors for mounting fiscal woes.

The government is marketing 10- and 30-year dollar securities with yields of around 5.25% and 6.125% respectively, according to a person familiar with the transaction who asked not to be identified because they are not authorised to speak about it.

Average yields on South Africa's dollar bonds fell 163 basis points between the start of the year and early September to 4.7%, according to JPMorgan Chase & Co.'s indexes, amid a dovish turn by global central banks. But they have since climbed to 4.95% as concern mounts over the financial burden of state-companies such as Eskom.

"Over the last few weeks, South African external bonds have underperformed versus peers, so the cheapening up should raise sufficient interest to compensate for the increasing fiscal concerns," said Trieu Pham, a strategist at ING Groep in London. "The initial price talk's quite juicy versus the outstanding curve. It looks to me like 50 basis points cheap compared with pre-announcement levels."

Yields on \$2 billion of bonds due October 2028 rose two basis points to 4.64% by 1:38 pm in Jo-

hannesburg. They have risen by around 40 basis points since early September. The government's 2019 budget stipulated that it would raise the equivalent of \$2 billion on international capital markets. A further \$2 billion is outstanding from the 2018-19 fiscal year.



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One of the beneficiaries of Oye Youth Empowerment Project, briefing Deputy Minister in PMO's Anthony Mavunde (R) when he visited his farm in Dodoma last weekend. Photo: Guardian Photograph.



Phoenix Tanzania Assurance Company Limited's Human Resources Director, Mubarak Kibarabara (L) hands over foodstuffs, clothes and school materials and cash to Head of Hisani Orphanage at Mbagala in Dar es Salaam which the company donated. Right is Head of Finance at Phoenix, Godfrey Badeleva. Photo: Guardian Photographer.

## PRESSURE

## Kenyan shilling under focus as remittances fall

NAIROBI

THE Kenyan shilling is in the spotlight as diaspora remittances fell for a second straight month amid expected pressure from the demonetisation of the old Sh1,000 note that has raised liquidity in the market.

Diaspora remittances, which account for the largest share of Kenya's foreign inflows, have grown significantly in the last two years, offering an important bulwark for the shilling against the dollar.

They have however been on a slide in July and August following the expiry of the tax amnesty offered by the Treasury to Kenyans holding wealth abroad to repatriate it home in June.

"Remittance inflows for August stood at \$214 million (Sh22.2 billion) compared to \$224 million (Sh23.3 billion) in July 2019, reflecting a decline of 4.5 percent," the Central Bank of Kenya (CBK)



Newly introduced Kenya shillings bills.

said in last week's market bulletin.

Cumulative inflows for the first eight months of the year rose slightly from \$1.809 billion (Sh187.8 billion) in 2018 to \$1.888 billion (Sh196 billion), reflecting the high remittances in the first half of this year.

The slower flow of dollars comes at a time when they are most needed given the pressure the shilling is experiencing partly due to demonetisation and rising oil prices due to geopolitical ten-

sions in the Middle East.

Commercial banks were trading the shilling at an average of 103.80 Monday afternoon, compared to Friday's closing average of 103.70 units to the greenback.

The home stretch to the deadline of demonetisation of the Sh1,000 note this week is expected to drive the demand for dollars, and those already holding hard currency becoming reluctant to part with it.

The market has been experiencing excess liquidity, forcing the CBK to mop up large amounts in open market operations.

On Monday, the CBK was in the market for Sh60 billion in seven-day repurchase agreements, managing to mop up Sh40.05 billion from banks at an average rate of 8.98 percent. The CBK also has the option of falling back on dollar reserves should the exchange rate exhibit signs of volatility.

## CONFLICT

## EALA to study proposal to sanction defaulting nations

By Guardian Reporter

THE East African Legislative Assembly will consider a petition by civil society organization in the region which last week threatened to sue member states that default on their financial obligations.

The activists under their apex body, East African Civil Society Organisation Forum (EACCSOF), also proposed a raft of sanctions against the defaulters while threatening to petition the East African Court of Justice, if partner states continue to renege on their financial obligations to the EAC secretariat.

The EACCSOF said such actions by the member states breached the Finance and Appropriation Acts of the community. In their petition to regional lawmaking body, EACCSOF said failure to achieve 100 per cent

compliance is a threat to the survival of the bloc.

Average aggregate contributions for the 2018/19 financial year were at just 59 per cent to the EAC, which is already suffering a zero per cent budget increase for almost a decade.

EALA Committee on General Purpose Chairman, Aden Omar Abdikadir said earlier this week that his committee had received the petition and is waiting for the directions from the EALA.

He said that the normal parliamentary procedure is that the Speaker, Martin Ngoga, will commit the report to his committee and direct it to report back to the House with recommendations on the petition content.

"Given the urgency of this matter I expect things to move with speed.

As a committee, we are ready to deal with the petition as soon



Abdikadir Aden, Chair of the General Purpose Committee shortly after his election with fellow Committee members. File photo.

as it's given to us by the House," he said. "The matter raised by the petitioners is real and will

give it its due considering in the soonest time possible." The ongoing sitting in the House in

Arusha, which started on September 16 ends on October 5.

For years now, EAC partner

states have had challenges with honouring their financial commitments to the now six-member regional economic community. EACCSOF is also seeking an interpretation of Article 143 [Sanctions] of the EAC Treaty, which addresses the issue.

The article stipulates that a partner state which defaults in meeting its financial and other obligations under the EAC treaty "shall be subject to such action as the summit may on the recommendation of the Council, determine."

The forum questions whether the failure by partner states to remit contributions shows a lack of commitment to the Community. Regarding the way forward, among others, EACCSOF seeks action by EALA especially by engaging the Council of Ministers to recommend to the Summit to invoke article 143 and 146 on

Partner States that have met the criteria of activation of that particular article.

They also want the parliament to put a question to Tanzania as to why the host partner state, which is also a pioneering partner state did not clear the 2018/19 contribution (89 per cent) and that until the first quarter of 2019/20, no remittance had been made.

In addition, they want lawmakers to put a question to Kenya as to why this other pioneering partner state did not clear the 2018/19 contribution (98 per cent) and that until the first quarter of 2019/20, no remittance had been made.

The regional civil society forum also wants to the Council to explain why at the end of the first quarter it were only Rwanda and Uganda that had remitted for 2019/20.



LIQUIDATION

# Thomas Cook collapse: Stranded Britons face demands for hotel payment

LONDON

AS they came to the end of their holiday in the Turkish resort of Dalyan, the parents of British holidaymaker Matt Kind were left scrambling to find money for three weeks of accommodation that they had already paid for.

Mr Kind, 47, from Leicester, and his parents were due to leave to fly back to Britain on Monday but the hotel said they could not leave until they settled their bill. They had booked and paid for their holiday in November 2018 when they had no concerns that Thomas Cook was going bust. Hotel staff had told them that they had not been paid anything since May and wanted their money.

Mr Kind - who had stayed for just a week compared to his parents three - said he was now unsure what to do and could find no information online to guide him. The family had not had any contact with anyone from Thomas Cook throughout his stay, he said.

"My parents' holiday is a one off - three weeks that they have saved for and now are having to find the money to pay the hotel again," he said. The government said the CAA was contacting hotels being used by Thomas Cook customers, advising them that the costs of accommodating those people who booked as part of a package would be covered as part of the operation.

For Mr Kind, a retail worker, the promise of extra costs being covered by the government was not enough. "It's only money in the grand scheme of things," he said. "We'll manage but most of our week has been marred with concern about what's happening - knowing that you are protected and will get home at some point doesn't stop you thinking about the logistics of it all."

Mr Kind added that his family "feel very saddened for the people who find themselves out of a job today." At Antalya airport, on Turkey's Mediterranean coast, passengers faced delays of more than three hours as they queued to see if they could get home, with some customers reporting problems with the repatriation effort.

"Some families have been told they can't fly together which seems to be a breakdown in communication somewhere," said traveller Frank Boyd, 49, from Colchester. "It seems they



A worker reacts as he is driven from the Thomas Cook Headquarters in Peterborough, United Kingdom.

haven't looked at the original bookings to see who's flying with who."

John Rafferty, 64, of Coleraine, Northern Ireland, said his party had experienced few problems apart from the delay. "We booked everything with Thomas Cook," he said. "We've known for the last few months that they've had financial difficulties but we found out this morning they were bankrupt."

"We went online and found out our flight had been rescheduled. When we came to the airport there were lots of reps from the CAA and FCO to help out. Basically it's just a long wait."

Despite the delays, most of Thomas Cook's customers expressed sympathy for the travel company's staff. Mr Kind said that his family "feel very saddened for the people who find themselves out of a job today." Similarly, Mr Rafferty said he felt sorry for the staff. "At least we're going home to jobs," he said.

RESTRICTION

## Walmart ban shows vaping's fall from smoking fix to health scare

NEW YORK

WALMART will stop selling e-cigarettes in its US locations as the country grapples with a string of vaping-related deaths that have stirred regulators globally to take action against the nascent industry.

The retail giant's decision comes after a mysterious spate of vaping-related lung disease across the US that has now affected 530 people and killed seven. While there have been no reported cases outside of North America, regulators worldwide are taking pre-emptive action: India moved to ban e-cigarettes last week, while China is also likely to hand down stricter regulation of e-cigarette usage.

India joins about 27 other countries, including Australia and Singapore, in cutting off access completely to e-cigarettes, which up until recently was being touted by makers like Juul Labs Inc. as a safer alternative to cigarettes. In the UK, vaping's biggest market in Europe, public health officials still endorse e-cigarettes as a way to quit smoking.

"Given the growing federal, state and local regulatory complexity and uncertainty regarding e-cigarettes, we plan to discontinue the sale of electronic nicotine delivery products at all Walmart and Sam's Club US locations," Walmart in a statement Friday. "We will complete our exit after selling through current inventory."

Though Walmart is the largest retailer in the US, its decision to cut off sales of e-cigarettes may not be as severe a blow to the vaping industry as any potential sales halt by federal regulators. Juul and other brands draw much of their sales from independent vaping shops and convenience stores.

Vaping has also been at the center of a growing controversy over what US regulators have described

as an epidemic of underage use. Last week, the Trump administration said it would take steps to remove almost all flavored e-cigarette products from the market, pending their approval by the Food and Drug Administration.

Juul, which debuted its nicotine vaporizers this month in China, the world's biggest tobacco market, saw its online stores disappear on Alibaba Group's Tmall and JD.com days after their launch without explanation - prompting speculation that official action may be on the way.

US officials still haven't determined a cause of the ailment as the vaping mystery deepens, but the illness has been reported most often in patients with THC, the key psychoactive ingredient in cannabis. Cases have been identified in 38 American states, prompting the US Surgeon General to call it an "epidemic."

Walmart, which had been up less than 1%, erased gains on the news. Shares of Altria, the Marlboro maker that invested nearly \$13 billion investment in America's top-selling e-cigarette brand Juul last year - briefly pared gains, but bounced back. Reuters reported news of the decision earlier.

The e-cigarette removal marks at least the third time this year that Walmart Chief Executive Officer Doug McMillon has thrown his company's considerable heft behind a big issue. In June, he urged Congress to boost the national minimum wage, and he recently promised to stop selling bullets for assault-style weapons, while also requesting that customers not openly carry firearms in its more than 4 700 US stores.

Earlier this year, Walmart stopped selling cigarettes, including electronic ones, to buyers under the age of 21. A spokesperson for the company told Bloomberg that e-cigarettes are a "relatively small category overall" for the retailer.



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SATURDAY 21 Sept

5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi  
6:00 HABARI  
6:40 Kumekucha  
7:00 Habari  
8:00 Al Jazeera  
9:00 Watoto wetu  
10:00 Mjue Zaidi rpt  
11:00 Chetu ni chetu rpt  
11:45 Usafiri wako  
12:30 Series rpt: The Slingshot  
13:45 Kesho leo rpt  
14:15 Igizo rpt: Utelezi  
14:45 Igizo rpt: Pigo la moyo  
15:15 Igizo rpt: Mizengwe  
15:30 Igizo: Mjumita rpt  
16:00 Mr Tanzania  
17:00 Shamsam za Pwani  
18:00 Jiji Letu  
18:15 Mapishi  
18:30 Igizo: Ahadi  
19:00 Sanaa na wasanii  
19:30 Jungu Kuu  
20:00 Habari  
21:00 Shangweka  
21:30 Kesho leo  
22:00 Kipindi maalum: Insta Moja  
22:15 Hawavumi lakini wamo  
23:00 Isidíngó rpt  
01:30 CNN International

SUNDAY 22 Sept

5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi  
6:00 HABARI  
6:40 Kumekucha  
7:00 Habari  
8:00 Al Jazeera  
09:00 Watoto Wetu  
10:00 Isidíngó  
11:45 Aibu Yako  
11:55 Hawavumi lakini wamo rpt  
12:30 Tamasha la Michezo  
13:30 Jukwaa la fikra rpt  
17:30 Mr Tanzania  
17:30 Kipindi cha kikristo  
18:00 Jiji Letu  
18:15 Mapishi  
18:30 Mizengwe rpt  
18:45 Matukio ya wiki  
19:30 Igizo: Pigo la moyo  
20:00 Habari  
21:05 Biko  
21:10 Mizengwe  
21:30 Mjue Zaidi  
22:15 Bongo Movie: Friends  
00:30 Series rpt: The Slingshot

MONDAY 23 Sept

5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi  
6:00 Habari  
6:40 Kumekucha  
7:30 HABARI  
8:00 Kumekucha Michezo  
9:00 Kumekucha Kishindo

9:30 Isidíngó  
9:55 Habari za saa  
10:00 Watoto wetu  
10:30 Igizo rpt: Utelezi  
10:55 Habari za saa  
11:00 Kimya Milele  
11:55 Habari za saa  
12:00 Al Jazeera  
12:30 Jungu kuu rpt  
12:55 Habari za saa  
13:00 Mjue Zaidi  
13:55 Habari za saa  
14:00 Kipindi maalum rpt: Mwanzo mzuri  
14:15 Series rpt: The Slingshot  
14:55 Habari za saa  
15:00 Meza Huru  
16:30 Watoto Wetu  
16:30 Watoto Wetu  
17:00 The Base  
18:00 Jiji Letu  
18:10 Aibu yako rpt  
18:15 Mapishi rpt  
18:30 Kesho Leo  
19:00 Afya ya Jamii  
19:30 Isidíngó  
20:00 Habari  
21:05 Dakika 45  
22:00 Insta Bet  
22:15 Ripoti maalum  
23:00 Habari  
23:30 The Base  
00:30 Al Jazeera  
02:00 CNN International

TUESDAY 24 Sept

5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi  
6:00 Habari  
6:40 Kumekucha  
7:30 HABARI  
8:00 Kumekucha Michezo  
8:55 Habari za saa  
9:00 Kumekucha Kishindo  
9:30 Isidíngó  
09:55 Habari za saa  
10:00 Watoto wetu  
10:30 Shamsam za pwani  
10:55 Habari za saa  
11:00 Shamsam za pwani  
11:25 Igizo: Mjumita  
11:55 Habari za saa  
12:00 Al Jazeera  
12:30 Afya ya jamii rpt  
12:55 Habari za saa  
13:00 Uchumi na biashara  
13:30 Kipindi Maalum: Tafakari rpt  
13:55 Habari za saa  
14:00 Kipindi maalum rpt: Nyumba ni choo  
14:15 Ripoti maalum rpt  
14:55 Habari za saa  
15:00 Meza Huru  
16:30 Watoto wetu  
17:00 The Base  
18:00 Jiji Letu  
18:15 Korean Drama: The Great

queen Seonduk  
18:55 Jarida la wanawake  
19:30 Isidíngó  
20:00 Habari  
21:00 Tanzania yetu  
21:30 Chetu ni chetu  
22:15 Series: The Slingshot  
23:00 Habari  
23:30 The Base  
00:30 CNN International

WEDNESDAY 25 Sept

5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi  
6:00 HABARI  
6:40 Kumekucha  
7:30 HABARI  
8:00 Kumekucha Michezo  
9:00 Kumekucha Kishindo  
9:30 Isidíngó  
9:55 Habari za saa  
10:00 Watoto wetu  
10:30 Korean: The Great queen Seonduk  
10:55 Habari za saa  
11:00 Korean: The Great queen-Seonduk  
11:15 Shangweka rpt  
12:00 Al Jazeera  
12:30 Jarida la wanawake rpt  
13:00 Dakika 45  
14:00 Series rpt; The Slingshot  
15:00 Meza huru  
16:30 Watoto Wetu  
17:00 The Base  
18:00 Jiji Letu  
18:15 Mizengwe rpt  
18:30 Igizo rpt: Ahadi  
19:00 Ijue Sheria  
19:30 Isidíngó  
20:00 Habari  
21:00 Aibu Yako! Hata wewe?  
21:10 Kipindi Maalum: Tanesco  
21:40 Kipindi Maalum: Ripoti maalum  
22:15 Series: The Slingshot  
23:00 Habari  
23:30 The Base  
00:30 Al Jazeera  
2:00 CNN International

THURSDAY 26 Sept

5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi  
6:00 HABARI  
6:40 Kumekucha  
7:30 HABARI  
8:00 Kumekucha Michezo  
8:55 Habari za saa  
9:00 Kumekucha Kishindo  
9:30 Isidíngó  
9:55 Habari za saa  
10:00 Watoto wetu  
10:30 Igizo rpt: Utelezi  
10:55 Habari za saa  
11:00 Igizo: Utelezi  
11:15 Kipindi maalum rpt: Ripoti maalum

11:55 Habari za saa  
12:00 Al Jazeera  
12:30 Ijue Sheria  
12:55 Habari za saa  
13:00 Sanaa na wasanii  
13:30 Tanzania yetu  
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18:00 Jiji Letu  
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19:00 Usafiri wako  
19:25 Kipindi maalum: Nyumba ni choo  
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FRIDAY 27 Sept

5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi  
6:00 HABARI  
6:40 Kumekucha  
7:30 HABARI  
8:00 Kumekucha Michezo  
8:55 Habari za saa  
09:00 Kumekucha Kishindo  
9:30 Isidíngó  
9:55 Habari za saa  
10:00 Watoto wetu  
10:30 Hawavumi lakini wamo  
10:55 Habari za saa  
11:00 Hawavumi lakini wamo  
11:30 Usafiri wako  
11:55 Habari za saa  
12:00 Al Jazeera  
12:30 Kipindi Maalum rpt: Tanesco  
12:55 Habari za saa  
13:00 Jagina rpt  
13:30 Chetu ni chetu rpt  
13:55 Habari za saa  
14:00 Chetu ni chetu rpt  
14:15 Mr Tanzania rpt  
14:55 Habari za saa  
15:00 Meza huru -live  
16:30 Watoto Wetu  
17:00 The Base  
17:30 Ibada ya kiislamu  
18:00 Jiji Letu  
18:15 Mizengwe rpt  
18:30 Shamba lulu  
19:00 Uchumi na biashara  
19:30 Isidíngó  
20:00 Habari  
21:05 Kipima joto  
23:00 Habari  
23:30 The Base  
00:30 CNN International

SATURDAY 28 Sept

5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi

6:00 HABARI  
6:40 Kumekucha  
7:00 Habari  
8:00 Al Jazeera  
9:00 Watoto wetu  
10:00 Mjue Zaidi rpt  
11:00 Chetu ni chetu rpt  
11:45 Usafiri wako  
12:30 Series rpt: The Slingshot  
13:45 Kesho leo rpt  
14:15 Igizo rpt: Utelezi  
14:45 Igizo rpt: Ahadi  
15:15 Igizo rpt: Mizengwe  
15:30 Igizo: Mjumita rpt  
16:00 Mr Tanzania  
17:00 Shamsam za Pwani  
18:00 Jiji Letu  
18:15 Mapishi  
18:30 Igizo: Ahadi  
19:00 Sanaa na wasanii  
19:30 Jungu Kuu  
20:00 Habari  
21:00 Shangweka  
21:30 Kesho leo  
22:00 Kipindi maalum: Insta Moja  
22:15 Hawavumi lakini wamo  
23:00 Isidíngó rpt  
01:30 CNN International

SUNDAY 29 Sept

5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi  
6:00 HABARI  
6:40 Kumekucha  
7:00 Habari  
8:00 Al Jazeera  
09:00 Watoto Wetu  
10:00 Isidíngó  
11:45 Aibu Yako  
11:55 Hawavumi lakini wamo rpt  
12:50 Bongo Movie rpt: Friends  
14:00 Tamasha la Michezo  
15:00 Mwangaza  
16:00 Mr Tanzania  
16:45 Igizo: Utelezi  
17:30 Kipindi cha kikristo  
18:00 Jiji Letu  
18:15 Mapishi  
18:30 Mizengwe rpt  
18:45 Matukio ya wiki  
19:30 Igizo: Pigo la moyo  
20:00 Habari  
21:05 Biko  
21:10 Mizengwe  
21:30 Mjue Zaidi  
22:15 Bongo Movie: Lerato  
00:30 Series rpt: The Slingshot





## WORLD

## UK Supreme Court rules suspension of Parliament illegal

LONDON

IN a major blow to Prime Minister Boris Johnson, Britain's highest court ruled yesterday that his decision to suspend Parliament for five weeks in the crucial countdown to the country's Brexit deadline was illegal.

The unanimous Supreme Court ruling declared the order to suspend Parliament "void and of no effect."

Supreme Court President Brenda Hale said the suspension "was unlawful because it had the effect of frustrating or preventing the ability of Parlia-

ment to carry out its constitutional functions without reasonable justification."

She said the court's decision means Parliament was never legally suspended and is technically still sitting.

In this nation without a written constitution, the case marked a rare confrontation between the prime minister, the courts and Parliament over their rights and responsibilities.

It revolved around whether Johnson acted lawfully when he advised the queen to suspend Parliament for five weeks during a crucial time frame



Supreme Court President Brenda Hale

before the Oct 31 Brexit deadline when Britain is scheduled to leave the European Union.

Johnson, who is in New York for the UN General Assembly, has refused to say whether he will resign if he is found to have broken the law, or will seek to shut down Parliament again.

The decision followed three days of hearings last week before a panel of 11 judges.

The court rejected the government's assertions that the decision to suspend Parliament until Oct 14 was routine and not related to Brexit. It claimed that under Britain's unwritten constitution, it is a matter for politicians, not courts, to

decide.

The government's opponents argue that Johnson illegally shut down Parliament just weeks before the country is due to leave the 28-nation bloc for the "improper purpose" of dodging lawmakers' scrutiny of his Brexit plans.

They also accused Johnson of misleading the queen, whose formal approval was needed to suspend the legislature.

Johnson and Parliament have been at odds since he took power in July with the determination to take Britain out of the EU on Oct 31 with or without a divorce deal with Europe. **Agencies**

## Kremlin urges tough response to US failure to issue visas to Russian senators

MOSCOW

THE United States has broken international rules by failing to issue visas to Russian senators for taking part in the UN General Assembly's session, Kremlin Spokesman Dmitry Peskov said.

Peskov (pictured) has dismissed the situation as unacceptable, stressing that this demands a tough response by both Moscow and the United Nations.

"The situation is alarming and certainly unacceptable, and such steps are unacceptable. Washington is violating its international commitments, this is a direct violation of Washington's international obligations because this is not a bilateral visit, this is a visit by Russia's delegation to the UN General Assembly," Peskov told reporters.

Peskov stressed that the US has no right to impose any restrictions on those who are visiting the UN General Assembly.

The US has violated the rules and "this certainly demands a rather tough response of Moscow and, as we believe, not a less tough response of the UN, because the situation directly concerns the UN and its headquarters," he said. **Agencies**



## After Thomas Cook collapse, UK PM asks why bosses got paid millions

NEW YORK/LONDON

AFTER the collapse of Thomas Cook left tens of thousands of Britons reliant on the government to bring them home, Prime Minister Boris Johnson questioned whether the travel firm's bosses should have paid themselves so much ahead of its demise.

Running hotels, resorts and airlines for 19 million people a year, Thomas Cook currently has around 600,000 people abroad and will need the help of governments and insurance firms to bring them back from places as far afield as Cancun, Cuba and Cyprus.

Speaking in New York, Johnson questioned why the state should be left responsible for the actions of handsomely paid directors and said tour operators should have some sort of insurance against such debacles.

"I have questions for one about whether it's right that the directors, or whoever, the board, should pay themselves large sums when businesses can go down the tubes like that," Johnson said.

"You need to have some system by which tour operators properly insure themselves against this kind of eventuality."

Thomas Cook was brought down by a \$2.1 billion debt pile, built up by a series of ill-fated deals, that hobbled its response to nimble online rivals. It had to sell three million holidays a year just to cover interest payments.

With the business draining cash, Chief Executive Peter Fankhauser found its lenders were no longer willing to step in. Fankhauser has earned 8.3 million pounds (\$10.3 million), including 4.3 million pounds in 2015.

The British government said it was unwilling to "throw good money after bad" to back a bail out of the company.

Reports on Monday said the Turkish government and a group of Spanish hoteliers were willing to support a 200 million pound rescue plan underpinned by a British government guarantee. Business Secretary Andrea Leadsom, however, said the sum reported would not have kept the operator going for more than a couple of weeks.

"There are all sorts of rumors flying, the fact is that 200 million (pounds) was even an underestimate of what Thomas Cook would have needed just for the very short term, for the next week or two," she told Sky News.

"Thomas Cook is sitting on trying to service 1.7 billion pounds of debt, and it would have been a waste of taxpayers' money to be throwing good money after bad."

**Agencies**

Thomas Cook passengers queue in front of check-in desks on the second day of repatriations at Reus airport, next to Tarragona, Spain, yesterday. **REUTERS**

## China makes great strides in building space power

CHINESE lunar probe Chang'e-4 and lunar rover Yutu-2 woke up at 8:10 a.m. and 8:42 a.m. on Aug. 25 respectively after being switched to dormant mode, entering their ninth lunar day on the far side of the moon.

Traveling more than 400,000 kilometers, the Chang'e-4 probe left the Earth and touched down on the far side of the moon at 10:26 a.m. Jan. 3 this year, and sent back the first-ever close-up photograph of the unexplored side of the moon via the relay satellite Queqiao (Magpie Bridge).

It marked the first time for a human spacecraft to have made a soft-landing on the far side of the moon, and the first time in human history to realize relay communication between Earth and the far side of the moon. A new chapter of lunar exploration was opened.

70 years ago when the People's Republic of China was just founded, the country's space industry started from the lagged-behind technologies and "poor and blank" industrial base.

Thanks to the relentless efforts made by generations of aerospace

researchers, the country finally made splendid achievements in this sphere, including the development of atomic and hydrogen bombs, missiles, man-made satellites, manned spaceflight and lunar probe.

It has opened up a path of self-reliance and independent innovation, and has created the spirit of country's space industry.

China's achievements in space industry are constantly renewed by its ongoing explorations. The country launched its first man-made satellite in 1970,

and conducted its first manned spaceflight with the Shenzhou V spacecraft in 2003.

Chinese astronaut made the first spacewalk in 2008 and finished the first manned rendezvous and docking mission 3 years later.

In 2017, China carried out its first in-orbit refueling. Besides, the country has made lunar explorations using the Chang'e probe family, and is now planning to launch its first probe to explore Mars.

Making great strides in building

itself into a space power, China has yielded remarkable results in space science, technology and application.

The space is limitless and so is the exploration. This year, China is set to complete a series of space missions including the launches of the Earth observation satellite Gaofen-7, the Beidou navigation satellites and Tianqin-1 gravitational wave-detection satellite. More and more marks will be left by China in the vast cosmos.

**People's Daily**

## In Trump's Ukraine flap, risks and opportunities for Biden

WASHINGTON

THE growing flap over whether President Donald Trump used his office to seek re-election help from his Ukrainian counterpart poses political risks, and some opportunities, for Democratic White House front-runner Joe Biden.

Biden, the former vice president, has become ensnared in the political furor over reports that Trump pressured the Ukrainian president to investigate Biden and his son, an issue that has intensified Democratic calls for Trump's impeachment.

While Trump admits he discussed Biden with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy in a July phone call, he has deflected questions about it and focused instead on raising unsubstantiated charges that Biden improperly tried to halt a Ukrainian probe of a company with ties to his son Hunter.

"Joe Biden and his son are corrupt," Trump told reporters on Monday when asked about the controversy on the sidelines of the United Nations General Assembly meetings in New York. He did not provide any evidence.

There has been no evidence so far that Biden used his position as vice president to help his son, and he said in Iowa this past weekend that he had never discussed Hunter Biden's business in Ukraine with his son.

In the short term, the uproar has given Biden and his campaign a chance to portray Trump's strategy as evidence the president sees him as the likely winner, and most dangerous opponent, among the 19 candidates seeking the Democratic nomination to face him in the November 2020 election.

But in the long term, Biden's candidacy and perceptions of his electability could be hurt by the possibility that Trump's repeated charges of corruption could stick to Biden and undercut Democratic arguments about Trump's abuses of power.

While Biden's Democratic rivals have so far refused to dive into specific questions about his family and instead directed their criticism squarely at Trump, they may also benefit from Trump casting Biden as a symbol of a corrupted establishment.

"If there is one thing Donald Trump can do well, it's label and isolate a message that is memorable. He's a salesman," said Joel Payne, a Democratic strategist who worked for Hillary Clinton in 2016.

"He's trying to create this corruption, D.C. insider storyline about Biden," he said. "It allows him to dust off the play-book and run the same campaign against Biden that he ran against Clinton." The Republican National Committee sent reporters on Monday a memo



headlined: "Quid Pro Joe," trying to make the case that Biden had a history of "swampy dealings."

In a Democratic race driven heavily by voter perceptions of electability and each contender's perceived chances of beating Trump, that could help turn what has been a strength for Biden into a potential liability.

But Democratic voters will automatically discount most of what Trump says, said Patrick Murray, a pollster at Monmouth University. What could be more telling, he said, is Biden's response.

**HOW DOES HE FIGHT**

**BACK?**

"That's where the electability question comes in. Does Biden have what it takes to fight back when Donald Trump throws a punch? It could certainly help Biden," Murray said.

Biden and his campaign seemed to take that sentiment to heart. After a hesitant response when the story broke on Friday, they kicked in later with a furious reaction, with Biden telling reporters that Trump knows "I'll beat him like a drum."

Even in an increasingly contentious Democratic nominating race, however, his presidential rivals are unlikely to criticize Biden over Ukraine for fear of standing on the same side as Donald Trump.

"First of all, I don't think we should give Trump the power to change the subject from him doing something as nefarious as what he did," Democratic contender Pete Buttigieg, the mayor of South Bend, Indiana, told reporters in Iowa on Monday.

"Secondly, I haven't seen any evidence of anything there anyway. And third, we have to re-

member that he will either find a vulnerability or make one up," he said of Trump.

U.S. Senator Kamala Harris of California, another of Biden's rivals, said it was "long past due" that impeachment proceedings were begun against Trump. At a campaign stop in Los Angeles, she accused Trump of trying to collaborate with the Ukrainian president to influence the 2020 election. But she refused to be drawn on whether Biden should be investigated.

Asked if some Democrats might feel "discomfort" about Biden's past involvement in Ukraine, Harris said: "I'll leave that to the voters to decide."

Most of the other Democratic candidates have not weighed in on the controversy, although U.S. Senator Elizabeth Warren referenced it over the weekend in Iowa while renewing her call for Trump's impeachment.

"He has solicited another foreign government to attack our election system. It is time for us to call out this illegal behavior and start impeachment proceedings right now," Warren said.

**Agencies**

## UN pledges to push universal health coverage by 2030

UNITED NATIONS

A POLITICAL declaration on universal health coverage was approved by acclamation during a high-level United Nations (UN) meeting on Monday, marking world leaders' determination to advance toward full primary health coverage for their citizens.

The document included commitments to progressively cover one billion additional people by 2023 with quality essential health services and quality, safe, effective, affordable and essential medicines, vaccines, diagnostics and health technologies, with a view to cover all people by 2030.

Other commitments elaborated in the political declaration included stopping the rising and reversing the trend of catastrophic out-of-pocket health expenditure by providing measures

to assure financial risk protection and eliminate impoverishment due to health-related expenses by 2030, with special emphasis on the poor as well as those who are vulnerable or in vulnerable situations.

The political declaration was hailed by UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres as "the most comprehensive agreement ever reached on global health." He described it as an "important landmark" on the journey to health for all.

"This is a significant achievement that will drive progress over the next decade on communicable diseases including HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria, while addressing non-communicable disease and antimicrobial resistance through robust and resilient primary health care systems," he said.



"I saw firsthand the vital need for such systems when I met health workers and patients affected by the Ebola outbreak during my recent trip to the Democratic Republic of the Congo," the UN chief said.

Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, head of the World Health Organization (WHO), said the declaration rep-

resents "a landmark for global health and development" as the world has 11 years left to make good on its sustainable development goal of good health and well-being.

Addressing the high-level meeting convened by the UN General Assembly, Guterres (pictured) said that universal health coverage is at the core of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

"Health for all is an investment in people, in their well-being and in healthy and prosperous societies. Universal health coverage has proved to be a catalyst for economic growth that benefits individuals, families, communities, businesses, and economies," he said.

"Good health is both an outcome and a driver of economic and social progress. That is why universal health

coverage is at the center of the 2030 Agenda and is inseparable from all of our work on sustainable development, be it climate change, or gender equality, or indeed sustainable financing or zero hunger."

The meeting, themed "Universal Health Coverage: Moving Together to Build a Healthier World," was aimed to garner financial and political commitments from countries and sustain health investments.

Wang Hesheng, vice minister of the National Health Commission of China, submitted to the meeting a statement entitled "Promoting Universal Health Coverage: Sharing a Prosperous and Healthy Future" on behalf of the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Health Working Group.

"We call for joint efforts to embrace UHC (universal health coverage) by

encouraging governments to take a leadership role, promoting people-centered, quality, and efficient primary health care delivery, increasing health investment and optimizing the allocation and utilization of health funds, improving equitable access to health care services and health insurance, empowering individuals, families and communities, expanding social participation and strengthening international cooperation," Wang told the meeting.

As the biggest developing country, China has been a staunch supporter of the UN and an active participant in its development cause, said Wang.

"Over the past half century, we have dispatched 26,000 medical and nursing practitioners to 71 countries and regions where they have treated 280 million patients," Wang said.



# New China in 70 years: From agrarian backwater to industrial powerhouse



Trainees attend a training course in Xi'an, northwest China's Shaanxi Province, July 22, 2019. (Xinhua/Li Yibo)



A staff member controls a robot with 5G technology during an international mobile Internet of Things expo in Yingtan, east China's Jiangxi Province, July 18, 2019. (Xinhua/Zhou Mi)

AN agrarian backwater that struggled to feed its population 70 years ago, China is now an indispensable supplier in the global industrial chain, manufacturing and exporting everything from daily necessities to high-speed trains.

The following are quick walk-throughs of the tectonic shifts in China's industrial strength and the drivers behind the changes, which may offer a glimpse of the country's industrial future.

– How was the “world factory”

built from scratch? From having only mining, textile and some simple manufacturing industries to covering nearly all industrial categories, China's emergence as the “world factory” is built upon low labor and production costs compared with that of more developed countries.

The country's reform and opening-up drive in the late 1970s enabled the more adventurous entrepreneurs in coastal cities to start their own busi-

nesses, overcoming difficulties and successfully turning small workshops into big manufacturing companies.

Since then, China's manufacturing sector started to take off. World Bank data showed that China overtook the United States as the world's largest manufacturing country in terms of added value in 2010 and has retained first place ever since.

– How China has moved up the industrial value chain? Coming into the 21st century,

China started to focus on high-tech and advanced manufacturing sectors, with a modern industrial system gradually taking shape.

Apart from the traditional “Made in China” tags on the store shelves, high-speed trains and semi-conductors are becoming the new signatures for Chinese manufacturing.

In 2017, the high-tech sector's prime operating revenue above the designated size came in at 15.9 trillion yuan (about 2.2 tril-

lion U.S. dollars), up 55.8 percent than the same period in 2012.

The rapid development can be attributed to the continuous investment in research and development, with its expenditure surging 83.6 percent in the same period to 318.3 billion yuan.

– How will China's industrial strength contribute to a shared future? Over the past decades, China's industrial development has benefited from open cooperation with other countries, and its gain-

ing strength will in turn help deliver more opportunities for other market players.

In June 2019, China officially approved 5G commercial services, marking the start of a smart new era as the application of the superfast wireless technology helps connect more things, services and market players.

Foreign enterprises including Nokia, Ericsson, Qualcomm and Intel have been deeply involved in the experimentation of the technologies, and Chinese regula-

tors have welcomed enterprises from home and abroad to actively participate in the building, application and promotion of its 5G network and share the sector's development dividends.

As the 5G case has showed, China's industrial ambition means more opportunities for domestic and foreign companies to compete and prosper together. The one propeller for the country's industrial upgrading is to keep opening up its market and economy to the world.

**Xinhua**

## Chinese life expectancy more than doubled in past 70 years

“MANY people died in their 30s or 40s when I was a child, and living to be 60 was considered longevity,” said Chen Zhixiang, an 81-year-old retired teacher who grew up in Xi'an, capital of northwest China's Shaanxi Province.

Chen can't remember eating meat during his childhood. As he recalled, people suffered from a scarcity of food and clothing at that time, and if anyone caught an epidemic disease there was little hope of a cure.

That, however, has become history. The average life expectancy of Chinese people has more than doubled in the past 70 years.

According to statistics from the National Bureau of Statistics, the life expectancy of Chinese people has been continuously increasing from 35 in 1949 to 57 in 1957, 68 in 1981, and reaching 77 years in 2018.

China's per capita disposable income was 49.7 yuan (7 U.S. dollars) in 1949 but reached 28,228 yuan in 2018, an increase of nearly 60 times in real terms after deducting price factors.

With a more affluent life, people are enjoying healthier and more nutritious diets. Fresh vegetables and fruits of every season and from every corner of the country are available all year round.

Smallpox has been eradicated completely, and there are no more local cases of malaria. Endemic diseases, such as iodine deficiency disorders, have been effectively controlled or eliminated. Full basic medical coverage has been achieved.



An elderly couple poses for photos at the library of Binhai New Area in north China's Tianjin, Aug. 7, 2019. (Xinhua/Li Ran)

“My little sister died of diarrhea and dehydration at the age of three. If only she had been born now!” Chen sighed.

Not only has death from minor illnesses become history, but living a long and healthy life is increasingly becoming the norm.

China has been promoting the Healthy China initiative, which aims to improve the national health policy and ensure the delivery of comprehensive lifecycle health services for the Chinese people.

In 2016, China's healthy life ex-

pectancy reached 68.7 years, surpassing that of the United States for the first time. Chinese people not only live longer lives, but also healthier ones.

“Now people over 65 can enjoy a free physical examination every year, and most diseases can be

found and treated in time,” said Shi Kecun, 86, who lives in Shizhai Village of Shanxian County, east China's Shandong Province.

“The number of people looking after their health is increasing. Living to my age is not rare in the village, and some people even live

to over 100 years old.

Our county has been rated a ‘longevity town,’” Shi said.

Living a long and healthy life, the sincere wish of Chinese people for thousands of years, is becoming a reality.

**Xinhua**



Shen Xuean (2nd R, front), 84, has a gathering with her family members at Jiu'an senior center in Nanxun Town of Huzhou City, east China's Zhejiang Province, Sept. 13, 2019. (Xinhua/Tan Jin)

## Seventy years of change measured in just ‘one hour’



A giant screen displays sales on Alibaba's online marketplace Tmall for Singles' Day shopping spree in Shanghai, east China, Nov. 11, 2018. (Xinhua/Huang Zongzhi)



A farmer harvests wheat in Xizhuang Village of Tangshan City, north China's Hebei Province, June 18, 2019. (Xinhua/Liu Mancang)

IN China, what can be achieved in a single hour? The answer today is quite different from that 70 years ago when the People's Republic of China was founded.

Sitting in his reaping machine, Zhao Shunhua, a 53-year-old farmer in central China's Hunan

Province, can harvest rice from nearly 0.2 hectares of field within one hour.

It is about 30 times faster than the past when he used to finish the same amount of work manually.

“I can still remember the old

days when I worked in the fields before dawn and got sunburned, just to reap the early rice and plant for the next season,” Zhao said.

In every hour in the first half of 2019, each Chinese contributed 7.4 yuan (about 1 U.S. dollar)

to the country's GDP, over 500 times higher than in 1952.

The hourly money spent online by Chinese consumers today is 1.1 billion yuan, while the country's total retail sales of consumer goods was only 3 million yuan in 1952.

Most Chinese people in 1949 never dreamed of setting foot on foreign soil, while there are 19,000 trips made every hour today by Chinese travelers going abroad.

A single mine in Shenmu, a major coal production base

in northwest China's Shaanxi Province, has an annual output higher than the country's total in 1949, digging out 3,700 tonnes of coal every hour on average.

Seventy years on, China has transformed itself into the second largest economy in the

world, with the largest foreign exchange reserves, the largest social security system and the largest output of industrial products.

Even greater Chinese miracles promise to emerge as the hourglass is turned once more.

**Xinhua**





FILE - This June 20, 2002 file photo shows blues legend B.B. King performing at the second anniversary celebration of B.B. King's Blues Club and Grill in New York. A guitar given to B.B. King for his 80th birthday has sold for \$280,000 at an auction of items from the blues legend's estate. Julien's Auctions says King often used the black Gibson ES-345 prototype that was one of several guitars he called "Lucille." (AP Photo)

## 1 of B.B. King's 'Lucille' guitars sold for \$280K at auction

JACKSON, Miss.

A GUITAR given to B.B. King for his 80th birthday has sold for \$280,000 at an auction of items from the blues legend's estate.

Julien's Auctions says King often used the black Gibson ES-345 prototype that was one of several guitars he called "Lucille." A spokeswoman for the auction house, Mozell Miley-Bailey, said Monday that the buyer wants to remain anonymous.

Before the auction, Julien's estimated the guitar's value at \$80,000 to \$100,000. The headstock has "B.B. King 80" and a crown inlaid with mother-of-pearl, and the guitar is autographed on the back. The Gibson company gave King the guitar as a gift.

Early in his career, King ran back into a burning nightclub to rescue his guitar, and he later learned the fire started when two men were fighting over a woman named Lucille. King said he never met the woman but started naming his guitars Lucille as a reminder to never

again endanger his own life.

The auction of more than 550 items from King's estate took place in Los Angeles on Saturday, a few days after what would have been his 94th birthday.

The 15-time Grammy winner was 89 when he died in 2015 in Las Vegas. He is buried next to the B.B. King Museum and Delta Interpretive Center in the small town of Indianola, Mississippi, near the community where he grew up picking cotton in the Delta flatlands.

The auction house said the estate sale brought in \$1.3 million. It included awards, photographs, King's passports, luggage, jewelry, clothing, audio equipment and other guitars.

A ring that King wore in photos sold for \$16,250. It is 18-karat gold and has "BB" encrusted with 22 diamonds, and its initial estimated value was \$6,000 to \$8,000.

A collection of King's 78 rpm blues records sold for \$51,200, after an estimated value of \$500 to \$700.

AP

## Emmy Awards viewership plunges to 6.9 million people

NEW YORK

THE Emmy Awards plunged to a record-low viewership of 6.9 million, illustrating a collective shrug by the public for an annual program that celebrates the best of television and is designed to build excitement for a new season.

The Nielsen company said the audience for Fox's host-less show on Sunday was down 32% from 2018, which was previously the smallest ever. It's the first time the Emmy audience has slipped below 10 million people.

Competition from an NFL game between the Los Angeles Rams and Cleveland Browns was blamed for siphoning off some viewers. More likely, it was because of how television has changed and is less and less of a communal experience.

"The Emmys used to matter because it was all the TV you watched, pitted against each other," tweeted Myles McNutt, a cultural critic and professor at Old Dominion University. "But now, the Emmys are more likely a place where shows regular people had no idea existed compete with shows they have a vague understanding of."

Television's most popular scripted show, CBS' now-retired "The Big Bang Theory," wasn't nominated for best comedy. Amazon's "Fleabag" won that Emmy. It's not clear how many people have even seen the streamed series.

Of the 132 Emmy Awards handed out this year, only 18 went for work on broadcast networks. Except for two awards for NBC's "Saturday Night Live," broadcast programs were shut out of Sunday's telecast.

It wasn't that long ago, back in 2013, that 17.8 million people watched the Emmy Awards, Nielsen said. The largest Emmy audience in Nielsen's record book was the 35.8 million people who watched in 1986.

For people who want to follow the awards casually while watching something else, news about winners spreads quickly on social media, further diminishing the incentive to tune in. HBO's "Game of Thrones" was the biggest winner with 12 Emmys this year, while the HBO limited series "Chernobyl" won 10.

AP

# Paralympic sports, where art thou gone to?

By Correspondent Lloyd Elipokea

AS has been already solidly established in this weekly column of the Guardian's pages, this year thus far could arguably be described as something of an Annus Mirabilis (the Latin word for a wonderful and fantastic year in which few things went wrong) where sporting achievement is concerned.

Right off the bat, life in the country very nearly came to a standstill when the Taifa Stars broke their duck and qualified for the 2019 AFCON Finals in Egypt for the first time following the span of a few decades.

There was also the monumental and eye-catching progress which was registered by Simba in last season's CAF Champions League.

However, for this writer the real cherry on the cake emerged when the national U-20 women's football team won the whole shebang at the inaugural COSAFA U-20 Women's football tournament.

In spite of the aforesaid and noteworthy series of landmark firsts, a bracing reality check will reveal that there are still unfortunately challenges aplenty which are impeding various sports, one of which is Disability Sports or as it is more globally known Paralympic Sports.

Indeed, by dint of a rising tide of pressure, there appeared to be some encouraging steps taken forward where the inclusion of Paralympic sports as part of the annual calendar of different sporting contests on the domestic patch was concerned.

For the most part, the largest chunk of this heartening and perhaps wobbly progress was primarily witnessed in particularly



Tanzania Paralympic Committee (TPC) secretary general, Tuma Dandi

one Paralympic sport- wheelchair tennis.

It should be recalled that at one critical juncture during recent years, our national wheelchair tennis team was even journeying to foreign countries so as to participate in wheelchair tennis championships that were jointly organized by the Confederation of African Tennis in concert with the International Tennis Federation (ITF).

In fact, as the evidence readily indicates, our national wheelchair tennis team would at times return home with a discernibly extra spring in their step after having claimed

the bronze medal in a few of the other contests where alongside other competing teams, they were earnestly jockeying for top honors.

However, since the outset of this already memorable year, there have been precious few positive developments of significance on the wheelchair front and in the wider context, the domestic Paralympic sporting scene in general.

Sadly, this relative stagnation on the sports for people with disabilities (PWDs) terrain doesn't come as much of an astonishment to this writer.

After all, the thesis that as a country we have failed repetitively to invest our time, strivings and arguably most vitally our funds into the welfare of domestic disability sports for donkey-years, now, would only be disputed by those ignoramuses who are totally in the dark about matters regarding local sports.

Thus, after having clearly identified that we have rather thoughtlessly neglected sports for PWDs for such an extensive period of time, the major question hovering in the air is, will anything change at all from now onwards?

# Oprah Winfrey picks Ta-Nehisi Coates novel for her book club

NEW YORK

TA-NEHISI Coates' first novel, "The Water Dancer," has been a long and eventful journey.

Begun a decade ago, his chronicle of a slave with an extraordinary memory who joins the Underground Railroad is the result of countless drafts, a shift from multiple narrators to a single voice, some needed advice from fellow writers and hundreds of thousands of words discarded. Coates' research ranged from reading interviews with ex-slaves and consulting a 19th-century Farmer's Almanac – books duly pictured on his Instagram account – to his numerous and revelatory visits to former plantations.

And then came that call from Oprah Winfrey.

"I was just as surprised as anybody. I pretty much write for myself and the only people I think about are my wife and my editor," says Coates, whose novel is her latest book club pick. "I was really happy (about the news from Winfrey). But I think the most encouraging part was that she's a reader. It was clear from the conversation that she's a reader. This is not a marketing ploy. There's nothing to be cynical about."

Winfrey announced Monday that she chose "The Water Dancer" to formally begin her new book club partnership with Apple, for which she plans a selection every other month. In October, she will interview Coates before a live audience at Apple Carnegie Library in Washington, D.C., a conversation that will air Nov. 1 on Apple TV Plus, the new streaming service. During a recent telephone interview with The Associated Press, Winfrey became tearful as she described the novel's emotional impact, how it captured the devastation and resilience of those enslaved.

"I have not felt this way about a book since 'Beloved,'" Winfrey said of the Pulitzer Prize-winning novel by her friend and literary idol Toni Morrison, who died in August.

The 43-year-old Coates spoke to The Associated Press during a recent afternoon at a SoHo cafe, where he drank strong iced coffee and received the occasional greeting from a friend or fellow customer. He said that he began the novel after completing his first book, the memoir "The Beautiful Struggle," and acting on editor Chris Jackson's suggestion that he try fiction.

Jackson told the AP in a recent statement that "The Beautiful Struggle" demonstrated Coates' "ability to dive so deeply and imaginatively into a character's interior life and invent an idiom to tell the story that was more Joyce-ian than journalistic." Coates, who had been reading extensively about the Civil War at the time, wanted to open readers to the "inner lives of enslaved black folks," a "thriller" that would also dramatize the most profound questions of freedom and identity.

He worked off and on over the next few years on "The Water Dancer," while honing a literary voice – of realism and poetry, outrage and exploration – that Morrison would liken to James Baldwin's. As a national correspondent for The Atlantic, he wrote a highly influential and debated piece on reparations for blacks. He received a Hugo nomination for his contribution to the newly launched Black Panther comics series, "A Nation Under Our Feet." In 2015, he published "Between the World and Me," a letter to his son about being black in the United States that won the National Book Award, topped The New York Times best-seller



This combination photo shows author Ta-Nehisi Coates at the The Gordon Parks Foundation Annual Awards Gala in New York on May 22, 2018, left, and Oprah Winfrey at an event to announce new Apple products in Cupertino, Calif. on March 25, 2019. Winfrey has selected Ta-Nehisi Coates' novel "The Water Dancer" as her next book club pick. (AP Photo)

list and helped confirm his status as one of the country's leading social commentators.

"It wasn't really that difficult," he said of finding time for his novel. "I really liked writing 'The Water Dancer.' It was like I get to go play again."

Winfrey's original book club was started in 1996. She has since helped turn dozens of books into best-sellers, from novels by William Faulkner to a memoir by Sidney Poitier. For "The Water Dancer" and her upcoming choices, Apple has pledged that for each copy purchased through Apple Books, it will make a contribution to the American Library Association to support local libraries.

Over the past few years, Winfrey's choices haven't had the impact they did when she had her syndicated television program. But her announcement of "The Water Dancer" had some of the old magic: By Monday night, the novel was No. 1 on the Apple bookstore and Amazon.com best-seller lists.

Winfrey said she was wary at first of "The Water Dancer," if only because she found Coates such a "beautiful essayist" and wondered if he could move beyond the factual world. Journalists from George Orwell to Tom Wolfe have found success as novelists, but the switch from nonfiction to fiction can frustrate the most gifted writer.

Nonfiction doesn't only require adherence to the truth, but a kind of control over the narrative that the fiction writer has to surrender,

at least in part. Novelists often speak of their stories becoming so real to them that a given character might lead them in a direction they hadn't otherwise intended. Coates felt that with the protagonist of "The Water Dancer," Hiram Walker, who did not start out at the center of the story, or even with the name Hiram.

"I really liked his story, and I said, 'This is it,'" Coates explained.

While working on the book, Coates showed early drafts to peers such as novelist Michael Chabon, who suggested he "paint the whole scene," Coates recalls, tell everything from how the sunlight looks in the trees to the smell of the air.

"The Water Dancer" combines the most everyday details and the freest stretches of imagination, from the supernatural quality of Hiram's mind to his encounters with historical figures such as the abolitionist Harriet Tubman. Coates' favorite authors include E.L. Doctorow, known for mixing real and fictional people in such historical novels as "Ragtime," and Morrison.

"She just had this mastery of the sentence," Coates said of the late Nobel laureate. "She had a beautiful economy of words. I don't think that mean that in the sense that she was a sparse writer; she filled every sentence with so much emotion and feeling and information – visceral information, literary information. She wrote the way poets write. I took that from her early on."

AP



## Valverde dismisses Barcelona crisis talk

BARCELONA

BARCELONA coach Ernesto Valverde says he is not worried about his future despite the club's poor start to the season, dismissing suggestions the Spanish champions are in crisis. The Catalans are eighth in La Liga with seven points from five games after losing 2-0 at Granada on Saturday. Barca have failed to win any of their last eight competitive games away from Camp Nou across all competitions. "Coaches always have something on the line in every game, that's nothing new," Valverde told a news conference on Monday ahead of Tuesday's clash with Villarreal. "Crisis? The world of football is like this, you're in crisis every three days and then you come out of it the same

way, that what's we've got to try and do. "The only way to calm everything down is to get six points from the (next) two games. "In previous years we've always been consistent and had an advantage on the rest but this time we've not started well." Forward Ousmane Dembele returns to the squad to face Villarreal after a hamstring injury, while midfielder Ivan Rakitic has been left out. "They always ask me about those who aren't in the squad, the reason is because someone else is in," said Valverde, who has recalled Carles Alena. "(Rakitic) is not being punished, we have many midfielders and that is the decision for this game, we'll see what happens on Saturday (against Getafe)." **REUTERS**

## Man Utd reassure fans that trophies are top priority

LONDON

MANCHESTER United have assured disheartened fans that the club's priority is success on the pitch rather than making money, saying they are committed to "winning trophies at the highest level". Ole Gunnar Solskjaer's struggling team lost 2-0 at West Ham on Sunday to fall 10 points behind leaders Liverpool after just six Premier League games. United, who have been criticised for their focus on commercial success despite faltering performances, are languishing in eighth spot in the league, three points adrift of a top-four position. They have not won the Premier League since 2013 and did not qualify for this season's Champions League.

At a fans' forum before the side's 1-0 home victory against Leicester earlier this month, one of the concerns raised was the club's apparent failure to attract top talent and the link with the recent lack of success. In its response the club acknowledged that recruitment was crucial. "We are committed to getting this right and there has been huge investment in this area to put our

recruitment department into a position to be able to deliver the manager the players he wants," the minutes of the meeting said. "This process is significantly more effective than four to five years ago." United, who spent around £145 million (\$180 million) on signing Harry Maguire, Aaron Wan-Bissaka and Daniel James in the summer transfer window, said the club would continue to invest. "Everyone at the club, from the owners down, is focused on competing for and winning trophies at the highest level," the club said. "To do that, we have invested heavily in the playing squad and will continue to do so. "At the same time, the exciting pool of talent coming through from our youth and academy sections is a result of increased investment in this area over the last five years. "It's important to note that while our successful commercial operation helps drive that investment, the priority is the focus on achieving success on the pitch. Similarly, it is worth noting that we are not looking at or buying players based on their commercial appeal." **AFP**

## My family were concerned when Mourinho joined Man Utd - Mata

LONDON

JUAN Mata has admitted family and friends were concerned about Jose Mourinho's arrival at Manchester United but the Spaniard didn't have the same worries about his former coach. Mourinho, who sold the playmaker to the Red Devils after only working with him for six months, replaced Louis Van Gaal at Old Trafford six days after Mata scored a goal in Man Utd's FA Cup final win in 2016. Speculation persisted that Mourinho would once again jettison Mata, but the player himself was intent on to prove himself despite his family and friends expressing concern about the Portuguese manager. "Louis was gone and rumours about José Mourinho being appointed as Manchester United's new manager acquired a life of their own," Mata said in his autobiography Suddenly a Footballer. "A few days later, the rumours had become fact. Mourinho was my manager again. "And, despite the concern of my family, friends and many people, I was determined to face the situation as I'd always tried to: positively." "As expected, so many stories came out again in the press. I had no possible future at the club. I had already agreed to leave. "Far too many people believed the information was true, again, and reached the conclusion that I had no future under him." Mata joined Man Utd under David Moyes during the 2014 January transfer window in £37.1 (£41.9m/\$46.1m) million deal after Mourinho decided he was surplus to requirements at Stamford



Bridge.

However, the 31-year-old insists he has never had a personal issue following the transfer and is proud that his previous situation didn't repeat itself under Mourinho at the Theatre of Dreams. "Jose and I were together at Chelsea before, of course, and after having being together for six months, my career would take a different direction: Manchester," Mata said. "Yes, I didn't enjoy as much playing time as I would have loved to or was used to during those six months, but I never had a personal problem with Jose. "Naturally, people assumed that the story would repeat itself. I was determined it wouldn't. "To do so, I focused, like many times during my career, on what I could control: my dedication, professionalism and commitment. Time would prove me right. "If you ask me, yes, this is an aspect of my career that I'm very proud of, because, regardless of winning or losing, playing more or less, I didn't take the easier way. I didn't give up." Mourinho was sacked as Man Utd boss in December 2018, while Mata remains an integral part of the first team squad at Old Trafford. **(Agencies)**

## Messi wins FIFA player of the year as Ronaldo skips ceremony

MILAN

LIONEL Messi won the FIFA Men's Player of the Year award as beaten rival Cristiano Ronaldo stayed away from the star-studded ceremony in Milan's iconic La Scala Opera House on Monday. Barcelona striker Messi's victory was a surprise as he edged out Virgil Van Dijk, who won the UEFA player's award last month after helping Liverpool to the Champions League last season. Juventus forward Ronaldo had also been short-listed for the award, but did not attend the ceremony as he was named in FIFA's World 11 best team along with Messi.

Both Messi, 32, and Van Dijk, 28, are now in the running for the coveted Ballon d'Or which will be announced on December 2. "I want to thank those who decided to give me this recognition," said Messi. "The most important thing for me is the collective awards, but today is also a very special night for me." It is the first time that Messi has won the FIFA Best Award which was created in 2016. Ronaldo won for 2016 and 2017, with Croatian Luka Modric beating both last year. Messi was top scorer in the Champions League last season with 12 goals before Barcelona were dumped out by Liverpool in the semi-finals. The Argentine also won the European Golden Shoe after scoring 36 goals, the La Liga title with Barcelona and helped Argentina to bronze at 2019 Copa America.

Van Dijk had been bidding to become a rare defender to win a FIFA player award, since Italian Fabio Cannavaro won the World Player of the Year, and the Ballon d'Or in 2006. The Netherlands captain also missed out on completing a treble for Liverpool with manager Jurgen Klopp winning the men's coach of the year award and Alisson Becker the goalkeeper prize. - Rapinoe 'lost for words' - Megan Rapinoe beat fellow World Cup winner Alex Morgan and England's Lucy Bronze to the women's prize, with her USA coach Jill Ellis lifting the women's coaching award. Rapinoe, 34, was joint top scorer with six goals at the women's World Cup and won the Golden Boot, also gaining the Golden Ball for the best player and becoming the face of the tournament for her outspoken views on US president Donald Trump and campaigning for LGBT rights.



Argentinian Barcelona player Lionel Messi, United States women's World Cup winning coach Jill Ellis, Liverpool manager Juergen Klopp and United States forward Megan Rapinoe pose after they received the Best FIFA coach award, best FIFA men's, Women's player award during the Best FIFA soccer awards ceremony, in Milan's La Scala theatre, northern Italy, Monday, Sept. 23, 2019. (AP Photo)

"I'm a little bit at a loss for words, if you can believe it, it rarely happens to me," said Rapinoe who went on to make a plea against racism and for women's rights. "We have such an incredible opportunity being professional football players. "We have incredible platforms, the unique opportunity to use this to actually change the world for the better." Klopp won the men's coaching award ahead of two other Premier League coaches - Tottenham's Mauricio Pochettino, who the German beat in June's Champions League final, and Manchester City's Pep Guardiola. "It is great, nobody expected this 20, 10,

five, four years ago that I would be standing here," said the 52-year-old German who joined Liverpool in 2015. "I have to say thank you to my outstanding club Liverpool FC. Those who don't love it don't have a heart. "As a coach you can only be as good as your team. I'm really proud of being coach of such an incredible bunch of players." Two-time women's World Cup-winning coach Ellis, beat Dutch coach Sarina Wiegman, runner-up in France 2019, and England's Phil Neville for the award. "The World Cup really was a showcase, the world fell even more in love with the game," said 53-year-old Ellis, who will step down from the team in October.

Leeds United manager Marcelo Bielsa won the fair play award after he ordered his team to allow Aston Villa to score an equaliser during their 1-1 draw in their Championship match in April. Bielsa's side had gone ahead controversially when a player was injured before the Argentine intervened. Romanian-born Hungarian forward Daniel Zsori won the Fifa Puskas Award for the best goal, beating strikes from Messi and Juan Fernando Quintero. The 18-year-old forward, on his debut, scored a spectacular overhead kick to win the game for his side Debrecen against Ferencváros in stoppage time. **AFP**

## Barcelona are in crisis: Here's how Valverde can fix it

By Graham Hunter, ESPN Spain writer

HANDS up if you're loving every second of Barcelona's ever-deepening crisis of faith, hapless away form and evident bewilderment, as every rival now plays them with the conviction that Spain's champions are there for the taking. You won't be alone. It's one of sport's most enduring storylines, as teams that have lain waste to all opponents before them with absolute inevitability then wane, decline and get pulverised. It's not a matter of "maybe," only a matter of how well you prepare and cope. "Nothing's more certain than death, taxes and the collapse of possession football if it's not properly cared for," as Benjamin Franklin surely meant to say.

So, there will be widespread glee about Barcelona's sudden vulnerability, far further than among Madridistas, Espanyol fans and anyone of a Manchester United, Juventus or Arsenal persuasion who still resents either the manner or just the pain of those four Champions League final defeats since 2006. People find it fascinating, even enjoyable, when mighty edifices crumble and fall. They call it "Schadenfreude" in German, a deliciously malicious enjoyment of someone else's woes. Football has, metaphorically, become such a bloodlust sport that many will think that the only feasible remedy is to accept Ernesto Valverde's mea culpa on Saturday night after Barca lost in Granada for the first time since 1972 and sack him.

(A fun stat: Barca has lost there five times in club history, and every time it happened, they failed to win La Liga that season.) During the buildup to Tuesday's Camp Nou meeting between La Liga's highest scoring teams thus far, with Villarreal matching Barca's 12 goals after five games, Valverde accepted the reality of his side's malaise. "Coaches are always fighting against the sack. That's not a novelty for me or any of my peers. Given the job I've got, it's results that dictate [my fate]. If Barca aren't leaders, then the manager's under intense scrutiny. But two good results can end a 'crisis.'" A couple of weeks ago Messi admitted, "I think everyone worried that the coach might be sacked at the end of last season because we didn't meet our objectives, but it was more the players' fault than his."

The problems with Valverde Three things are true of Valverde. First, while Barcelona were bristling with steely ambition and their key leaders were fit and on form, his "light hand on the tiller" approach to management was perfect. Just look at the good haul of trophies since he took over. Secondly, now that the seas are extremely stormy, his style of coaching - specifically the "pact" he struck with the squad leaders that rather than him being the outright boss (like an Alex Ferguson), he'd be primus inter pares, aka "first among equals" - will need an upgrade. That he struck such a deal with Messi, Sergio Busquets, Gerard Pique and Luis Suarez made sense: His was the ultimate responsibility, but it was an extremely benign, consultative dictatorship.



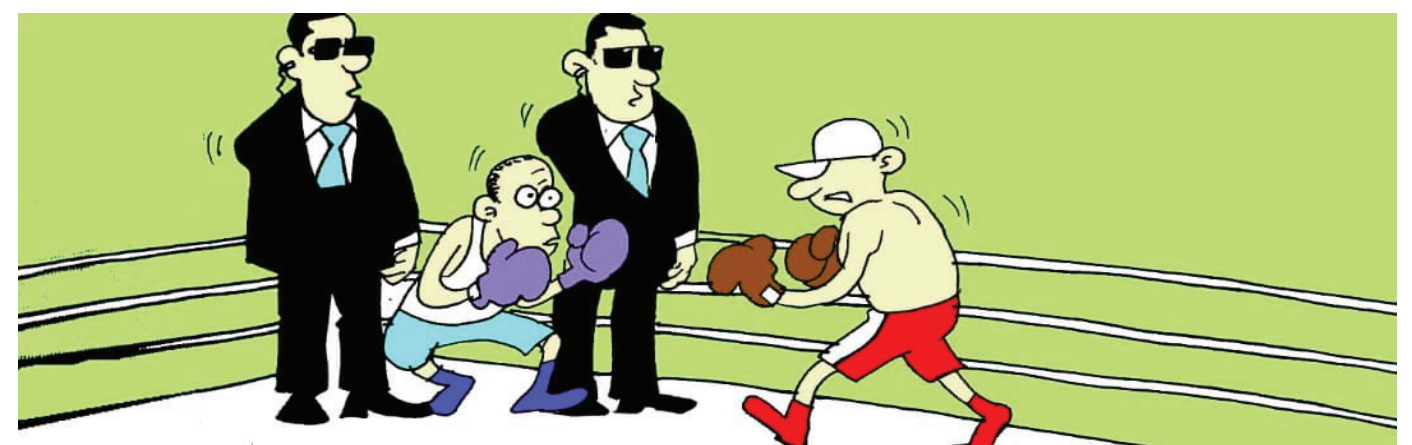
Ernesto Valverde

It's a long way of saying that Valverde reckoned, "if it ain't broke, don't fix it." It worked a treat... up to a point. Now it's out of date. Things are broken. They're fixable but cracked. The third thing that's true of Valverde, I'd argue, is that he isn't enjoying his work as much as he once did. Yeah, I hear you: boo-hoo-hoo. He's well paid, and he knew the stresses and potential indignities of managing a huge, often self-destructive and deeply divided club such as FC Barcelona. You're playing the world's smallest violin in sympathy for him, right? But this is a decent, hard-working guy who's respected by the large majority of his squad, simply doing the same things that won him six trophies (and a UEFA Cup runners-up medal with Espanyol) before he took over at Barca. He's not a dud. He is not someone to be dissed lightly, nor is sacking him the real solution to what's been going wrong. The flaws are easy to list and interdependent. Fundamental to Barcelona's producing a brand of football that was hellish to combat and made them if not unique then brand leaders was positional play. Intricate, demanding and intelligent play that required both discipline and in-

telligence. Yet it has been abandoned by the club, in the first team at least, for some considerable time. Eventually, under someone such as Xavi perhaps, it'll be restored, but will there be competent students to impose it? That's an intriguing question for the future. Positional play helps possession play, as does the availability of Xavi and Andres Iniesta. Gradually, Barcelona's actual amounts of possession have declined, but much more startling has been the decline in strategy for why possession is important: what you can do with it to punish the opposition. In the cases of some players, "possession" has begun to mean "running with the ball" rather than letting the ball do the work. It's anathema to the Frank Rijkaard, Johan Cruyff, Pep Guardiola and Tito Vilanova school of thought. Barcelona are not anywhere near as tough - whether physically, spiritually, athletically or competitively - as they were in the era when they could count on Puyol, David Villa, Samuel Eto'o, Iniesta, Xavi, Dani Alves, Pedro, Seydou Keita, Yaya Toure or Eric Abidal. Gradually - and I think this is an inescapable truth - they've gotten a little softer. The mix

of technique, brains, character, strength, athleticism and height declined across the first-team squad. There's also less pace. Several of those players who would feature in most people's "best XI" of the current squad are actively short of pace, either in explosive sprints or over a foot race. When the ball isn't moving quickly, this becomes a far greater Achilles' heel. President Josep Bartomeu has been pretty obsessed with passing the buck, whether it existed or not, to the guys who did his football planning: Andoni Zubizarreta, Robert Fernandez, Pep Segura and the exceptional Joan Vila, three of whom should have been retained. Now he's left with an imbalanced squad in which two of the three full-backs, Junior Firpo and Nelson Semedo, aren't good enough, when there's that lack of pace and in which no one seems to have planned for the fact that the only centre-forward turns 33 in January, carries extra weight, struggles to get away from defenders and hasn't scored away from home in the Champions League in four years. Luis Suarez remains an astonishingly clever, competitive and successful footballer, but the lack of strategy to replace him or make him compete for his place has shown either inexperience or fear of upsetting his major stakeholder, Messi. Barcelona need to change formations. Let me propose a solution for Barcelona supporters. It's a good one too. Hopefully Valverde is reading this. Apart from the instincts that Pique, Busquets, Jordi Alba and perhaps Arthur are still imbued with, the whole position-possession-pressing thing that made the modern Barca famous, admired and successful has pretty much departed, meaning that the 4-3-3 they currently play is out-of-date. It's a touchstone of the philosophy that, in due course, Victor Valdes, Puyol, Xavi and perhaps even Jordi Cruyff could reinstate, but right now, it's a relic.

Gwiji by David Chikoko





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## Navdeep Saini's got skills for Test cricket - Zaheer Khan

BENGALURU

THE improved fitness levels of Mohammed Shami, Jasprit Bumrah's out swinger to right-hand batsmen. Also, India's fast-bowling bench strength, and the facilities now available in the country; all these are indicators of Indian fast bowling's great health, according to former pace spearhead Zaheer Khan. Still, Zaheer would like to see Navdeep Saini given a chance in Test cricket.

"The longer format, that's the format that suits Saini," Zaheer told Mumbai Mirror. "Saini has got the pace and consistency in length."

Saini, who was among India's reserves for the World Cup, put his pace and short-ball skills on full display on the tour of Florida and the Caribbean in August. On T20I debut, Saini was on a hat-trick after getting Nicholas Pooran and Shimron Hetmyer off consecutive balls in Lauderdale. He finished that game with figures of 3 for 17, and the Player of the Match award.

In the Test matches that followed, Bumrah was at his lethal best, with 13 wickets in four innings at an average of 9.23, including only the third hat-trick by an Indian in the format. Chief among Bumrah's weapons in this series was the ball that moved away from the right-hand batsmen, and his newfound ability to bowl this delivery consistently makes him all the more potent,

Zaheer said.

"I have always said that if he had that outswinger for the right-handers, he will be a nightmare for the batting sides. I am glad that it has happened now," Zaheer said. "He needs to work on his fitness and keep doing the things that have brought him this far. With experience he will keep getting better and better."

Zaheer said Shami - who had finished third on the Test-wicket charts in the West Indies, taking nine at 17.77 - was reaping the benefits of the work he had put into his fitness. "With Shami we all knew about the wrist position and the upright seam. The only iffy thing was fitness but now he has worked on that."

During the World Cup in England this year, Shami had spoken of how he had worked hard on that aspect of his cricket. Leg issues kept him out for parts of 2016 and 2017, and when he returned for India, it seemed obvious that his fitness levels were down. That phase culminated with him missing out on the Afghanistan Test in Bengaluru in June last year, after failing a fitness test.

"I was heavy after the injury, I used to feel tightness in my knee after long spells, so I knew I had to do something extra if I had to play for a longer time," Shami had said during the World Cup. "I have cut down on my food, I follow a diet and people laugh about it when I tell them that.

## Bangladesh 'still trying to find the perfect game' - Domingo

DHAKA

BANGLADESH coach Russell Domingo conceded that the team is yet to play a 'perfect game of cricket' in the T20I tri-series, adding that to pull it off, they might field a four-man pace attack for the final against Afghanistan on Tuesday, depending on the conditions at Shere Bangla National stadium.

In the last two matches, the three-man pace attack - Mustafizur Rahman, Mohammad Saifuddin and Shafiqul Islam - have taken nine wickets at an average of 18.44 and a strike rate of 15.33. Both matches were held in Chattogram where pitches for limited-overs games are usually flatter compared to in Dhaka. The greenish pitch at Shere Bangla could tempt

the home team to add another pacer against the spin-heavy Afghanistan side. But the forecast of rain could change the plans.

Domingo said that even if the conditions on Tuesday don't let them play four pace bowlers, it is a strategy Bangladesh must get familiar with in T20Is, given the next World Cup is going to be held in Australia in 2020.

"I think we are going to add a fourth seamer to our 12 and make a decision tomorrow, looking at the wicket," Domingo said. "It is an area we can exploit if there's more pace and bounce. But [playing four pace bowlers] is definitely something that we can consider. It is not a Bangladesh way of doing things.

My thinking is where we are going to play the World Cup in

a year's time. We are playing in Australia, and I can't see us playing one or two seamers there. We have to play at least three or four fast bowlers in Australia.

"Winning now is important but we also have to think of what is in the best interest of the team going forward. It is a fine line to balance it. It is always good to have a fast-bowling attack but I understand the culture, and the fact that the strength of the team lies in spin bowlers. I am trying to find the balance as a coach."

Domingo pointed out that Bangladesh batsmen have been falling in a heap in the first ten overs and that, ahead of the final, they have been looking at playing a better game, ideally going into the final five overs with seven or eight wickets in hand. So far in the tourna-

ment, they have had scores of 117 for 6, 97 for 6, 90 for 3 and 101 for 5 in the first 15 overs. They have averaged 9.21 per over in the last five overs in these matches.

"We haven't played the perfect game of cricket yet," Domingo said. "We have been good in certain areas and average in certain areas. We are still trying to find the perfect game. So we haven't got to the last five or six overs with only two or three wickets down."

"We lose too many wickets in the first ten overs. We have to get to the 15th over with two wickets down, maybe, so that we have a platform for the last five overs."

Domingo also backed opening batsman Najmul Hossain, who has made just 5 and 11 in his two appearances so far in the competition. **AGENCIES**

## Ismaili Community team storm into GP Gymkhana Shield cricket tourney final

By Guardian Reporter

ISMAILI Community cricketers have made their intention to lift this season's GP Gymkhana Shield competition's trophy known, cruising to the final after notching victory over Gujrat Lions in the last four match in Dar es Salaam on Sunday.

The clash was the first of this season's competition's semi-finals and took place at Dar es Salaam Gymkhana Club (DGC) oval.

Kishen Kamania, Gujrat Lions' skipper, won the toss and elected to field, knowing that he has a formidable team, which has what it takes to chase down massive totals notched by opponents.

Ismaili Community were given a flying start by Jitendra Gariya and Akbar Khan with the opening partnership of 62 runs by the duo which saw to it the team post a convincing total.

The duo's performance was followed up by a fine innings from Khalil Rehemtullah who scored 33 runs off 31 balls, helping Ismaili post 147 runs for nine wickets in their 20 overs.

Gujrat Lions, in response, came out confident and in fine form, but a devastating spell of bowling from Ismaili's Harshdeep Chohan frustrated the side's chase.

The talented young performer took three wickets and conceded 11 runs in four overs.

Experienced pacer, Khalil Rehemtullah, piled misery on Gujrat Lions, taking four wickets for 21 runs in four overs.

His displays left Gujrat Lions reeling at 27 runs for seven wickets in seven overs.

Rehemtullah was, in the end, the pick of Ismaili Community bowlers, taking a hat-trick of wickets during his outstanding spell which eventually saw him win the man of the match award.



Ismaili Community's player, Harshdeep Chohan, puts his skills to show when his team took on Gujrat Lions in the semi-final of this season's GP Gymkhana Shield competition in Dar es Salaam on Sunday. Ismaili Community won the match. PHOTO: COURTESY OF NIKHIL PUJARA

Gujrat Lions' batsman Ashish Kamania showed some resistance by scoring 52 runs off 34 balls, which included four huge sixes and as many fours.

Ismaili Community that won the GP Gymkhana Shield competition's 2017 edition will be looking forward to this year's competition's final, which will be played on Sunday.

They will confront winners of the second last four clash between Caravans and Lions Cricket Club to be played on Saturday.

Caravans, the competition's defending champions, made easy pickings of the tournament's last quarterfinal match against Punjabi Kings, which was held last Sunday.

Winning the toss, Sreejith Kumar, Caravans' skipper, elected to bat and the squad went on to post a massive score of 158 runs for three wickets in their allotted 20 overs.

Kassim Nassor was the pick of Caravans' innings, scoring 57 runs from 39 balls, with Manoj Kumar (31 runs) and Ivan Ismail (40 runs) supporting well at both ends.

Caravans will now come up against Lions Cricket Club in the second semi-final at the DGC oval on Saturday.

Caravans have been in fine form in this year's tournament, having enjoyed unbeaten spell from the groups' stage.

They thus look to be in better position to retaining the GP Gymkhana Shield tournament's trophy this year as well.

This season's tournament, hosted by the DGC Cricket Section, has General Petroleum and Premium Refineries as main sponsors.

ARFO Turk, ASAR Limited, Jaykey Trading, I&M Bank, SBC Tanzania, Sayona Drinks and Mgen Tanzania are the competition's co-sponsors.

## China pledges cooperation with Tanzania in arts, culture

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

CHINA'S government has said it will continue working with Tanzania in arts and culture sector for the benefit of people of the two countries.

Gao Wei, who is the Cultural Counsellor for the Chinese Embassy in Tanzania, issued the pledge at a cultural festival of Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region which was held at the National Museum in Dar es Salaam on Monday.

He said for a long time China and Tanzania have been working together in culture and arts sector and time has come for the two countries to strengthen the relationship in the mentioned sector.

"Tanzania and China have been working together in many sectors which include finance and social. In the arts and culture sector we have also done well and it is my hope that we will continue working together for the benefit of our people," he said.

Wei also said the Inner Mongolia Cultural Festival was aimed at celebrating 55 years of the relationship between Tanzania and China.



Acting Director of Culture Development in the Ministry of Information, Culture, Arts and Sports, Joyce Fiso (2nd L), takes part in the Cigogo music festival with a section of the genre's artists at Chamwino ground in Dodoma recently. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

in all sectors of life. "Chinese people are very good in keeping and

The event as well celebrated the 70th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China.

Bagamoyo Institute of Arts and Culture (TaSuBa)'s Principal, Herbat Makoye, who was the guest of honour at the event, hailed Chinese people for maintaining their culture and arts.

He said China, as it is the case for Tanzania, is well known for its culture and arts, a development he described as healthy for any society.

Makoye also hailed the relationship that exists between Tanzania and China

preserving their arts and culture," he disclosed. "This is very good for the health of any society and we are happy that we are working closely with our Chinese counterparts."

The festival's performance, which was known as 'Ode to the Moon', was done by artists from the city of Chifeng in Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region.

They performed 18 different performances, namely Toasing Song, Six Hanna Yurt, top bowl dance, recall song, Walking Horse, Welcome Song, GonGeer Lake Khan, Manai Wulanmuq and Egil's Milk Barrel.

Other performances were Aobao Meet, Hongyan Four Seasons Pastoral, Grassland Feelings, Xige Xige Xige Xige, Father's Grassland Mother's River, Mongolian Horse and Eternal Wulanmuq.

The Monday performance was second festival to be held this year by Inner Mongolia artists in Tanzania. The first festival took place a few months ago.

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