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## Chirac, former conservative French ruler, dies aged 86

PARIS

FORMER French President Jacques Chirac, known for a carefully crafted "everyman" image but whose later years were dogged by allegations of corruption, has died at the age of 86.

In recent years, Chirac had suffered from memory loss and was rarely seen in public, but the two-time president will be remembered for his political prowess and his cultivated man-of-the-people style.

Chirac was born and educated in Paris, but developed an affinity for his family's native



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region in rural France and never lost his touch for the country or the common man.

As president, he clearly enjoyed mixing in with the crowds, trying a bite of this or a glass of that, and often attended agricultural fairs.

Even though he graduated from the best schools, Chirac worked as a sailor at one time and even briefly held a job in the United States.

"I also worked in a factory in St. Louis, an Anheuser-Busch factory," he told CNN's Larry King in 1995.

Chirac volunteered for the French Army in 1956 during the Algerian war. But he was driven by an interest in politics, and at age 35 he became one of the youngest government ministers in France under President Charles de Gaulle.

He held a series of national jobs and then in 1977 became the first elected mayor of Paris -- a post that had been, until then, an appointed position.

Chirac clearly understood the political value in the job: Being mayor of the capital was a perfect springboard to national power. Through his popularity -- some would say prowess -- Chirac was able to serve twice as prime minister, even as he retained the job of Paris mayor.

By 1995 his career was flying high. He ran for

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# Suicide comes second to accidents in youth deaths



Rahma Mwita (R), co-founder of an organisation known as Open Youth Opportunities, engaged in discussions with other participants at a workshop organised in Dar es Salaam yesterday by Women at Web Tanzania. The latter is a project funded by Germany's DW Akademie and meant to bridge the gender digital divide by encouraging online participation by women in Tanzania through digital literacy and safe online spaces. This is encouraged through provision of know-how and safety and legal guidelines with which to protect themselves against online harassment, a confirmed challenge to gender digital inclusion. Photo: Guardian Correspondent.

Youths aged 15 to 29 are pushed to suicide when they fail to meet the various challenges encountered as they enter adolescence, including peer pressure, lack of incomes and failed sentimental affinities

By Henry Mwangonde

PSYCHIATRISTS have advised that teamwork should be taken up to find new ways to check a growing tendency of people committing suicide, now being cited as the second biggest cause of deaths for youths aged 15 to 30.

Speaking at a mental health awareness and suicide prevention forum at the Muhimbili National Hospital (MNH) yesterday, Dr Praxeda Swai, a psychiatrist and mental health specialist at the hospital said more males commit suicide than females but more females attempt suicide.

Through the Mental Health Association of Tanzania (MEHATA), experts are brainstorming on the best way to provide civic education at the family level on how best to address the challenge.

According to Dr Swai, youths aged 15 to 29



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Citing the World Health Organization suicides

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## Minister tired of contractors, hands projects to RUWASA, water bodies

By Correspondent James Kandoya



**This is what made me suspend issuance of construction permits for contractors and instead the tasks will be given the Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Agency (RUWASA) and water authorities**

THE government has suspended issuance of permits to contractors building water projects countrywide due to cheating in project estimation costs and instead the task has been given to the Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Agency (RUWASA) and water authorities.

The Minister for Water, Prof Makame Mbarawa made this declaration yesterday during his tour of Lindi Region, inspecting water projects for Lindi municipality and the district council.

Prof Mbarawa cited project cost over-estimation as a serious challenge, thwarting implementation of water projects across the country, noting that it delays many projects and has become a huge burden to the government.

During the tour, he had ascertained that most contractors for water projects lack integrity as they have been providing higher cost estimations for super profits at the expense of tax-payers.

"This is what made me suspend the issuance

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## Leakage in recent Std VII exams hauls 10 teachers, guard to court

By Guardian Correspondent, Singida

ELEVEN teachers and an auxiliary police guard in Iramba District, Singida Region have appeared before the district magistrate here facing three counts, including disclosing to students answers of the National Std VI Examinations at Sekenke and Ntwike Primary Schools.

Those placed in the dock were Ibrahim Hamisi Mulula (40) - a resident of Sekenke Village, Agapitu Mlwilo (44) - a resident of Ntwike Village, Pascali Balohu (36) - a resident of Ntwike Village, Blendani Edward Kimu (43)

- a resident of Kinalilya and Fatuma Shabani (31) - a resident of Luzilukulu.

Also included is a member of local auxiliary police with Force No. MG 314162 Lazaro Emanueli (35) - a resident of Nsunsu village, along with Anna Joseph Mpamila (42) - a resident of New Kiomboi, Lackres Temu (43) - a resident of Lulumba village, Zuhura Heri (42) - a resident of Doromoni village, Neema Ng'adi (30) - a resident of Shati Kiomboi village, Joyce Jacobo Kitundu (36) - a resident of Old Kiomboi village and Selina Joseph Rahimu (34) - a resident of Masimba village.

In the first count that involved conspiracy to



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commit the crime, Public Prosecutor Lucas Ngoboko alleged in court that on unknown dates between August 2019 and September 2019 at an undisclosed place in Iramba District the accused conspired for the purpose of committing a crime.

In the second count in the case No 206/2019 before District Magistrate Aristides Tarimo, it was alleged by prosecutor Ngoboko that on September 11 and 12 this year at Ntwike Primary School all the accused together provided answers

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president and won. But almost from the beginning of his term, he was faced with labor unrest over his economic austerity plans. By the end of his first year, unions nearly brought the country to its knees with strikes that paralyzed the transport sector. The government had to make an embarrassing about-face.

Still hoping more than a year later to enact his plans, Chirac ordered new elections, but the gamble backfired and the national assembly and government shifted to the left. His rival for the presidency became the prime minister. It was perhaps one of Chirac's greatest political miscalculations.

The years that followed were difficult ones, but Chirac's popularity rose as the Socialist prime minister's fell. In 2002, he was elected to a second term.

While there were few dramatic initiatives during his second time in office, one did stand out: He sent his foreign minister to the United Nations to publicly declare that France would oppose the US-led war in Iraq.

The move led to was certainly a low point in Franco-American relations, but as Chirac told CNN at the time, there was no going back.

"That any given individual country could go to war, or wage war on its own, is unthinkable, no one's even contemplating that. So there's not any other solution to multilateralism. It is the conscience and the effectiveness of the world, as expressed in the UN."

As his second mandate played out, Chirac's popularity went into free fall. Even when he suffered a minor stroke in 2005, there was little sympathy for the clearly aging president. At the end of his term in 2007, less than one person in five approved of his presidency -- a record low.

But the end of his political career did not end his problems. For years, he was dogged by charges of corruption dating back decades to his time in the Paris City Hall.

He had immunity from the charges while he was president, but as he moved out of office, the prosecutor moved in. Chirac was tried and convicted of putting his political party workers on the city's payroll, and was given a two-year suspended sentence.

Still, through all of the ups and downs of his nearly 40-year career in politics, Chirac remained one of the most popular public figures in France. But that popularity, biographers suggest, may be due to the perception of him as an "everyman," rather than for any particular achievement.



Zanzibar President Dr Ali Mohamed Shein, who is on an official visit to the United Arab Emirates, receives a copy of a Special Education curriculum book from tutor Natasha Ridge (L) of the Sheikh Saud Bin Saqr Al Qasimi Policy and Research Institute. Photo: State House

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to students sitting the National Std VII Examinations.

The prosecutor further alleged that the accused provided answers to students in Maths, General Knowledge, Kiswahili and Science subjects through mobile phones with numbers 0762333092, 0756059517, 0753-

677270, 0753-372636, 0766405522 and 0653012925.

In the third count involving Blendani Edward Kimu, Fatuma Shabani, Anna Joseph Mpamila, Lackres Temu, Zuhura Heri, Neema Ng'adi, Joyce Jacobo Kitundu and Selina Joseph Rahimu the prosecutor alleged that the accused exercised gross

negligence while performing their duties.

It was alleged that on or around September 11 and 12 at Sekenke and Ntwike primary schools the accused persons who were invigilators for the said examinations exercised gross negligence while performing their duties.

The prosecutor objected to bail for the accused, arguing that investigations were still going on and that some pupils who are witnesses were yet to be questioned. Hence if they are given bail they would tamper with investigations.

Another reason for objecting bail was that mobile phones used

in the commission of the offence were still with their relatives, hence in the event they are given bail they would meddle with continuing investigations.

The magistrate sided with the prosecutor and remanded all the accused up to September 27 when the case comes up for mention.



Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa exchanges greetings with NBC Bank Lake Zone manager Japhet Mazumira at the ongoing mining technology exhibition in Geita yesterday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

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of construction permits for contractors and instead the tasks will be given the Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Agency (RUWASA) and water authorities," he explained. The decision is meant to end the tendency of stealing tax-payers money, which would instead be used

on other public projects, he stated. Prof Mbarawa also directed the Lindi District Executive Director (DED) and Halem Construction Co. Ltd to leave the task of procuring and distributing water pipes for Nandambi water project to the ministry. The move is geared towards

ensuring that the project is executed and completed on time, he told the gathering.

The government has already set aside funds and the pipes will arrive in the next two weeks to complete the project by the end of this year at a cost worth 825m/-, he said. For his part, Acting Lindi Regional

Commissioner Shaibu Ndemanga assured the minister that the regional administration shall talk with the contractors in order that the project is completed on time.

Prof Mbarawa's move came barely a week after the government revealed that 88 major water projects dating back to 2010 had stalled in various

parts of the country, citing poor management and unscrupulous engineers as prevalent in project implementation.

The projects kicked off between 2010 and 2013 but have not produced a drop of water despite consuming billions of shillings in taxpayers' money, the minister intoned.

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database for 2015, the expert said that at the global level, close to 800,000 people die due to suicide every year and around 78 percent of global suicide cases occur in low and middle income countries.

"Suicide is a serious health problem, a very complex challenge with no single source. Every 40 seconds a person commits suicide somewhere in the world and each suicide has a serious impact on at least six other people," she said.

The psychological, social and financial impact of suicide on the family and community is immeasurable, the psychiatrist intoned.

The forum under the theme 'mental awareness and suicide prevention' was aimed at showing how to address the issue as well as sharing ideas on how to treat a person who has attempted to commit suicide.

Being divorced, widowhood and being single were situations of higher risk of suicide than stable married living, she elaborated.

Though there are no studies on the matter in Tanzania, police force data indicate that between January and June 2017, 88 civilians and three police officers committed suicide.

In 2018, during the same period, 114 civilians and five police men killed themselves, she said.

Experts say that key signs and symptoms of someone veering towards suicide include a habit of taking undue risks, talking or thinking about death often and giving away important possessions.

MEHATA chairman Dr Isaac Lema said that one in every four people faces mental challenges, with stress and depression being the main causes.

Many factors are said to lead to a decision to commit suicide. Psychologists say it usually is an act made during a storm of strong emotions and life stresses rather than after careful consideration. Severe depression is the most common factor.

It happens when a person is feeling so much emotional pain that they see death as the only way to relieve that pain.



# 'Vandals' remove essential device from Sibiti bridge in Singida Region

By Guardian Correspondent, Mkalama

PEOPLE yet to be identified but believed to be vandals have removed a device known as expansion joint from the 82-metre bridge being constructed over Sibiti River at Nyahaa Village, Mpambala Ward, Mkalama District in Singida Region. The device prevents the expansion of the bridge.

The Ag. TANROAD Manager for Singida Region Eng. Matari Masige said the government spent billions to construct the bridge but there some people have started sabotaging the project by stealing construction parts from the bridge.

The Ag. Manager explained that despite posting police guards to guard the bridge, amazingly, in the one year period since President John Magufuli laid the cornerstone to the bridge, it has repeatedly been vandalized.

When required to elaborate on these acts of sabotage even though the police guards were posted to guard the bridge, the Singida Regional Police Commander ASP Sweetbert Njeweke confessed posting police guards at the infrastructure.

However ASP Njeweke stressed that the bridge was being guarded in turns by policemen from Singida and Simiyu regions and believed that the Officer Commanding District (OCD) for Mkalama was fully supervising the exercise to protect the bridge from vandalism.

He also said according to professional report from Singida TANROADS Manager, the stolen device cannot cause any danger to the bridge's safety once motor traffic start using it.

Speaking at different times while at the bridge, some of the wananchi including leaders of Mpambala Ward expressed regret over the theft of the device that was stolen which they said was essential to bridge's safety.

Boaz Hassan Ndandutwa, Councilor for Mpambala Ward raised various accusations against the guards posted at the bridge, saying they are only seen at the bridge during days when auction is taking place at Bukundi village in the proximity and engage themselves in stopping and inspecting motor vehicles passing by.

He said: "I must confess that it's not every day that I pass over the bridge, only during auction days (Wednesdays) at Bukundi when I find policemen stopping vehicles."

However Boaz looked surprised by the vandalism to the bridge as he said he fails to understand whether it was done during the night or daytime but promised to talk to the policemen to see for themselves the vandalism done and to impress



Education, Science, Technology and Vocational Training ministry permanent secretary Dr Leonard Akwilapo (L) addresses the Fourth Scientific Conference of the Geographical Association of Tanzania at Mwalimu Nyerere Memorial Academy in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Photo: Selemani Mpochi

upon them to be more vigilant.

Jasia Jackson Shabani, a resident of Mwangi Village said if there were guards posted at the bridge but instead of guarding the bridge they were engaged in other duties the

government should not hesitate to take legal action against them for negligence. On his part the Mkalama District Commissioner Eng. Jacksoni Masaka, while admitting to have received reports of acts of

sabotage to the bridge from Singida Region TANROADS Manager, the district defence and security committee directed the Mkalama OCD to post policemen at the bridge.

He said: "The bridge is guarded

by the police who make patrols from time to time hence the district defence and security committee had already directed the OCD to ensure police guards are posted, but the challenge for him (OCD) is that

sometimes he finds himself without a vehicle in working condition under his charge, whilst Ibagwa police station nearby has no vehicle of its own, hence they are often forced to use motor cycles."

# Simbachawene orders removal of NEMC inspectors from Dar es Salaam port

By Guardian Reporter

MINISTER State in the Vice-President's Office, (Union and Environment) George Simbachawene has order immediate removal of two inspectors incongruously placed at the Dar es Salaam Port by the National Environment Management Council (NEMC), saying they were undermining efficiency in clearing imported cargo at the port.

The minister said importers complained to the government about the harmful confusion and disorder emanating from decisions and orders made by the two inspectors relating to packages of imported goods.

Importers said the confusion undermined cargo clearing efficiency and they suffered instant loss.

During his tour the minister realised that the workers were inappropriately posted at the port and were not conversant with provisions of the Regulations (made under the Environmental Management Act 2004) that guide production, storage, marketing and use of plastic and non-plastic packages and carrier bags.

"Apparently the complaints of importers are genuine. The workers must be removed immediately because importers are at a loss, the workers are doing work that is unrelated to their professions and are not conversant with



Regulation 9 which is very clear on illicit plastic packages and carriers and those allowed in order to protect health; facilitate packaging of

industrial products and products in construction and agriculture sectors, foodstuffs, cleanliness and garbage containment," the minister calmly explained.

He called on NEMC to ensure placement of workers is in line with their professions, explaining that NEMC was able to get right workers to do the job the two inspectors were doing at the port. "A water engineer or a lawyer must be assigned proper work not otherwise, for laws of the land only seek to make life better not the other way round," he emphasised.

Nonetheless, Simbachawene (pictured) said packages and carriers in circulation must conform with standards issued by the Tanzania

Bureau of Standards (TBS), explaining that packages and carriers in circulation that do not meet TBS standards "are illicit and must be removed from circulation within 14 days. Thereafter, culprits are risking severe legal steps and other actions that include confiscating and burning of the banned products," he warned.

The minister visited the port as part of his regular follow-up schedule on implementation of government decisions and especially after importers complained of confusion and damaging chaos at the clearance point of imported goods on excuse of preventing banned plastic packages from entering the market.

# UAE agrees to help boost education sector in Isles

By Guardian Reporter

ZANZIBAR and Ras Al Khaimah government have agreed to implement education programme aimed at improving education sector in the Indian Ocean archipelago.

Isles' President Dr Ali Mohamed Shein revealed this yesterday when he met with a delegation of Sheikh Saud bin Saqr Al Qasbi Foundation for Policy Research in Ras Al Khaimah—one of the seven emirates that make up the United Arab Emirates (UAE)

He said that his government is ready to work with of Ras Al Khaimah in introducing teachers' training programme in Zanzibar.

Dr Shein is in Ras Al Khaimah—the northernmost emirate of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) for a six-day official visit.

He lauded Sheikh Saud bin Saqr Al Qasbi, who is the current Ruler of Ras Al Khaimah for quick response on the Zanzibar's education programme. The teachers' training programme is meant to bolster education sector in the Indian Ocean archipelago.

Dr Shein invited the team of the foundation to visit Zanzibar and meet with top officials of ministry of education and State University of Zanzibar (SUZA) to see how they can chip in and empower Isles' teachers with new teaching skills.

"This will make our education officials to identify key priority areas so that they can be embedded in the new programme, the move that will help in implementing the programme," he said.

Managing director of the foundation, Natasha Ridge said that the foundation's primary focus areas are education, public health, and urban development. It also work collaboratively, and aims to establish relationships with talented scholars and world-class universi-

ties, innovative public policy research centers, established government institutions, and strategic partners in the private and non-governmental sectors. Ridge said that his foundation has been providing professional training to teachers from primary to secondary schools. "Our training programme intends to empower students with best skills to perform better in higher education studies in and outside the country," he said.

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Tanzania Local Enterprise Development (TLED), is a five-year project, co-implemented by VSO International and Cuso International, with national partners: the Tanzanian Chamber of Commerce Industry and Agriculture (TCCIA), the Small Industries Development Organisation (SIDO) and the Tanzanian Women Chamber of Commerce (TWCC). The project is funded by Global Affairs Canada (GAC). It is being implemented in 3 Tanzanian economic zones, with a total of 6 regions: the Lake Zone (Mwanza and Shinyanga regions), the Southern Zone (Lindi and Mtwara regions) and the Southern Highlands Zone (Iringa and Njombe regions). TLED's overall goal is to enhance equitable and sustainable economic growth for both women and men by supporting Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) sector development via improved market-driven and gender responsive business development services.

TLED project will be running a tender with an intention of awarding Consultancy Services to Provide Technical Support on Development of Environment, Health and Safety (HSE) Systems and Capacity Development for TLED's project partners. We are seeking an expressions of interest from reputable firms or individuals who have successfully undertaken similar consultancy. Preferred firms or individuals would have significant hands on experience in conducting environmental management projects involving SMEs and approved to undertake OHS services under relevant authorities and with good track records in the development of HSE strategic plans.

Firms or individuals wishing to express their interest should do so in writing to [Tender.Tanzania@vsoint.org](mailto:Tender.Tanzania@vsoint.org) by **October 10, 2019 at 10:00am** and provide a contact name, organisation name, phone number and email address.

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# Kalemani instructs regulator to bring down price of natural gas

By Guardian Reporter

MINISTER for Energy Dr Medard Kalemani has directed all authorities that are involved in the gas sector to meet and come up with industrial gas prices that will be beneficial to all.

The Minister made the remarks recently during a tour at the tiles manufacturing industry, Goodwill in Mkuranga District in the Coast Region.

He directed the Tanzania Petroleum Development Cooperation, Energy and Water Regulatory Authority (EWURA) Petroleum Upstream Regulatory Authority (PURA) the office of the Attorney General and experts at the Ministry to go through all the prices in factories

to empower local industries.

According to the Minister there have been complaints from investors that prices for industrial gas are higher.

"Our aim is to attract more investors to come and invest, therefore I direct you to start the negotiations as soon as possible so that all sides benefits," he said.

He asked the experts to look at the prices in other countries so that they come up with reasonable process.

He said it was surprising that the prices for gas for an individual who is near the exploration site to the one far from it are the same.

The current prices range from \$4.7 to 7.72 per unit.

In June, resident John Magufuli directed the Ministry of energy and Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) gas suppliers to agree on the mode to procure the product after the two sides differed on the decision by the government to adopt bulk procurement system (BPS).

The Head of State was speaking in Dar es Salaam when he officially opened the Taifa Gas Limited machines center an investment worth 150bn/- located at Kigamboni District.

President Magufuli urged the two sides to find solution to the matter which will be a win-win agreement to ensure the government was getting tax as well as favoring the investor.

## HALMASHAURI YA JIJI LA DODOMA



24 Septemba, 2019

### TANGAZO UUZAJI VIWANJA

Halmashauri itauza Viwanja kwa njia ya Mnada tarehe 28/9/2019 saa 4:00 asubuhi katika eneo la Wazi la Manispaa ya zamani. Viwanja hivyo vipo eneo la Nzuguni na vinazunguka Eneo la Soko kuu na Stendi mpya ya Mabasi inayojengwa.

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 (Nanane) 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 umiliki 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 Njedengwa, 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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6	14	AY	3,859.00	HOTELI
7	15	AY	3,857.00	HOTELI
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
13	21	AY	3,825.00	HOTELI
14	22	AY	3,848.00	HOTELI
15	23	AY	4,225.00	HOTELI
16	24	AY	8,710.00	MADUKA MAKUBWA (SHOPPING MALL)
17	25	AY	6,765.00	MADUKA MAKUBWA (SHOPPING MALL)
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19	4	AZ	1,746.00	HOTELI
20	5	AZ	1,830.00	HOTELI
21	6	AZ	1,858.00	HOTELI
22	7	AZ	1,847.00	HOTELI
23	8	AZ	1,938.00	HOTELI
24	9	AZ	2,056.00	BIASHARA (COMMERCIAL)
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)
31	17	AZ	6,869.00	HOTELI

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Ilemela district commissioner Dr Severine Lailika cuts a ribbon to launch a Tigo shop in Mwanza city yesterday. Looking on are the firm's Lake Zone customer service manager, Beatrice Kinabo (L), and Lake Zone director Uthmaan Madati. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

# Lugola: Govt will continue working closely with CSOs

Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

THE government has expressed commitment to work closely with Civil Society Organization (CSOs) in effort to help improve matters of human rights in the country.

Minister for Home Affairs, Kangi Lugola made the remarks here yesterday, noting that there are some CSOs in the country which are doing good work such as providing legal services to people, thus broadening human rights.

He made the statement while officiating at the launch of the Legal and Human Rights Centre (LHRC)'s sub-office in Dodoma. He thanked the organization for the good work it has been doing since its establishment over two decades ago.

Lugola said many Tanzanians have benefited through services offered by LHRC, adding "The centre has been a home to many Tanzanians seeking legal support and could not easily afford".

He observed that the government has allowed establishment of such CSOs, calling on others to emulate the good work of LHRC which works

closely with the government in solving people's problems.

The minister thanked the organization for the decision to open office in Dodoma, noting that it is a clear indication that it supports the government in its plan to relocate to the political capital city.

A the same time Lugola argued that the same move will also make the organization reach more people in the region that could not seek services in Dar es Salaam where LHRC is headquartered.

According to the minister Tanzania is among the few countries which have matters of human rights clearly detailed in the constitution, calling on the CSOs to help the public also know that rights also come with obligation. The launch of LHRC's office yesterday went alongside the launch of a programme to mark the organization's silver anniversary next year.

Speaking earlier, LHRC's Executive Director, Anna Henga said the organization will next year hold its 25 anniversary, noting that various activities will from this year take place in connection with the anniversary next year. She said throughout the

24 years of existence, LHRC has been able to promote peace and harmony in the country, having engaged in many peace activities.

"As an institution we work in collaboration with the government in providing education on human rights among other legal matters" she said, adding that opening an office in the capital city confirms the close relations.

She said as the organization will be marking silver jubilee, it will also use the occasion to announce the winner of Maji Maji award, given to people who have shown significant involvement in matters of human rights.

LHRC has bestowed the award to three people since its inception in 2005. The first winners was Justice Mwalusanya (2005), Dr Wilbrod Slaa (2010) and former Controller and Auditor General (CAG) Ludovic Utouh (2015).

Henga explained the winner is got in a transparent way whereby individuals, institutions and organizations propose name of a person who deserve the award and the person mentioned more than others clinch the title.

## East Africa tea industry eyeing Chinese market in effort to fight fall in revenues

By Special Correspondent, Nairobi

THE east Africa tea industry is seeking to expand into the Chinese market in order to boost its declining revenues, an official said on Thursday.

Edward Mudibo, managing director of the East African Tea Trade Association (EATTA) told Xinhua in Nairobi that the region is experiencing increasing production while demand for the cash crop has stagnated hence lower prices at the Mombasa tea auction.

"We plan to sign a memorandum of understanding with the Chinese tea trade association later in the year so that more east Africa tea is sold in China," Mudibo said.

EATTA represents the interests of the tea industry in Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Rwanda, Burundi, Ethiopia, Democratic Republic of Congo, Malawi, Madagascar and Mozambique.

The trade association said its principal mandate is to run the weekly Mombasa tea auction center which is currently the largest tea auction center in the world and the only one dealing in teas from more than one country.

Mudibo said that the auction has more than 70 buyers but key markets are Pakistan, Egypt, Britain, Sudan, Yemen and United Arab Emirates. He noted that if more Chinese buyers enter the tea market it will boost the price at the market and increase foreign revenues for the



Dar es Salaam Water and Sewage Authority employee repairs a leaking pipe leading to a customer's residence in Dar es Salaam's Boko suburb yesterday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

region. According to the tea industry official, the Mombasa tea auction center traded over 400 million kilograms of tea valued at over 100 billion shillings (one billion U.S. dol-

lars) in 2018. Mudibo revealed that in July, the Mombasa tea auction witnessed the lowest average price of 1.76 U.S. per kg due to overproduction of tea.





Bank of Africa managing director Joseph Iha (C) addresses journalists in Dar es Salaam on plans to boost business in Tanzania. He is flanked by deputy director Wasia Mushi (L) and deputy director (business development) Samir Yassine. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## France launches project to protect Mt Kilimanjaro ice

By Correspondent Crispin Gerald

THE France embassy in Tanzania has launched the Ice Memory Project as glaciers on Mount Kilimanjaro are vanishing at an alarming rate, sparking off fears of their disappearance.

Speaking on Wednesday at the event to launch the project, France Ambassador to Tanzania Frederic Clavier described the project as vital for Tanzania as it will provide samples of the Mount Kilimanjaro glaciers for analyses to uncover some of the currently missing knowledge.

He said the project underscores the importance and the urgency of preservation of the highest glaciers on the planet and to know more about the consequences of

climate change.

According to the envoy, the project will be led by scientific teams of Tanzania, France, Italy, Switzerland, United States and Russia; and will be implemented between the end of January and the beginning of February next year.

The team, Clavier said is expected to drill six ice cores of about 53m depth each before transporting the frozen pieces first to France at the Institute of Environmental Geosciences (IGE) and eventually to Antarctica for preservation.

He added: "One of the ice cores will be dedicated to today's science and Tanzanian students and researchers (those at Masters and PhD levels Continued from Page 1 who will benefit on capacity build-

ing of the students, which is valuable and important because of its many longterm impacts." He explained that the remaining ice cores will be archived for the next decades and centuries in Antarctica and will be at the disposal of scientists from all around the world for future generations once the original glacier has disappeared.

These evidences could help the international community to focus and prioritize their national policies to mitigate climate change, the envoy said.

Dr Ezekiel Mwakalukwa, Director of Forestry and Bee Keeping Division in the Ministry of Tourism and Natural Resources said that as climate change is the defining issue today, this was a great move.

For his part Italy Ambassador to Tanza-

nia Roberto Mengoni said Italy is supporting the project effectively to make sure the goal is met.

"We need to have a memory of what was the past at Kilimanjaro Mountain, this will give us a lesson on how to prepare for the future decades," he said.

He said that, signs are important to observe in this project to find best solution to complex problem with rationale of ideas, studies and efforts without shortcuts, this is also the basis of scientific thoughts.

"I am very proud to support the project and I hope in the next year we will be together and we will start to work on Kilimanjaro Mountain to help preserve sample of the glaciers for future studies and memories," said Mengoni.

## Dr Shein visits Ras Al Khaimah's gas plant

By Guardian Reporter

ZANZIBAR President Dr Ali Mohamed Shein yesterday visited the plant run by international firm involved in research and drilling for oil and natural gas - RAK in the outskirts of Ras Al Khaimah in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) during which he witnessed the firm's activities.

The plant receives natural gas from various gas fields for processing and distribution ready for use.

Dr Shein and his delegation were briefed by officials of the plant including General Manager Peter Deibel, Assistant Manager for Operations Jody Labbie and Chief Production Supervisor Deepu Thomas who elucidated on gas processing and distribution.

Dr Shein said he was impressed by various activities at the plant which has been a key driving force for Ras Al Khaimah's development. Ras Al Khaimah is a state forming the UAE.

He also praised huge development strides of the emirate's economic development that has been spurred by the gas sector, which among other things has contributed to the growth of labour market.

RAK Gas officials also briefed Dr Shein on the mode of transporting natural gas from the plant to areas to be used. They also told him that Al Khaimah natural gas is also being used

in other vital industries including manufacturing of cement and building materials.

Hence natural gas from the emirate has greatly contributed to the construction sector in the UAE.

They explained that the natural gas resource has helped economic growth in other sectors as well including providing employment to thousands of people as well as adding value to other products.

Earlier at Waldorf Astoria Hotel in Ras Al Khaimah city, Dr Shein and his delegation held discussions with top RAK Gas executives during which they briefed him on progress made on oil and natural gas exploration currently undertaken in Zanzibar by RAK Gas.

At the briefing RAK Gas Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Nishant Dighe and officials of the Zanzibar delegation stressed on the need to increase cooperation in the research, development and drilling of oil and natural gas in Zanzibar.

In addition RAK gas officials congratulated Zanzibar government leaders and people of Zanzibar in general for great cooperation in the research, the situation that simplifies the implementation of the research.

On their part Zanzibar government officials promised to boost the existing cooperation with the RAK Gas Company with the aim of realizing goals for the benefit of both sides.



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## Farmers urged to grab sunflower farming opportunities

By Guardian Correspondent, Dodoma

FARMERS in the country have been called to grab the opportunity in sunflower farming due to the existence of many sunflower oil processing plants, which reduces the cost of importing the commodity from foreign.

Dodoma Regional Commissioner Dr Binilith Mahenge said this when he made an inspection tour of Zain Oil Mills here that extracts oil from sunflower seeds.

"The government has been spend-

ing a lot of money in foreign currency to import edible oil from foreign but the existence of the big local processing plants like this one will help to reduce the importing cost hence I urge farmers to invest in sunflower farming," he said.

He also thanked the investor of the plant by supporting efforts of President John Magufuli in the country's industrial development.

He said the existence of the new plant will help farmers countrywide, including those from foreign countries to bring in their sunflower seeds

for processing into edible oil.

He added that the plant will assist visitors coming to Dodoma and those shifting to the nation's capital to obtain the commodity for trade and domestic use.

He also called on sunflower farmers to stop destroying sunflower seeds by mixing them with sand and gravel so as to increase weight when selling.

DR Mahenge urged investors of sunflower processing plants in the country to cooperate with agricultural researchers to get better seeds that

are able to yield more oil.

For his part, the plant's Director Salman Gulamali said the plant has a capacity to produce 100 tons of oil per day and have mobilized them to purchase adequate sunflower seeds.

Gulamali said they have invested more than 6b/- in the plant and will continue to invest in more machinery in order to cater for more customers.

However he said the plant's machinery are also capable to extract oil from cottonseed and groundnuts, but have started with sunflower.

## Eastern Africa nations to bring the fight against hunger back on track

ADDIS ABABA

THE Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) Sub-regional Office for Eastern Africa concluded its 13th High-level Multidisciplinary Meeting with an urgent call to member countries in Eastern Africa to redouble their efforts to bring the fight against hunger back on track.

The senior officials of the ministries of agriculture and representatives of regional economic communities from the Eastern Africa subregion gathered from 16 to 20 September 2019 in Bishoftu, Ethiopia, to review the major challenges that affect the agricultural sector, and agree on sustainable solutions. They stressed the need for a holistic approach to root out hunger, malnutrition, rural poverty, and stem the tide of conflict and migration.

The Ethiopian State Minister for Agriculture, Gebre-Egziabher Gebre-Yohannes called for a mind-set shift to consider agriculture as a business, to boost public and private investments, and to promote large-scale initiatives or programmes in the agricultural sector, for Africa to be able to feed the estimated over 2 billion people by 2050.

"With rapid population growth, unflattering history of food self-insufficiency, and fragile ecosystems, Eastern Africa nations are required

to fast track the uptake of innovation and technology to manage the uncertainties for the next generation," remarked the State Minister.

Addressing the meeting, David Phiri, FAO Subregional Coordinator for Eastern Africa and Representative to the African Union and UNECA, expressed concern with the current food insecurity situation in Eastern Africa. He explained that the subregion has an estimated 133 million (31 percent) under-nourished people, a full one-half of the total undernourished people in Africa (256 million) as a whole, and much higher than the average prevalence of undernourishment in Africa (20 percent).

"This remains a huge concern for FAO, as this means that the Eastern Africa subregion will not achieve the milestones set in the Malabo Declaration and in SDG2, to end hunger in Africa by 2025 and 2030, respectively," he underlined.

Phiri further noted that ongoing changes and reforms at countries, the United Nations and FAO would provide new opportunities to work closer and better for the good of all. On the part of FAO, the arrival of the new Director General will shift focus to bring south-south cooperation, digitalization of agriculture, and capacity building, among others, at the top of the agenda.

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In most books of the Holy Bible from Genesis to Revelation, Number 7 appears repeatedly to symbolize something very unique. Biblically, the significance of Number 7 cannot be over emphasized. We read about 7 days of creation, 7 churches in Asia, 7 pillars, 7 Angels, 7 God's Spirits, 7 days or years of this and that. How about Pharaoh's dream? And, Naaman did what Elisha told him to do. He bathed in river Jordan 7 times and he was cured.

Closer to home, sadly, today the family observes the 7th year since God called you home. Today, for the 7th year, we admit that our lives have been painful and empty without you. We keep your memory alive by holding on to what you installed in us. We believe you are in a better place, and for that; we are comforted.

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## TPSF structure for review at annual general meeting

By Guardian Reporter

THE 19th one-day TPSF Annual General Meeting which opens in Dar es Salaam tomorrow will have a fresh look at the TPSF structure and the institution's relevance in the Tanzania of tomorrow.

The Executive Director of the Tanzania Private Sector Foundation (TPSF), Godfrey Simbeye, said this here yesterday and called on all delegates to attend the meeting because, he said, it was expected to make strategic decisions that will have far-reaching effects on survival of the TPSF, conduct of business in the country and investment.

"We are through with the preparations. This is a special AGM because we expect it to re-examine the structure of the TPSF, give guidance on how to reach new members and on how make our institution remain relevant to Tanzania of tomorrow. We ask all delegates to attend," he appealed.

TPSF, he explained, will have to meet members' expectations, address problems and challenges faced by the private sector in order to remain relevant to national vision of making Tanzania a middle-income industrial country by 2025.

TPSF is the umbrella organisation of the private sector, which champions the positions and interests of the private sector within and outside the fora of the Tanzania National Business Council (TNBC).

On September 7, last year, National Chairman of the TNBC, President John Magufuli called on the private sector to

have impact on rural lives.

Simbeye said the AGM will have to discuss the presidential call and offer guidelines on implementation of that agenda. The TNBC is composed of 40 members; 20 from the private sector and 20 public sectors. Simbeye said delegates will also review Tanzania's policy towards industrialization, corporate governance within the TPSF, extension of the foundation's services, protection of environment and climate change.

The TPSF Director of Membership, Zachy Mbenna, called on delegates to provide concrete proposals on unity within the business community.

"We ask all members to come forward with solid proposals to tackle emerging challenges in order to have positive business results in trade and industry," he said.

Minister of State in Prime Minister's Office tasked for investment, Angellah Kairuki is expected to be the Chief Guest during the important meeting.



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Tanzania Private Sector Foundation executive director Godfrey Simbeye (L) has a quick word at a press conference in Dar es Salaam yesterday with membership services and policy advocacy director Zachy Mbenna on the 19th general meeting of private sector stakeholders to be held in the city tomorrow. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## Call to document women leaders, activists

By Correspondent Deogratias Mushi

WOMEN who have played key roles in different leadership areas should be documented for future generations, the TGNP Executive Director Lilian Liundi has recommended.

Giving her contributions at a Round Table Panel Discus-

sion at TGNP Mtandao in Dar es salaam yesterday, Lilian said there are women in Tanzanian history who have done commendable contributions, but unfortunately, nothing about them has been documented.

Lilian invited participants to share stories about women leaders, to share them with TGNP Mtandao that has re-

cently forged partnership with Women Fund Tanzania (WFT) and SOMA, to make sure that history of such leaders don't fade away.

She insisted that some women in the past made some efforts in Tanzania's Independence struggle, but history has forgotten them, simply because they were women.

"There was a movement in Pare land, Kilimanjaro region known as 'Mbiru' where women staged demonstrations against their men being forced to pay head tax. The political administration of the time heeded the women, and waded that tax system" she said.

She cited another example in Kondoia Irangi, where women

walked over to a Mountain to pray over a certain calamity that women were facing, which was later granted by 'gods'.

She insisted that there is a need to document famous women like Bibi Titi Mohamed, Binti Matola and Tatu Bin Said who helped Mwalimu Nyerere to fight colonialism and later the country attained In-

dependence in 1961.

"Women have unique circumstances that play a big role in making them successful both at home and in their professional careers. Women's circumstances also guide what they respond to in being mentored, as well as what inspires them" she told over 500 hundred participants who took

part in the event.

This year's Gender Festival has brought together women's rights activists from a wide variety of backgrounds, to reflect on the progress of the Transformative Feminist Movement (TFM), celebrate its achievements, and share lessons, challenges and counteractive strategies.

## Two TPDF soldiers die in car crash

By Guardian Correspondent, Kigoma

TWO Tanzania People's Defence Forces (TPDF) soldiers from 24KJ unit have died and 20 others injured after the vehicle in which they were travelling left the road and overturned in Katavi National Park in Katavi Region.

Speaking to this paper yesterday in his office the Ag Chief Medical Officer of the Maweni Referral Hospital in Kigoma, Dr Lameck Mdengo said he received two bodies and 20 injured soldiers who have been admitted to Ward No 7 and their conditions were going well.

Mdengo said some of the injured have broken limbs and were given first aid treatment before they were transferred to the Kigoma/Ujiji Municipal Council Hospital for x-ray examination following the breaking down of the referral hospital x-ray machine.

He mentioned the deceased as Bakari Mohamed Juma (38) and Rashid Abed Mwimbe (28).

He also mentioned those injured in the accident as Bulati Abineli Chuma, Mutahidi Bakari Yusufu, Osea Aizaki Lyimo, Peter Anjero Kibasa, Ramadhani Hamisi Ally, Selemani Mohamed Nyangali, Saidi Iddi Kisogoli, George Aloyce George, Ezekiel John Ntinginya and Abdu Abduli Majura.

Others he mentioned were Shabani Shabani Lyimo, Edimudi Emiliani Lyamtema, Hamisi Amad Bakari, Edward Sekijori Mshana, Onesfori Jerald Mhalwike, Rubeni Lucas Mpanda, Gofrey Alekizanda Kalinga, Jackson Ndoli Mlelwa, Maiko Samweli Samweli and Habuduel Shabani.

He said the soldiers were in their day to day duties in Katavi Region and the cause of the accident is brake failure before overturning.

He called on the drivers in the region to adhere to the road safety regulations to avoid accidents that can be avoided, by inspecting the vehicles before starting their journeys.



Members of the Tanzania People's Defence Forces help one of their 20 colleagues injured in a road accident in the Katavi National Park after their vehicle overturned. This is upon arrival at Kigoma's Maweni referral hospital yesterday. Photo: Correspondent Joctan Ngelly

## Kenya Airports Authority launches going-green initiative

NAIROBI

KENYA Airports Authority (KAA) said yesterday that it has launched its going-green initiative with a goal of becoming the greenest airport operator in Africa by 2022. Jonny Andersen, KAA managing director, said on Thursday the initiative is in line with the authority's 2018-2022 strategic plan. "It is now a reality

that climate change is one of the biggest challenges facing mankind.

Aviation has been criticized as a major contributor of carbon emissions and this has led to a steady growth of airports embracing green energy.

As Kenya Airports Authority, we would like to place Kenya in the center of this momentum with our goal to be the greenest airport operator in the re-

gion by the year 2022," Andersen said in a statement issued in Nairobi.

The authority's 2018-2022 strategic plan highlights environmental stewardship as one of its main strategic areas stating that the organization will over the next five years seek to implement a carbon accreditation program, undertake afforestation, solar power and rain water harvesting program across it

network and acquire the ISO 14001:2015: environmental management system (EMS) standard.

In December 2018, the first of environmental pilot project in Africa consisting of a ground-mounted 500kW solar power generation facility and mobile airport gate electric equipment was launched at Moi International Airport in Mombasa, Kenya.



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# Work hard, meet employers' expectations, rector tells graduates

By Correspondent James Kandoya

ACTING rector at the Institute of Finance Management (IFM), Dr Imanueli Mvaza has called on graduates to work hard and meet

employers' expectations.

Dr Mvaza made the call recently when speaking at the graduation ceremony to confer 12 students graduated in Master of Business Administration in International Business (MBA-IB). He said that in an increasingly

competitive job market, graduates must work twice as hard to find meaningful employment as the best candidate usually gets the job as they have self-analysed, done their career research and met the employer's needs. The don urged the graduates

to be good ambassador by working hard and adhere to professional conducts as employers in most cases want well-rounded candidates whose skills extend to activities outside of the classroom environment. He however said that experts

on international business administration are highly needed for Tanzania to attain its industrial economy drive by 2025.

Dr Mvaza said for over 19 years IFM had been working closely with Indian institute of foreign Trade (IIFT) to train students in MBA-IB as part of the institute to complement government's move to train more experts in that area.

So far, he said IFM has trained 600 students since the programme started and "our target is to train more students to meet the market demand."

For her part, IIFT Director of International-Project, Division, Dr Satinder Bhatia encouraged graduates to polish up their career so that their services go in line with technological changes.

## Siemens investing in young African innovators

JOHANNESBURG

A GERMAN multinational conglomerate company-Siemens is committed to supporting and developing young, African innovators.

Siemens extends its Eskom Expo partnership to schools in Ghana, Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania and Ethiopia; Refurbishing and restocking Sekondi College computer lab as part of Siemens localization programme.

23-27 September 2019, Birchwood Conference Centre in Johannesburg is buzz with hundreds of enthusiastic, young scientists and innovators from across the African continent, eager to showcase their inventive science projects at the Eskom Expo for young scientists.

Innovative tech leader Siemens is once again a major sponsor at this event and will be giving one student a life changing opportunity, to join other former expo winners at the Siemens Technical Academy in Berlin for a three-and-a-half-year apprenticeship programme, then a guaranteed job at Siemens after completion.

The company has also committed to supporting the development of young African innovators through its partnership with various schools in different countries on the continent.

Students from Sekondi College have been sponsored by Siemens to take part in the Eskom Expo for Young Scientists in Johannesburg, South Africa.

All travel expenses of two learners and an educator from the school will be fully funded by Siemens. This sponsorship includes visa applications, flights, and transfers to the local accommodation.

An additional two students and one educator from schools in Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania and Ethiopia have also received the same sponsorship as well as a chance for their best performing students to participate in the expo.

"The Eskom Expo for Young Scientists is well positioned to develop young, curious minds and it is with great pleasure that students from Sekondi College and other African regions have an opportunity to participate and represent their countries and their schools at the prestigious event," says Edmund Acheampong, Country Manager for Siemens, Ghana.

In line with the company's goal to promote Science Technology Engineering Mathematics Innovation (STEMI) in Ghana, Siemens has also partnered with Sekondi College to inspire interests in technology and innovation.

This partnership has led to the refurbishment and restocking of the school's computer lab with 45 state of the art computers and accessories as part of the company's fulfilment of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between Sekondi College and Siemens in September 2017.

Country Manager for Siemens Ghana, Edmund Acheampong says, investing in the future of young, African engineers is part of the Siemens DNA. "Our continent can only prosper if we empower and develop our young engineers and those who can make a change in Africa, for Africa.

This is a unique opportunity promoting both international and multicultural exposure within Siemens while advancing the skills Siemens would require in the future," concludes Edmund.



Mbinga District Council director Grace Quintine receives the Uhuru Torch from Nyasa District Council's Gipson Mhagama yesterday. The annual 'cross-country' Uhuru Torch race continues. Photo: Correspondent Gift Thadey

## Apple in bid to restore African grasslands to curb climate change and save elephants

By Adele Peters

SITTING between two national parks in Kenya, the Chyulu Hills are home to large populations of elephants and other wildlife. The area is also the site of Apple's latest donation, as the tech company looks for new solutions to climate change that can be replicated at scale.

The company is working with the nonprofit Conservation International to restore degraded grasslands in the area.

"By restoring tens of thousands of hectares in the Chyulu Hills, we can remove carbon from the air, protect a critical wildlife corridor for elephants, and support the livelihoods of the Maasai people," says Lisa Jackson, Apple's vice president of environmental, social, and policy initiatives, who formerly served as head of the EPA.

The grasslands at the foot of the hills, along with similar rangelands across Africa, have the potential to capture huge amounts of CO2. But over time, the landscape has become

degraded through unsustainable land use.

That means that the soil can't sequester as much carbon, and it also leads to other problems for people and animals in the area. Across the Chyulu Hills, overgrazing has left Maasai herders without enough food for their livestock. The habitat is so degraded that elephants and other wildlife also struggle to find enough to eat.

In the past, a restoration project in an area like this might have focused on replanting grass and trees. But Apple is funding tests of a different approach, led by Conservation International with work on the ground from local partners including the Maasai Wilderness Conservation Trust and the Big Life Foundation.

Instead of focusing on planting, the team will test social interventions. For example, they might help Maasai herders shift to rotational grazing, which could help degraded areas of rangeland recover. The theory: With strategic interventions, the landscape can rebound on its own.



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## Workplace health, safety call for greater attention

SEEMING how so few many people know hardly anything about such hugely important issues or phenomena that have been around for years only underscores the cliché to the effect that 'information is power' - if that saying has indeed grown into a cliché.

For instance, a recent audience with the media lasting a short three hours proved a golden opportunity for a government agency that seldom goes public and is seldom in the news.

This is none other than the Occupational Safety and Health Authority, a little better known as OSHA, which gives its mission as so regulating, enforcing and promoting sound safety and health standards as to ensure that workers across mainland Tanzania are safe and healthy.

It introduces itself as a government agency under the Labour, Youth, Employment and Persons with Disabilities 'wing' of the Prime Minister's Office "set up with the aim of improving the health and well-being of workers and workplaces" through the promotion of occupational health and safety (OHS) practices "in order to prevent occupational injuries and diseases and ultimately achieve better productivity".

What such an inherently noble mission and how near-effortless it would ordinarily be for the agency to make much bigger positive impact and therefore a much bigger name!

But, surprise, surprise, this remains a remote dream and those concerned have to make tonnes upon tonnes of sensitisation and promotion efforts to make before possibly affording a breather to let the music play, as it were.

By definition, this agency is both expected and supposed to play a life-saving role through prevention or, when the worst comes to the worst, through cure.

Now, consider this: OSHA says that it has time-tested capacity to deliver

multi-pronged sensitisation and other tailor-made training even at its clients' own premises at what it believes is affordable cost.

However, it admits that it is not often that things run as smoothly as they would have wanted - and hence their short-term and long-term plans towards enhanced efficiency and credibility for the good of all parties concerned.

Few interventions mean more to workers than arming them with knowledge expertly designed to help them manage their health and safety effectively and thus as much as possible help them perform their duties free from risk of work-related injury and diseases.

It would be all the better should such efforts have some form of "multiplier effect" and generally support the thriving of a positive health and safety culture within everyday working life.

We are also told that it is an integral part of OSHA's mandate to serve as overseer of employers' legal compliance with the protection of their workers' health and safety.

That also counts for yet another plus likely to improve productivity for the benefit of workers and employees as well as the economy.

OSHA finds comfort in declaring that they are a vital cog in the wheel with respect to making efforts aimed at minimising the cost of accidents and ill health at work.

All other factors being supportive, what employer wouldn't relish such atmosphere? What employee wouldn't feel motivated to greater diligence working in such an environment? What economy wouldn't thrive?

All this is reason enough for OSHA to deserve greater public support and for the agency itself to serve its clients and the nation as efficiently as it has resources for.

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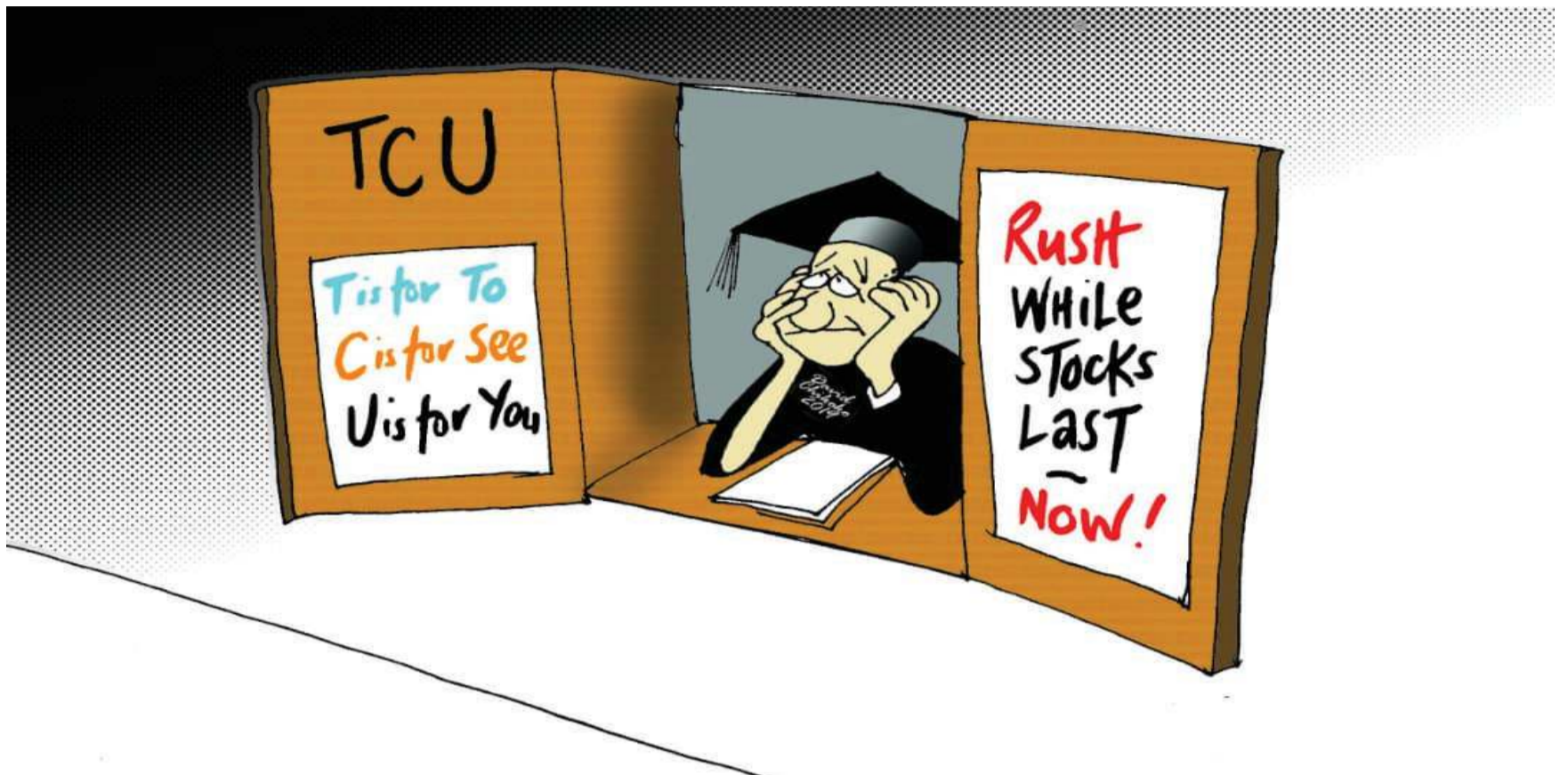
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# For Africa, climate change is a race the continent must win

By Priyanka Ukabhai

THE timing of the UN Climate Action Summit at the United Nations headquarters in New York earlier this week, only three months before the annual meeting of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP25) to be held in Chile from December 2 to 13, hints at the growing sense of urgency among world leaders to tackle climate change head-on.

On Monday this week, governments and non-state stakeholders gathered in New York to attend the UN summit, whose goal is to accelerate action against climate change in the light of recent reports by the UN agency responsible for assessing the science related to climate change (the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, IPCC), and worldwide youth climate strikes.

Indeed, the Climate Action Summit was preceded by a Youth Climate Summit two days earlier, permitting young people to engage with policymakers at the highest level around the threats that climate change pose to present and future generations.

The Summit also takes place alongside the General Debate of the UN General Assembly, which has taken as its theme this year "galvanising multilateral efforts for poverty eradication, quality education, climate action and inclusion".

The necessity of an additional summit to 'boost ambition and accelerate action' against climate change reflects the worrying findings of the latest IPCC report and the rising frustration by ordinary citizens in response to what they view as inadequate political leadership in addressing climate change.

Throughout the year, various youth climate strikes, including 'Fridays for Future' and 'Extinction Rebellion', have taken place. In Greta Thunberg, the Swedish teenage climate activist who has been grabbing headlines this year, ordinary citizens, particularly the young, have found a spokesperson.

Thunberg was to attend the Climate Action Summit, having sailed rather than flown to New York from Europe to reduce her carbon footprint.

The growing awareness of the possible ramifications of climate change and the inadequacy of



These 300 or so young people, mostly students, marched in Cape Town recently, demanding that the government take "immediate action on the climate crisis". File photo: Ashraf Hendricks/GroundUp

the political response so far have led many to call for a change in how we speak about the challenges we face: "climate change" is passé (literally, no longer fashionable), instead we should be speaking of "climate crisis" or "climate breakdown".

Last year saw UN Secretary General António Guterres adopt the language of "climate crisis", calling this a direct existential threat to humankind. The dimensions of this crisis have been articulated in the Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5°C by the IPCC, which warns of the grave consequences of a 1.5°C global mean temperature increase.

In order to keep the planet below 1.5°C, Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions need to be cut soon. However, the IPCC and the International Energy Agency warn that current GHG emission trajectories do not show any sign of slowing down and that current climate action strategies need to be stepped up before it is too late.

Guided by the theme 'A Race We Can Win. A Race We Must Win', this week's Climate Action Summit was rightly expected to bring together various stakeholders to formulate implementable, scalable and replicable plans to enhance the Paris Agreement commitments and essentially give climate action one last push ahead of COP25.

Because the Paris Agreement commitments will be renewed next year, this year is an important milestone and opportunity to reassess current climate change mitigation and adaptation measures.

To understand where gaps and opportunities lie to boost climate action, it is useful to take stock of what the global community has currently achieved and what is lacking in terms of climate change mitigation and adaptation.

Climate change mitigation, which constitutes actions taken to reduce GHG emissions, has made the most headway. Strong political commitment has meant that mitigation policies, measures, plans and action have continued to expand.

At present, 183 parties have submitted their Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) under the Paris Agreement - 177 of these containing a vision for low-emission development.

Under the current UN reporting framework, only developed countries are required to assess progress towards achieving their 2020 emission targets. Nonetheless, 43 developed country parties have reported positive progress, with seven already reporting emissions lower than their 2020 target (the EU's 28 member states are considered a single party).

This week's Climate Action Summit was expected to provide an important opportunity to reassess and enhance climate mitigation measures in the light of new findings. A particular focus was to be on the two largest carbon-emitting countries in the world: the United States and China.

The first round of NDCs emphasized the need for climate change mitigation, with less focus on adaptation. Although many developing countries have

begun to formulate National Adaptation Plans (NAPs), an assessment by the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change conducted in January this year found that none of the countries that had submitted NAPs had implemented any of the policies or projects stipulated therein. The majority of adaptation work still lay in groundwork phases - with large gaps in implementation strategies.

Mitigation is doubtless crucial for keeping global temperatures below dangerous levels, but adaptation needs more attention, as the effects of climate change are already playing out - especially in the developing world.

Effective implementation of adaptation measures is vital for Africa, as the continent is especially vulnerable to climate impacts and currently lacks the capacity to respond appropriately.

In light of the current GHG emission trajectories and the limited attention given to climate change adaptation, parties attending the upcoming Climate Action Summit would have done themselves and humankind justice by turning their gaze towards solutions such as Ecosystem-based Adaptation (EbA).

While EbA presents itself as an adaptation measure, its benefits span not only adaptation but also mitigation and socio-economic upliftment.

Through the sustainable management and governance of ecosystems, resilience to climate change implications is enhanced and communities are supported in adapting to current and future climate change ramifications, hence strengthening livelihoods.

Additionally, EbA measures such as mangrove restoration act as 'carbon sinks' - contributing to the reduction of GHG emissions.

While the protection of many of the world's planetary boundaries and healthy ecosystems lie in the hands of the African continent, EbA remains largely absent from climate change response measures.

The Climate Action Summit, under the 'Nature-based Solutions' working group was widely expected to provide an important opportunity to include EbA into plans to enhance and accelerate actionable ideas in terms of Climate Action.

The UN Secretary General had aptly appealed to all leaders to attend the Climate Action Summit in New York with concrete, realistic plans to enhance their nationally determined contributions by 2020, in line with reducing GHG emissions by 45 per cent over the next decade, and to net zero emissions by 2050.

To be effective and credible, these plans cannot address mitigation alone: they must show the way toward a full transformation of economies in line with the global sustainable development goals.

The plans should not be about creating winners and losers or adding to economic inequality; they must be fair and create new opportunities and protections for those negatively impacted, in the context of a just transition.

As importantly, they should also include women as key decision-makers, as only gender-diverse decision-making has the capacity to tackle the different needs that will emerge in the coming period of critical transformation.

As earlier noted, the Climate Action Summit brought together governments, the private sector, civil society, local authorities and other international organisations to develop ambitious solutions in six areas: a global transition to renewable energy; sustainable and resilient infrastructures and cities; sustainable agriculture and management of forests and oceans; resilience and adaptation to climate impacts; and alignment of public and private finance with a net zero economy.

**\*An Agencies analysis, with additional information from UN sources. Priyanka Ukabhai is a Junior Researcher at the South African Institute of International Affairs.**

## Good that UN, AfDB joining hands on realisation of SDGs

THE United Nations system and the African Development Bank (AfDB) are planning joint action, with the latter as principal actor and coordinating centre, on the realisation of the 17 global Sustainable Development Goals, whose effective deadline is 2030.

It is not first time that there are efforts to build synergies between the UN and African institutions, whether governments or regional agencies, but no two efforts are ever identical. In other words, there are new features in this campaign that need to be taken up and pushed further.

A write-up from the UN says that, with its estimated 390 million people living in extreme poverty, hunger and food insecurity, Africa is in a race against time to deliver on its regional and global development goals.

That much is well known, and it would be interesting to hear what the new efforts can deliver, or if there is a credible and workable plan to alter existing realities.

This is what was being raised or in a way being explored on the sidelines of the UN General Assembly late last week. African heads of state and government met to underscore the need for urgent collective action and greater collaboration between the UN and AfDB to fast-track the continent's development.

The meeting, which was convened jointly by the bank and the UN secretary, was said to be the first of its kind between the two institutions at UN headquarters.

Senior UN officials were expressing the compelling need to bring about strong convergence between the continent's 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Develop-

ment, the global SDGs and the relatively 'unfamiliar' AfDB's High 5s agenda.

But there are doubts as to what Africa and the UN should do as we enter the decade of action to deliver on the SDGs. An all-important issue out there is about the scale of investment requirements and how they will be met.

A country ought to have the right policies where sustainability is generated from household and company level right up to the axes of public expenditure and control of inflation in putting in place by the right climate for investments.

Outside that sort of sustainability, scaling investments by public resources feeds the wastage channels built into the system by low productivity and propping up failing systems. In that these systems or entities are publicly owned, their problem is seen in national terms; we all sympathize.

There are structural areas where AfDB is well placed to understand and suggest courses of action, but this should not even remotely mean replacing governments.

Governments, for their part, can't blindly follow prescribed economic scripts like the older structural adjustment programmes. Rather, they need to take into account the feelings and expectations of their people.

This is what is expressed in political activity and elections - that they don't often take the cue from what multilateral financial agencies say but know what they themselves want and need.

So, the current efforts are positive in that they will likely target acute bottlenecks where AfDB and UN agencies feel they must act, freeing up public resources somewhat. Time will tell how things will play out.



# Historical bonds between HK, mainland will see region through unrest

By Li Qiaoyi, Wang Wenwen and Chen Qingqing

CONTINUING violence over the past three months has been tearing Hong Kong society apart, with the opposition side stoking the flames by hyping the rhetoric that the mainland is eroding Hong Kong. Many netizens in the mainland are also trying to let off some steam with impractical ideas. Will the two sides' mutual support over the past few decades be wiped out by the unrest?

Findings from the Global Times' interviews with a handful of locals from different sectors of society revealed that in the past, almost every Hongkonger was inextricably linked with the mainland.

In the words of Chan Kin-por, a member of the Legislative Council of Hong Kong who chairs the LegCo Finance Committee, "Hong Kong and the mainland are essentially blood relatives."

## Mutual support

The hotel where Global Times reporters stayed is located in Sheung Wan on Hong Kong Island. In the vicinity of the hotel are many local restaurants dotted around a warren of winding streets.

These restaurants were mostly crowded with diners during meal times, but their bosses and waiters never looked down on non-Cantonese speaking mainland customers. They actively recommended their chef's specials instead.

Compared with the posh Central, Sheung Wan gives off a much more down-to-earth vibe. Century-old establishments are not rare in Sheung Wan.

Although stores that hang Chinese knots and posters with the Chinese character 'fu' (wealth) are only a few feet from Connaught Road, the site of frequent riots, they seem to have been unfazed by the months-long unrest.

Diligence, flexibility and good-naturedness were the first layers of color the early settlers from the mainland added to Hong Kong. They are also the source of the spirit that transformed the city from a fishing village into an

international metropolis.

Leung Ming-hing, 57, came to Hong Kong from Shenzhen with his parents who hoped to live a better life five decades ago.

"As long as one worked hard, he could easily get along well with local people," Leung said, recalling his childhood when his family had to struggle to make a living.

## The city arguably changed the fate of Leung's family.

The mutual support between the mainland and Hong Kong could be said to be mostly about individuals changing for the better before the reform and opening-up, which became a turning point for the two sides to help each other jointly change the nation for the better.

Chan Kin-por made his first visit to the mainland in 1978 - the year that opened a landmark chapter in China's history with the start of reform and opening-up - when he began his career in a local bank.

The maiden visit left him the impression that the mainland was lagging behind in all fields, he told the Global Times in an exclusive interview in his office.

However, that also meant tremendous opportunities. In the wake of the reform and opening-up, many Hong Kong businessmen started to open factories in the mainland, funneling capital, manufacturing technologies and business methods into the motherland, giving a boost to the domestic economy, remarked Chan Kin-por.

At its peak in the Pearl River Delta, there were over 60,000 Hong Kong-invested factories, employing 10 million employees, helping turn the region into the world's factory, according to Jonathan Choi Koon-shum, chairman of the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce (CGCC).

Founded in 1900, the CGCC is one of the oldest and biggest chambers in Hong Kong. The CGCC began initiating training programs for senior officials and executives from the mainland in 1982, and has witnessed years of vicissitudes brought by the reform and opening-up.



Local residents congregate at the atrium of the Olympic City in Hong Kong on September 13 and sing the national anthem. (Photo by Li Qiaoyi from Global Times)

tudes brought by the reform and opening-up.

Liu Ren, vice general manager of Dailywin Watch Group, said he still remembers that when he started to work at this Hong Kong-based watch manufacturer in 1996, senior managers of its production line in South China's Guangdong Province were all businessmen from Hong Kong.

As more labor-intensive industries like watch-making moved from Hong Kong to the Chinese mainland during China's economic reform and opening-up, Hong Kong businesses played an important role in helping emerging sectors to grow in the Pearl River Delta region.

"From capital investment to technology transfer, Hong Kong businesses were teachers for mainland companies," Liu said, noting that the first batch of Hong Kong businessmen investing in the mainland in the early 1980s-1990s also introduced advanced management experience and technologies.

"Many colleagues from Hong Kong taught us step by step. I worked as an intern for a year after I started at Dailywin. All my managers were Hongkongers, and

they taught us a lot from design to craftwork," he told the Global Times.

At that time, there was a huge gap between the mainland and Hong Kong in terms of salary and way of life. "But we wanted to communicate with each other, for example, learn Cantonese to better understand our colleagues from Hong Kong," he said.

## Strong backing

Hong Kong also received backing from mainland through two major crises: the Asian financial crisis in the late 1990s and the outbreak of Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) in 2003.

Chan Kin-por was still in the banking industry, working as an executive, in 1997, when Hong Kong was hit by the financial tsunami. What hit him the hardest was that a continued pay rise of over 10 percent annually, thanks to years of growth in the local economy, came to a sudden end.

Suddenly, there was no pay rise, and even pay cuts, according to Chan Kin-por, expressing his gratitude for the central government's help in reviving the local economy. The government of the Hong Kong made an unprecedented move to use the city's reserves to

purchase HSI constituent stocks and the HSI futures, directly hitting back at the speculators.

But the move was a dangerous one. If HKSAR reserves were not sufficient, it would have meant the Hong Kong economy could collapse, Choi told the Global Times.

"That's why the involvement of the central government was very important," Choi said, adding that the People's Bank of China, the country's central bank, sent advisors to Hong Kong and offered its full support.

Norman Chan Tak-Lam, Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Monetary Authority, noted that by the end of 1997 the foreign reserves of Hong Kong had reached \$80 billion which was sufficient to support the market operation, and therefore Hong Kong did not use the assistance of the central government in the end.

Chan Tak-Lam told the Global Times that he greatly appreciated the open pledge by the central government that it stood ready to make use of its reserves, if needed, to help Hong Kong fend off the speculators to preserve the city's prosperity and stability.

"The central government's pledge, offered during such a critical period, was undoubtedly a powerful boost to our confidence and morale," Chan Tak-Lam told the Global Times in a written interview.

A few years later, when Hong Kong became a city haunted by the SARS epidemic, it was again the mainland that offered a pivotal helping hand.

Leung said the SARS incident in 2003 had a detrimental impact on Hong Kong's catering industry, which he has been in since 16 years old, as well as the tourism sector that his wife worked in. He believes the central government played a decisive role in bringing Hong Kong out of the dilemma.

"The independent travel policy enacted by the central government saved the two sectors we worked for," Leung said. "At that time, we felt very relieved because we had the central government behind our back."

Chan Kin-por also praised Zhong Nanshan, a renowned expert in respiratory diseases, who offered the Hong Kong healthcare sector multiple valuable opinions to cope with the epidemic. The LegCo member noted that accelerated investment from the mainland propelled an economic resurgence in Hong Kong after 2003.

## Adapting to changes

Nonetheless, drastic changes over the past decade appear to have brought about some new thinking about the ties between Hong Kong SAR and the mainland.

In the 1960s, Leung's cousins in Shenzhen would come to Hong Kong to stay with them for a few days and Leung's mother bought daily necessities for them to bring back home. They admired Leung's life at that time. But "every dog has its day," Leung said.

"Now we are poorer than them. Since 1997, we have felt the development of the mainland. The housing, medicare and finance in Hong Kong are not as good as the ones on the mainland," Leung said.

"If we compare the changes of the mainland and Hong Kong from our age, the mainland has developed quickly and changed a lot."

Instead of playing catch-up, the months-long protests in Hong Kong have almost cost Leung and his wife their jobs. Leung's restaurant has received few customers, while his wife's tour agency hasn't received group tours from the mainland for a long time.

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# Coastal Celebrates World Tourism Day

The Flying Safari Company

The Flying Safari Company believes, Safari, no matter how long or short, has always resulted in adventure, an element of chance and a potentially volatile itinerary to capture the most amazingly unique experiences up close and first-hand. Safari flying has eradicated the barriers of long distances, hostile weather and an absence of roads or bridges, to make travelling in Africa some of the most intrepid and magical experiences of a lifetime.

This year, Coastal Aviation is proud to be celebrating 32 years of operation, having pioneered a flying safari network capable of accessing some of the most remote parts of Tanzania and East Africa. Celebrated parks, previously only the domain of National Geographic photographers, have become accessible to more and more people.

Coastal has made it possible for customers to view some of the most majestic animals in the world, amongst their habitats. Coastal Aviation has been driven by the passion to offer its customers nothing short of a unique safari experience, and through its ever-expanding route network, has made the impossible possible. It has grown into a network, soaring across the skies and reaching out across Africa to a multitude of customer destinations. From a single aircraft charter operator, Coastal has grown to make it easier for more customers to experience these wonders by becoming an almost scheduled passenger airline operator, earning the accolade as the leading Safari Aviation Company in Tanzania.

With the insatiable appetite for such safari travel but with more intimacy, Coastal created a product for the more discerning passengers looking for even more well-appointed and exclusive packages. Coastal's private charter division offers guests a tailor-made VIP and luxurious experience, creating bespoke and off the beaten track itineraries for these most intrepid travellers. With the fine craftsmanship of the Pilatus PC12 aircraft, our guests get the chance to fly in opulent style and comfort. The pressurized cabin allows for a faster

jet-like journey with no unnecessary intermediate stops, complimented with some light refreshments.

This responsibility is not taken lightly. Coastal continues to evolve and reinforce its safety culture. Coastal is now a year into being the only MCC-operator in this category of aircraft operation. MCC (Multi Crew Coordination) was a paradigm shift where 2-crew members, through rigorous and sustained training and assessment,

work together as a team to promote safety in the cockpit. The crews have normalized with working in this new standard, and customers will feel reassured that much like the major international airlines, there are two professionally trained pilots operating the aircraft. This major initiative continues to reset the standards of Safari flying in Tanzania. But that is merely the beginning, a preliminary step on an ongoing journey to bring better and better

safety and operational standards to safari flying.

Coastal continues to set the pace and recently introduced the initiative of Flying Green, as they embarked on the journey to reduce the effects of an industry that is notoriously not environment conscious. Dixita Patel, Marketing Executive remarked "We believe in playing our part to be the change we wish to see in the world. Flying in a more sustainable way by reducing single use plastic water bottles, offsetting carbon emission and planting trees." Reduce, reuse, recycle is the Coastal strap line in their green campaign. Patel goes on to comment that "No action is simply not an option anymore. We do need technology breakthroughs to make the biggest changes, but in the meantime, we are proud to be playing our part." The Coastal team continues to innovate



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# The nation has woken up, but what's next?

**P**RESIDENT Cyril Ramaphosa's address to the joint parliamentary sitting, along with his reframing of gender-based violence as a brutal war against women and children, has important symbolic value.

There is nothing new about the horrors faced by the vulnerable in our society. For as long as they can remember, untold numbers of girl children have feared their daily walk to and from school. Tomorrow will be no different for them.

What's changed is that following the surge of street demonstrations, media messaging and the President's address, public recognition of the issue, now named as a crisis, has been brought about.

The war has landed in our national consciousness and has started troubling our minds and occupying the dinner conversations of even those at lesser risk in society.

## This is not insignificant.

The importance of our current moment of national awareness, as ungrounded as this currently is in any real systemic or concrete change, should not be overlooked. Here is an issue that has united the nation, where very little else - Eskom, economic reforms or how to treat foreign nationals - has seemed able to.

Even in the deepest patriarchal corners of this country there is dismay. This is no small thing. Indeed, this present climate pleads with us to "seize the moment" to kick-start a process where significant, widespread systemic and institutionally-based changes can begin to take root.

Institutional belonging is core to human life. We belong to faith-based institutions, community, sports, stokvels and cultural groupings; we learn through schools, universities and colleges; we work in factories and offices; we draw on the services of clinics, police stations and post offices. Each of these spaces has its own accepted norms, often formal rules and policies.

Now imagine this for a moment:



President Cyril Ramaphosa

that all these collective spaces that define and shape the fabric of our lives have - in their own specific ways and in accordance with their own means - introduced small, but significant changes:

- grouping of GBV prevention champions has been formed;
- GBV policy or "what to do when..." document is in place;
- GBV education or awareness programme is introduced;
- support group for those who wish to come forward to talk confidentially has been formed, even trained and guided by professionals;

- space for those who have themselves perpetrated abuse (a kind of Abusers Anonymous) is created, as those who perpetrate are themselves likely to be victims of abuse, who need healing opportunities.

These are all little steps, but they take enormous commitment and drive to be brought about. Money would help, but this is not the essential ingredient. More important is the passion, vision and dogged, unyielding determination over time to bring these elements to life in

our ordinary institutions.

Now imagine further if government in partnership with the sector addressing GBV in civil society came together to structure a programme comprising a whole sequence of "little steps", welded into a national campaign and implemented gradually, month by month over a year.

Each month characterised by a different "call to action". With government's communication machinery through public broadcasting facilities being used to highlight the "Challenge-of-the-

Month" - Have you got your GBV policy in place yet? And so on...

I do not have direct experience in the sector addressing GBV and would not want to presume to know what the best content or sequencing of these "little steps" should be. What is important is:

One: that we put to work the existing passion, public awareness and dogged determination that we see around us. We may just have a critical mass of these ingredients at this unique moment in time to take us to a new level. And,

Two: that we work together on an incremental basis over a defined period of time to achieve cumulative change in the institutions that give structure and meaning to our lives.

An incremental approach is important given that the complexity of the changes needed is huge and, as such, potentially debilitating if we just focus on the bigger picture.

Moreover, most sustainable social change happens slowly and deliberately: introducing new ideas and gradually figuring out and persuading ourselves and those around us how best to proceed along a particular path.

This is what they call deep democracy. Government, guided by and in consultation with civil society, helps provide structure and a general framework for something to happen in the nooks and crannies of our society, backed up with time frames and careful monitoring.

The people do the rest through internal dialogue in our own spaces and with the help of a few pickets and marches where there is resistance and tardiness. Even if there were to be full uptake in only 30% of social institutions and formations, this would provide a solid foundation and a bulwark for building a respectful culture of gender relations in this country.

Next steps

Acknowledged, there is a process of consultation presently taking place between government and civil society with a view to formulating a national strategic plan. Granted, R1.1-billion has been promised. All this is good. But, let us remember that most state agencies bear deeply dysfunctional scars.

We cannot just hand over the car keys to government even when a plan is in place and budget has been allocated. New court and SAPS facilities designed to address gender crimes are not just going to materialise.

Especially in out-of-sight rural towns and in poor communities, where most needed. Rather, consistent mobilisation of citizenry in local areas will be needed to 'concentrate the mind' of government to see through its paper-based implementation plans.

Moreover, we need to broaden our focus beyond government agencies. The psychosocial roots of gender and child violence in South Africa are hugely complex.

Without deep systemic changes within the belly of the multitude of institutions that make up our environment and our everyday lives, very little will have shifted. These changes may well be in our hands as ordinary people, led by civil society organisations that are able to seize the moment.

Most worryingly, without anything to show for our street efforts or the symbolic public gains that have been made, the crisis will go nowhere.

Except that we might see greater frustration during mass demonstrations and ever shriller voices demanding seemingly radical, but useless changes such as "Bring Back the Death Sentence". We will have lost the moment and created yet another platform for authoritarian populism.

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# Climate emergency: A humanitarian call to action

NEW YORK

**W**E saw this coming. As humanitarians, our risk assessments in different parts of the world have always factored in the potential for extreme weather events and the spread of vector-borne diseases, of drought, desertification, and mass displacement. Emergency first responders like us work up scenarios for interventions and gain experience each time we put our planning to the test in real crises.

As a medical humanitarian organisation that works with some of the most vulnerable communities in climate hotspots, Doctors Without Borders/Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) teams are responding to the kinds of public health challenges that threaten to increase in number and severity without urgent action to reduce carbon emissions.

We are facing a climate emergency, with devastating consequences for global health and humanitarian needs. Poor and marginalised communities already suffer the worst consequences of climate change, and are at greatest risk of future harm.

We witness firsthand how environmental factors can worsen humanitarian crises. MSF captured some of this experience in a special report, "Climate Change and Health: an urgent new frontier for humanitarianism," published as part of the Lancet Countdown project examining current and forecast climate-related impacts on health.

Earlier this year, we launched a massive emergency operation in Mozambique following the devastating floods caused by Cyclone Idai. A few weeks later, with people still reeling from the disaster, a second cyclone struck the country. It was the first time in recorded history that two cyclones hit Mozambique in a single season.

The scale of the damage caused by these back-to-back disasters was a wake-up call to prepare for more high-impact tropical cyclones, coastal flooding, and intense rainfall linked to climate change, according to a statement by the World



Meteorological Organisation (WMO), a U.N. agency.

"Never in my life, nor in my parents' and grandparents' lives, had anyone seen rain like that," said one MSF nurse from Mozambique whose husband drowned in the floodwaters. "When those in your country watch the landscape from a helicopter, you see the flooded areas and the torn trees, but there is a lot you can't see. Beneath the waters, below the broken branches, you will find us - our stories and our sadness and our resolve to live."

We know that with rising waters come the rising risks of waterborne diseases, like cholera. In the aftermath of Cyclone Idai, MSF teams worked around the clock to ensure that people would have access to clean water.

We treated more than 4,000 people with suspected cholera and supported a large-scale campaign to vaccinate more than 800,000 people against the disease. The cyclone also left large pools of standing water, ideal breeding grounds for mosquitoes that spread disease.

And the waters inundated the fields just before harvest season, destroying

**Tropical Cyclone Idai made landfall on Mar. 14 and 15, destroying some 90 percent of Beria, the capital of Sofala province, according to reports. A majority of those affected were living in makeshift camps as they tried to rebuild. Credit: Andre Catuera/IPS**

an estimated 1.8 million acres of crops and threatening food security in an area where people are already vulnerable to malnutrition.

For every headline disaster, there are ripples of related disasters and attendant medical crises. With warmer temperatures, rising sea levels, and heavy rains, we can expect to see an increase in climate-sensitive diseases, including waterborne diseases like cholera as well as vector-borne diseases spread by growing numbers of mosquitoes and ticks, such as malaria, dengue fever, and Lyme disease.

Malaria already kills more than 400,000 people a year, mostly children under the age of five and overwhelmingly in sub-Saharan Africa. In 2012, 2014, and 2015, MSF teams observed significant spikes in malaria cases in several sub-Saharan countries compared to long-term averages.

While the reasons behind these increases are complex - including, fundamentally, inadequate

political and financial support for disease control efforts - the weight of evidence suggests that the incidence and prevalence of malaria will increase in Africa and beyond due to climate change.

Honduras, considered a climate change hotspot, is battling its worst outbreak of dengue fever in 50 years following a prolonged rainy season. MSF's patients are mainly children under the age of 15, and mainly those living in poorer, urban areas.

Severe dengue affects most Latin American and Asian countries and is a leading cause of hospitalisation and death among children and adults in these regions, according to the WHO. Worldwide, the incidence of dengue has increased 30-fold over the last half century, with approximately 390 million infections in 2010, partly due to warming temperatures and the associated spread of the mosquito species that carry and spread the disease.

The impact of climate change and environmental degradation on people's health isn't new. The Darfur war in Sudan, which began in 2003, has been called the first "climate change conflict," with the violence triggered in part by food and water insecurity as groups competed for scarce resources during a drought.

While there were many drivers behind this conflict - including political, military, racial, and ethnic factors - subsequent studies added another element to consider: a rise in temperatures of the Indian Ocean had disrupted seasonal monsoons, contributing to the drying of the region. The conflict claimed the lives of 400,000 people. MSF treated thousands more victims of extreme violence, forced displacement, and malnutrition.

With the U.N. estimating that by 2025 two-thirds of all people in the world could live in water-stressed conditions, we are extremely con-

cerned about the prospect of wider conflict and upheaval.

We're also seeing malnutrition due to drought and water scarcity in places like the Lake Chad region of the Sahel. Lake Chad was once one of Africa's largest lakes and a vital source of water for people living in the surrounding countries of Chad, Cameroon, Nigeria, and Niger.

Overuse and drought have left people without sufficient water for drinking, cooking, or washing, let alone to water their crops to ensure future yields. Children here face a high risk of malnutrition, which in turn can stunt their development and weaken their immune systems.

This makes them more susceptible to other deadly diseases like malaria. It's estimated that 422 million people in 30 countries are undernourished because of climate-related problems producing food.

Climate change and environmental degradation could further contribute to record levels of migration and forced displacement. Although estimates vary widely, the most frequently cited projection is that some 200 million climate migrants will be uprooted by 2050 if current trends prevail.

In Mexico, our teams treat thousands of people each year who are fleeing extreme violence and poverty in Honduras, El Salvador, and Guatemala. Prolonged drought and other environmental push factors in the region are also at play, according to a growing body of reporting by the U.N. and news media.

We know that most displaced people seek alternatives within their home country before making the wrenching decision to cross international borders. Many are moving to urban centres to seek employment and secure livelihoods, only to find themselves living in highly polluted neighbourhoods and working in hazardous

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# LSF help sees over five million needy people land access to justice

By Guardian Correspondent, Dodoma

MORE than five million poor Tanzanians have received legal aid services and helped out of legal and related problems through a nationwide paralegal projects implemented by legal aid organizations with funding from the Legal Services Facility (LSF).

This was revealed in Dodoma recently during a stakeholders meeting of legal aid providers involved in the implementation of LSF-financed paralegal and legal aid projects across the country-mainland and Zanzibar.

The meeting which attracted representatives from 200 legal aid organization funded by LSF, sought to provide space for the stakeholders to discuss successes stories registered in the implementation of the project and put in place workable strategies for improvement of legal aid services delivery and assist millions of needy- poor to access justice.

Speaking to reporters on the sidelines of the meeting, LSF Chief Executive Officer, Lulu Ng'wanakilala said: "In general, we have made great strides in the implementation of this project. We have reached more than 5 million people with various legal problems since the project inception in 2011. All these people have received legal aid services through paralegals from legal aid providers funded by LSF in the country."

So far, LSF has recruited over 3,000 paralegals, who work mainly in rural areas, where the majority of people do not have access to legal aid services and experience various legal and related problems, especially women. Some of

the problems facing many people include those related to inheritance, land, child custody, early pregnancy and many others, according to an official statement issued by LSF.

According to the LSF CEO, the meeting, besides other things, focused on enabling legal providers to evaluate the objectives of the project and find out what they have achieved or not and chart out strategies to widen the scope of legal aid services delivery and enable needy-poor Tanzanians to access justice.

"Legal aid services has greatly expanded and helped many people to access justice across the country. For instance, last year more than 3 million people were reached and received legal aid services, whereby 76,000 cases were filed and 60 per cent of them were resolved."

Marius Isavika, Project Manager from KASADEFO (Simiyu Region), one of the organisations implementing LSF-financed project, said his organisation had resolved many land disputes and solved other problems facing people living in rural areas through paralegals in various wards in Simiyu Region.

"We focus more on women and poor people living in the rural areas, taking into account that it is only 7 per cent of Simiyu residents, who live in urban areas. The rest live in rural settings. So, we, KASADEFO, see the LSF project as a big help to poor people (with legal and problems) in Simiyu Region."

For her part, Veronica Olomi, Communication Officer of KWIECO (Kilimanjaro) said through about its 170 paralegals, the organization assisted many people out of various legal problems, "but



Legal Service Facility CEO Lulu Ng'wanakilala (R) presents a refresher course attendance certificate to paralegal Eugen Mawele of Chemba District at a meeting for legal aid stakeholders held in Dodoma earlier this week. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

we still have a big challenge because paralegals we have serve in fewer wards compared to the number of people in need of legal aid services. This means legal aid services are still inaccessible to many people."

"However, as an organisation we continue raising public awareness especially in wards without paralegals to enable them to utilize available systems - ward tribunals, local government, social development officers and

various organs - so that they may get their rights."

The meeting focused also on building capacity, addressing various challenges in various parts of the country and set priorities in the implementation of projects to bring about development and get the anticipated results, which are equal rights to all for the development of the people and the country in general, according to Scholastica Jullu, LSF

Project Director.

"The meeting provided, among other things, an opportunity to LSF to highlight its strategic plan, which aims at improving legal aid services, including increasing access to legal aid services in urban areas because urban challenges differ from rural challenges and LSF has been implementing its projects especially in rural areas," reads part of a statement from LSF.

## Mastercard, Rabobank out to take financial inclusion tools to 1 million farmers

By Guardian Reporter and Agencies

MASTERCARD and Rabobank has announced a strategic partnership to give one million farmers in emerging markets access to a digital platform that makes it easier for them to sell their produce for a fair price.

The platform builds on the current Mastercard Farmer Network and will be enriched by Rabobank's expertise and reach in the food and agricultural sectors across Europe, Africa and Asia.

The partnership was formally initiated at a signing ceremony

during the advisors' meeting of the CEO Partnership for Economic Inclusion earlier this year in the presence of Her Majesty Queen Máxima of the Netherlands in her capacity as the United Nations Secretary-General's Special Advocate for Inclusive Finance for Development (UNSGSA).

Under the partnership, Mastercard and Rabobank will extend the reach and impact of the Mastercard Farmer Network across Uganda, Tanzania, Kenya, Ghana, Egypt and India. Many smallholder farmers in these countries have limited access to market information, finance and management

skills. This has led to insecurity, inefficiencies, a waste of resources and ultimately prevents farmers from running a sustainable business.

Since its launch in 2015, the Mastercard Farmer Network has reached more than 250,000 farmers in Uganda, Tanzania and India.

Through the platform, small-scale farmers connect with potential buyers, access mobile payment tools, and build a digital transaction record that can be used to access formal credit from a financial institution. This solution is part of Mastercard's

strategy to connect underserved communities to essential services through a common digital infrastructure.

"At Mastercard, we envision a world in which economic growth is truly inclusive," said Arjan Bol, Netherlands country manager for Mastercard.

"Mastercard Farmer Network contributes to this by offering a digital platform that makes it safer and simpler for small-holder farmers to grow their business. Through close collaborations with important partners as Rabobank, we are able to create even more impact, putting the

digital economy to work for everyone, everywhere."

The announcement comes as Ajay Banga, president and CEO of Mastercard, joins world and business leaders in celebrating Queen Máxima's 10-year anniversary as the UNSGSA at the United Nations General Assembly's special side event "Financial Inclusion for Development: Building on 10 Years of Progress", in New York.

The Special Advocate, who convened the CEO Partnership for Economic Inclusion, aims to unlock development opportunities and economic inclusion for all. Her support of private sector

companies helped to provide the platform for the strategic partnership between Mastercard and Rabobank.

"We believe that sustainable partnerships in the food and agri value chain are key to guaranteeing food security in the future," said Wiebe Draijer, CEO Rabobank.

"This partnership creates a unique opportunity to expand access to the formal economy and financial services for hundreds of thousands of farmers.

By joining forces with Mastercard we address both of our goals to increase financial inclusion in

the agri-sector, while also contributing significantly to Rabobank's Banking for Food strategy."

Her Majesty Queen Máxima of the Netherlands, in her capacity as UN Secretary-General's Special Advocate for Inclusive Finance for Development (left) witnessed Arjan Bol, Country Manager of Mastercard Netherlands (middle), and Wiebe Draijer, CEO of Rabobank (right), signing a strategic partnership to increase financial inclusion across the agriculture value chain in emerging markets in April this year during the CEO Partnership for Economic Inclusion advisors meeting at Rabobank in Utrecht.

## Bank launches paperless digital banking to facilitate payments

By Guardian Reporter

NBC bank yesterday launched a hardly five minutes digital banking system and registration that would ease its customers' payments of government bills, electricity and water amongst others.

Inaugurating the system in Dar es Salaam, NBC Director of Banking and Small Scale Entrepreneurs Services, Elibariki Masuke said that the system would replace tedious paperwork that was consuming time and demanding.

"What a client needs to do is to arm him/herself with a National Identification Authority (NIDA) Identity Card at the bank or branches and hardly within five minutes he/she would walk out already registered and issued with ATM and Simbanking.

"If one can't visit our bank physically there are agents and our staff already available to

follow a would-be-willing client wherever one is without any fee," he added.

Masuke noted that the digital banking would enable a client to pay water, TV channels bills and send money through mobile phones and equally access internet without subjecting one to carry physical money that is risky to carry.

Terming the campaign as 'Kulipa Inalipa' that loosely translates as to pay and be paid, the Director hinted that once a client registers with them digitally, he/she would be automatically enrolled in a competition, where everyday a winner would be rewarded with not less than 10,000/- in his/her account.

He further said that the new arrangement would see into it that a client is not charged any fee on ATM withdrawal and monthly retaining fee, but charges will be met when one visits a teller.

Thanking the Fifth Phase government under the stewardship of President John Magufuli for reinforcing that every citizen acquires an ID, Masuke assured the public that their digital registration and banking is linked with NIDA through 'know your customer' and hence security wise all their clients' money is safe in their accounts.

For his part, NBC Head of Digital Services Deogratius Mosha while appealing to the public to open accounts with them said that there are many services, one would get once one becomes their client.

Reached for a comment, Merina Marando a customer of the bank who opened an account during the launch praised the institution for the modern banking system that the paperless means was professional and saved them from signing papers and taking passports just to acquire a bank account.



NBC customer service officer Oswald Kashasha (R) registers a customer (seated) digitally shortly after the bank launched a service dubbed 'Kulipa Inalipa' (literally, it pays to pay) in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Looking on is Mariam Kombo of the bank's head office. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## Funding to boost livelihood recovery, improve food security and nutrition

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THE Government of Kuwait has contributed US\$ 2 million to boost FAO's emergency agricultural interventions and improve food security and nutrition in Yemen.

The Kuwaiti funding in support of FAO's Humanitarian Response Plan for Yemen will be

crucial in providing assistance to some of the 8.6 million severely food insecure Yemenis.

"This new agreement reinforces the relationship between the State of Kuwait and FAO," said Jamal Al Ghunaim Ambassador Permanent Representative of the State of Kuwait to the U.N. in Geneva.

"We aim to work closer together to accelerate humanitarian efforts towards the people of Yemen and other countries in the near East region who are suffering from conflicts."

Yemen remains the world's largest humanitarian crisis. The protracted crisis has taken a devastating toll on the economy,

collapsing essential services and exhausting the population's coping mechanisms, leading to widespread food insecurity and malnutrition. This new contribution will build on gains made through previous Kuwaiti funding.

"Kuwait and FAO are building strong partnership to fight hunger and malnutrition in the Near

East and North Africa region (NENA). Kuwait today generous grant will strengthen the resilience of farmers and herders of Yemen. It adds to Kuwait recent contribution to the farmers in Syria", said FAO's Abdessalam Ould Ahmed, Assistant Director-General and Regional Representative for NENA

Building on a successful partnership

The Kuwait-FAO ongoing partnership is already delivering emergency agricultural interventions and working to improve food security and nutrition in Yemen. Repair and rehabilitation of water and irrigation networks is one of the most pressing needs

in addressing Yemen's declining agricultural output and, therefore, in addressing its broader food security crisis.

The project is in the process of setting up small-scale water infrastructures, which will see almost 11 000 farmers benefit from the availability of water for agricultural purposes.



# How to 'fix the business of food' and save the planet

## UNITED NATIONS

**W**ITH up to one billion undernourished people around the world, and agriculture and land use systems increasingly vulnerable to climate change and land degradation, more companies within the global food industry need to start aligning their operations with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals or SDGs.

As climate action remained a heightened focus at this year's U.N. General Assembly, the Barilla Center for Food and Nutrition held an event in New York where different parties came together to discuss how to fix food security and get different stakeholders from governments to private sector to come together to make an impact.

Guido Barilla, President of the Barilla Foundation, announced the launch of the report "Fixing the Business of Food, the Food Industry and the SDG challenges" at the event held on Tuesday, Sept. 24.

The report noted that the food industry is a key sector in achieving sustainable food, land, water, and oceans. But current agriculture and food systems "lead to widespread hunger, malnutrition, and obesity", accounting for almost a "quarter of greenhouse gas emissions, over 90 percent of scarcity-weighted water use, most losses of biodiversity, overexploitation of fisheries, eutrophication through nutrient overload, and considerable pollution of water and air, for example through the burning of crop residues".

The report found that while food industry leaders have already taken steps towards aligning with the SDGs, "more work is needed in terms of business action towards sustainable development, as well as to make sustainability reporting more systematic, detailed, and useful for all parties".

"Our planet is crying out for us to make these changes," said Barilla during his remarks. "Together with our partners we set ourselves the challenge of assessing the food industry progress...in aligning the sustainable



development goals."

Columbia University professor and Sustainable Development Solutions Network Director, Jeffrey Sachs, and Director General of the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO), Qu Dongyu, shared their thoughts among others at the event.

Qu called on the food industry to do more to support healthy foods and reduce food loss and waste.

"We know that agriculture is pushing against ecosystems all over the world to an absolutely shocking extent," Sachs said at the workshop. "We're losing the ecosystem...of course

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it's complex, it requires good science to understand what are the drivers but agriculture is certainly the lead driver."

Scarlett Benson, Associate at SYSTEMIQ Ltd, presented the report "Growing Better: Ten Critical Transitions to Transform Food and Land Use".

"If we continue as we're going, we're going to deforest 400 million more hectares of natural ecosystem for agricultural land," Benson said. "But if we can implement this reform agenda, we'll actually save 1.2 billion hectares

of land that is currently used for agriculture and that land will be available for return to nature so that will allow us to...achieve all biodiversity agenda."

She mentioned the part of the research that often garners a lot of attention is about freeing up land.

"Because freeing up land, by changing our diets, by reducing food loss and weight and including agriculture productivity through better use of technology, actually enables us to use land more efficiently," Benson

said.

"Land has an opportunity cost and it is an asset for us," she said.

When asked how many companies are actually adapting sustainable development practices with high priority, Charlotte Ersboll, U.N. Global Compact Senior Advisor, said "too few," citing a recent study by the organisation. "It's very clear that despite all the excitement around SDGs it's really very superficial what companies are doing," she said.

During the event she said that only 27 percent of companies where carrying sustainability through their supply chain.

"We can see that companies are certainly trying to embed sustainability in their strategy, they're embedding policies," she added, "but when we look at what kind of impact they are having on the ground, it's far from what we need to see."

"We found that companies look at health as mainly a responsibility for their workplace health departments but they don't think about the potential negative impacts they can have in the production, supply, market chain and so we really want to see is they view health as a leading indicator for their activities."

### Accountability a key

A key highlight of the workshop was the lack of accountability and the need for each sector to hold other sectors accountable.

Sachs shed light on the importance of the different sectors coming together.

"We will not get sustainability on the planet, unless there's co-responsibility," he said. "We're going to lose the resilience of the food sector itself if climate change, loss of biodiversity, destruction of land, scarcity of water continues the direction we're going."

In terms of achieving the SDGs, while there's an obvious role for governments to play, Gerbrand Haverkamp, executive director of World Benchmarking Alliance (WBA), says they stay focused on the private sector.

"That means we want to make sure that business is conducted - so the way that coffee is sourced, the way that we grow bananas... that is done in a way that it doesn't undermine progress and also starts to contribute towards progress on the SDG," Haverkamp told IPS in an exclusive interview.

"But to make sure companies do that, we need to make sure that we are able to articulate what that means [so] that we can measure how good they are doing, and then we make those results publicly available," he said, adding that this allows both the consumers and investors a way to tell the company how they're performing and what risks their under-performance can pose.

Haverkamp added that while companies tend to be generally interested to engage in these practices, a bigger challenge remains the data collection.

"Companies do not adequately collect a lot of data or they fail to disclose it, so that's a technical issue," he added. "And to be able to hold someone accountable, you need to understand the issue."

Others who spoke at the workshop include Emanuela Claudia Del Re, Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Representative of the European Commission; Angelo Riccaboni, Full Professor of Business Administration, University of Siena as well as Chair of the Prima Foundation; and Diane Holdorf, Managing Director of Food and Nature at the World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD), based in Geneva, Switzerland.

## We have swung into the dark ages, says Nobel Peace Laureate Jody Williams

### UNITED NATIONS

**S**PEAKING in New York during the United Nations General Assembly's opening day, United States President Donald Trump continued to float the idea that he should be awarded a Nobel Prize, but that would never happen because the system was rigged.

Nobel Peace Laureate Jody Williams, who won the prize for her work to eradicate landmines in 1997, would likely agree Trump would never win - but not because the system was rigged, but because under his leadership she said: "We have swung into the dark ages."

Speaking at the World Summit of Nobel Peace Laureates, in the heart of the Yucatan, in Merida, Mexico, she was asked which conflict she was most concerned about, and she replied, "Trump. He is a global crisis in and of himself."

"He is pulling out of treaties on the climate, recharging the nuclear weapons that the U.S. has, and modernising the weapons arsenal. We don't need more nuclear weapons," she said, adding that everything he does is about ruining institutions.

Trump-like behaviour has spread everywhere, she continued. "Around the world, Trump has given voice to xenophobia, hatred, racism and emboldened several leaders like him. In Brazil and Italy, the leaders are the same," she said.

Williams had much to speak about, including Trump, the state of world peace, why women are critical to the global peace process, and how to engage youth.

In an interview after the Summit, she stopped to give her thoughts - before continuing on to Rome for meetings at the Vatican to discuss killer robots and artificial intelligence, which she is increasingly concerned about because "nobody is talking about them."

### Excerpts from her interview:

**Inter Press Service (IPS): You are chairing the Women's Nobel Initiative (NWI). Why and how did that come about?**

**Jody Williams (JW):** In 2004, Nobel Laureate Shirin Ebadi and I were in



Nairobi for an international landmine meeting. She had started an NGO to protect children from landmines on the border between Iraq and Iran. A handful of Nobel women, in support of women's rights, met with Nobel Laureate Wangari Maathai.

All six of us decided to use whatever influence we had to shine a spotlight on grassroots women's organisations working on sustainable peace. We believe that if there is no justice there is no peace, and if there is no equality there is no peace. Women are critical to the peace process globally.

The Nobel Women's delegation focuses on women because nobody listens to women. We have worked in the Democratic Republic of Congo with women, and at the height of Bangladesh's Rohingya crisis. We have done a lot in Mexico, especially to protect indigenous land in Atenco, where, in 2001, government officials wanted to take over, some would say steal, the lands of the farmers of Atenco.

This was to build a new international

**Nobel Peace Laureate Jody Williams**

airport near Mexico City. Forty-seven women were raped, and the men who organised defending the land were imprisoned for four years. Others spent years in hiding. Suddenly, the women found themselves thrust into the role of leadership.

Over the next years, the Nobel Women's Initiative became involved in supporting the efforts of the women of Atenco by lending our voices to amplify theirs. It seemed to help. I went to Atenco to show further support on behalf of NWI and other Nobel Laureates supporting their efforts.

At one point the women protested, and with indignation they came - How dare you take our land and imprison our men? They were setting a precedent for "public protest" that this was their land and they wanted to keep it.

Finally, the cases of the 12 men came to the Supreme Court in mid-2010 and at a strategic mo-

ment, I was able to return, meet with the Justices themselves and other public officials - and then be there when the court decided to set the twelve political prisoners free. It was unreal. Amazing. Just think about the precedent set by freeing the men, something that underscored the freedom of assembly and all, but for one acquittal.

Later, I was able to go back to Atenco to see the women we've supported in their struggle to defend their land and their rights. Also, I got to meet the twelve men. They are strong, dignified, and proud of their struggle to defend their land and their livelihoods. They even gave me my own machete. It is not a weapon, but more of a symbol, as it something used to slash in the fields.

**IPS: Why are women essential to the peace process globally?**

**JW:** I ask - why aren't women

needed? I followed the route of Syrian refugees up through Balkans to Germany - through Serbia, Croatia, Slovenia and Germany and met with Syrian women who had formed an organisation to push for peace and for reconciliation.

During a press conference, a young man stands up and asks: "What is the role of women in the peace process?" I gave him a death stare. I asked him: "What is the role of men?" He is dumbfounded, fascinated in positive way, as if he was hit by a bolt of lightning. He replied that he had never thought about that way.

If all sectors of society are not involved in peace negotiations, the root causes of the conflict are not addressed. In El Salvador's peace agreement, three-quarters of it was given to separating combatants and disarming the guerrillas and trying to help them with a political party.

There were only a few pages talking about the root causes of the problem. The thought was that once all of this is done, they would try to look at the root. But the problem is that we need to look at those causes now. How do you have a full-blown agreement and get buy-in during the process?

Women - who are trying to hold their families together - have a lot to say about the peace process. Our role as women is everything - community, life, keeping people together. You don't have to love everyone, but accept they are different, as long as they are not breaking the law.

**IPS: How can we solve the climate crisis?**

**JW:** When I think about ways to address solve the climate crisis immediately, it is about redefining security. It is not about having more bombs, but making sure that we continue to exist and live on this planet, and that we stop destroy-

ing it every day.

We should be protesting the government's budgets on the military. If we think about it, trillions and trillions of dollars are spent building weapons of war. If you are constantly planning for war, then you have to practice and invade somebody.

I am proposing that governments reduce military budgets by 25 percent and put it into a fund to save the planet. If they did reduce, we would have enough money to save the planet and fulfil every one of the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals.

We also have to put at the forefront our corporations, whose bottom line is making money and is not worrying about a better planet. We need to raise our voices in companies, tell them that if they do care about what they are doing to destroy the planet, and if they don't change, we won't buy their stuff. It takes a community to come together and not buy their stuff. It's doable. All these elements can change this planet quickly.

We have to work together. No one person changes the world and I don't care who pretends they do. It takes collaboration and communication about what we are doing to make a difference. Together we can. A small group of people working together can do a lot on this planet.

**IPS: What is the role of youth, and especially of young women in creating peace?**

**JW:** Often people will say to me that young people don't care. But look at Greta Thunberg and the climate strikes. Not all young women, but many, know they have a place. Young people aren't waiting, they are using their voices to hold adults who messed up everything, to account. Young people are playing a role. I'm proud of them and especially to walk with them and learn more from them.



# NMB ASSURES POLICE CHIEFS OF AFFORDABLE LOANS FOR HOUSING, INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENTS



NMB bank's Head of Government Business, Vicky Bishubo, addresses Tanzania Police top brass in Dar es Salaam mid this week at a meeting opened by IGP Simon Sirro. Photo courtesy of NMB.

By Property Watch Reporter

**P**OLICE officers in the country should count on NMB Bank Plc as a source of credit to meet their housing and other investments at affordable rates.

NMB's Senior Manager Employee Banking and Consumer Lending, Ally Ngingite told Tanzania Police Force commanders attending a working meeting in Dar es Salaam this week that the bank has everything for everyone to cater for the law enforcers' needs.

Ngingite said among the many NMB products and services which individual police officers can benefit from are loans to invest in small scale agro-processing industries and factories to help realise the government's industrialization agenda.

"Everyone among you senior commanders and individual junior police officers have an obligation to improve their livelihoods in line with the government's plan to graduate the economy into a middle income status," Ngingite noted.

The working meeting which was opened by Inspector General of Police, Simon Sirro had a theme, "Our unity is strength, let's sustain peace and calm in an industrial economy," with the IGP urging his peers to ensure that law enforcement backs implementation of the same.

The NMB Senior Manager called on the Police Force top brass to be good ambassadors of the bank by mobilising their junior officers countrywide to choose NMB as their banking needs trusted partner.

"We have all kinds of credit facilities for individuals, families and private companies hence consider NMB as your trusted partner in development," Ngingite added. Head of Government Business at NMB Vicky Bishubo backed Ngingite's observation in assuring the senior law enforcers that NMB is their bank of choice.

"We have branches nearest to you than any other bank in the country hence ideal for your banking needs compared to our competitors who are confined to urban areas," Bishubo said while stressing that the bank's products and services are available at affordable rates.

## Indian miner targeting Kenya, Tanzania licences after local ban

NEW DELHI

India's V.V. Mineral, a beach sand miner hit by a domestic law which effectively banned private companies from extracting rare earth deposits, has applied for licenses to start operations in Kenya and Tanzania, the company's chairman said on Tuesday.

V.V. Mineral was India's largest exporter of rare earth minerals such as garnet, ilmenite and rutile over the last decade, but it started facing regulatory and legal trouble in 2013, which culminated in a blanket ban this year on beach sand mining by private companies.

"We have applied for two licenses to extract beach sand minerals in an area covering 300 square kilometers in Kenya, and a 15 square kilometre area in

Tanzania," S. Vaikundarajan, chairman and founder of V.V. Mineral told Reuters.

Vaikundarajan counts Australia's GMA Garnet Pty Ltd, Rio Tinto PLC and Iluka Resource Ltd as his major competitors. Garnet is used as an abrasive, while ilmenite is used to make paints and rutile is used in the welding industry. India accounts for over 10% of global reserves of ilmenite and rutile and has "major garnet deposits," according to the Indian Bureau of Mines.

In February, the government effectively barred private companies from mining rare earth minerals found on India's coastline through an order that restricted such firms from extracting minerals with traces of monazite, a source of the radioactive

metal thorium.

Sand minerals Industry lobby group Federation of Indian Mineral Industries (FIMI) on Tuesday asked the federal government to allow private companies to mine for beach sand minerals. "India is probably the only country where instead of improving the regulatory mechanism, we close the mining operations," FIMI president Sunil Duggal said at the group's annual general meeting, where the country's mines minister Pralhad Joshi was present.

V.V. Mineral exported garnet to countries including the United States and Germany. The two countries' embassies lobbied the Indian government in 2017 to resolve an "impasse" over mining in the southern state of Tamil Nadu - a market

controlled by the company - according to an Indian mines ministry document seen by Reuters.

Tamil Nadu, where the company is headquartered, ordered companies to stop beach sand mining in 2013 to facilitate inspections into allegations of illegal mining in the region, and some independent parties filed cases alleging wrongdoing by V.V. Mineral. Vaikundarajan denies all such allegations.

Get clearance V.V. Mineral does not expect to restart mining in India in the next couple of years, but Vaikundarajan said he hoped to start operations in Africa soon. "We expect to get all clearances to start development in 3 months to one year, and hopefully we can start production soon after," he said.



India's V.V. Mineral's mining site in Mumbai.



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### REQUEST FOR BIDS :

#### SALE OF RESIDENTIAL BUILDING AND PLOTS

1. Bank of Africa Tanzania Ltd is a Private Commercial Bank operating in Tanzania serving Corporate, SME and Retail customers.
2. Request for bids for SALE OF RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS AND PLOTS:

Bank of Africa (T) Limited is seeking for competitive proposals for the purchase of the buildings and landed area with the below description

S/N	LOCATION/PHYSICAL ADDRESS	PROPERTY TYPE	PLOT NO	SIZE
1	MOSHONO AREA ARUMERU DISTRICT	RESIDENTIAL	115	620sqm
2	MOSHONO AREA ARUMERU DISTRICT	RESIDENTIAL	102	754sqm
3	MOSHONO AREA ARUMERU DISTRICT	RESIDENTIAL	113	609sqm
4	MOSHONO AREA ARUMERU DISTRICT	RESIDENTIAL	110	613sqm
5	MOSHONO AREA ARUMERU DISTRICT	RESIDENTIAL	114	617sqm
6	MOSHONO AREA ARUMERU DISTRICT	RESIDENTIAL	123	11077sqm
7	MOSHONO AREA ARUMERU DISTRICT	RESIDENTIAL	94	566sqm
8	MOSHONO AREA ARUMERU DISTRICT	RESIDENTIAL	87	489sqm
9	MOSHONO AREA ARUMERU DISTRICT	RESIDENTIAL	109	664sqm
10	MOSHONO AREA ARUMERU DISTRICT	RESIDENTIAL	105	612sqm
11	MOSHONO AREA ARUMERU DISTRICT	RESIDENTIAL	124	735sqm
12	MOSHONO AREA ARUMERU DISTRICT	RESIDENTIAL	117	584sqm
13	MOSHONO AREA ARUMERU DISTRICT	RESIDENTIAL	108	517sqm
14	MOSHONO AREA ARUMERU DISTRICT	RESIDENTIAL	112	608sqm
15	MOSHONO AREA ARUMERU DISTRICT	RESIDENTIAL	116	571sqm
16	MOSHONO AREA ARUMERU DISTRICT	RESIDENTIAL	106	605sqm
17	MOSHONO AREA ARUMERU DISTRICT	RESIDENTIAL	121	855sqm
18	MOSHONO AREA ARUMERU DISTRICT	RESIDENTIAL	99	645sqm
19	MOSHONO AREA ARUMERU DISTRICT	RESIDENTIAL	96	614sqm
20	MOSHONO AREA ARUMERU DISTRICT	RESIDENTIAL	98	598sqm
21	MOSHONO AREA ARUMERU DISTRICT	RESIDENTIAL	104	652sqm
22	MOSHONO AREA ARUMERU DISTRICT	RESIDENTIAL	122	1024sqm
23	MOSHONO AREA ARUMERU DISTRICT	RESIDENTIAL	103	607sqm
24	MOSHONO AREA ARUMERU DISTRICT	RESIDENTIAL	97	605sqm
25	MOSHONO AREA ARUMERU DISTRICT	RESIDENTIAL	88	525sqm
26	MOSHONO AREA ARUMERU DISTRICT	RESIDENTIAL	95	622sqm
27	MOSHONO AREA ARUMERU DISTRICT	RESIDENTIAL	90	599sqm
28	MOSHONO AREA ARUMERU DISTRICT	RESIDENTIAL	92	600sqm
29	MOSHONO AREA ARUMERU DISTRICT	RESIDENTIAL	101	681sqm
30	MOSHONO AREA ARUMERU DISTRICT	RESIDENTIAL	89	535sqm
31	MOSHONO AREA ARUMERU DISTRICT	RESIDENTIAL	93	600sqm
32	MOSHONO AREA ARUMERU DISTRICT	RESIDENTIAL	100	605sqm
33	MOSHONO AREA ARUMERU DISTRICT	RESIDENTIAL	107	628sqm
34	MOSHONO AREA ARUMERU DISTRICT	RESIDENTIAL	111	614sqm
35	MOSHONO AREA ARUMERU DISTRICT	RESIDENTIAL	118	536sqm
36	MOSHONO AREA ARUMERU DISTRICT	RESIDENTIAL	91	600sqm
37	BLOCK "A" NJIRO, ARUSHA MUNICIPALITY	RESIDENTIAL	92,94-97	3150sqm



Block No 92, 94 and 97 on a photo

- Further clarification for SALE OF THE BUILDING/PLOTS can be sought from the Branch Manager Bank of Africa Tanzania Arusha Branch, ACU Building, Sokoine Road between 0830hrs to 1500hrs Monday to Friday.
- 3. Selection shall be in accordance with the International Competitive Selection procedures set out in the Public Procurement Act 2011 and Public Procurement Regulations of 2013.
- 4. Bids should be submitted in physical sealed envelopes only and delivered to the address below by or before 3.00pm on Monday 30th September, 2019, and be clearly marked eg. "BID FOR SALE OF BUILDING/PLOTS".
- 5. All applications should be addressed to: THE MANAGING DIRECTOR, BANK OF AFRICA TANZANIA, OHIO STREET/KIVUKONI FRONT, P.O.BOX 3054, DAR ES SALAAM.
- 6. Alternatively, Bids can be submitted physically at Arusha Branch, ACU Building Sokoine Road.
- 7. For more Information call: 0699 000184.



# CHINESE HUAXIN CEMENT BUYS MAWENI LIMESTONE FROM ARM CEMENT COMPANY

By Property Watch Reporter

**C**RISIS hit Kenyan manufacturer, ARM Cement Plc which is under liquidation in Nairobi has sold its local subsidiary, Maweni Limestone Limited to China based Huaxin Cement Limited.

In a statement this week, Joint Administrators, George Weru and Muniu Thoithi of PricewaterhouseCoopers said ARM Cement Plc which was placed under administration on 17 August 2018 as a result of its inability to meet its creditor obligations sold 100 percent of shares at MLL for US\$ 116 million.

Commenting on the Transaction, Weru said, "We are pleased to announce the signing of this Transaction which marks a crucial step for the delivery of our mandate as Joint Administrators of ARM Cement to realize value for the creditors, ensure continuity for the business and its suppliers and in the process safeguard the jobs of its employees through a going concern sale."

Weru however noted that the transaction is subject to certain conditions precedent including receipt of requisite regulatory approvals.

Huaxin Cement Company Limited bought the MLL stake through its wholly-owned subsidiaries Huaxin (HongKong) International Holdings Limited. Xu Gang, Huaxin Vice President and Head of Huaxin's International Business, Xu Gang said



Maweni Limestone Limited mines in Tanga.

his company considers Tanzania as an important market in East Africa and that MLL's acquisition is an important step towards capturing the regional market.

"We are looking forward to improving MLL's competitive position in the Tanzanian market with a state-of-the-art operation, creating value

for its customers, suppliers, employees and other stakeholders and contributing to the development of Tanzania," Gang said.

Huaxin is among the leading cement companies in China and among the top ten cement companies in the world in terms of capacity and revenues. Wuhan-based Huaxin

was founded in 1907 and operates today more than 200 plants with annual capacities of 100 million tons of cement, 24 million cubic meters of concrete and 25 million tons of aggregates. It has 17,000 employees and generated revenues of US\$ 4bn in 2018. In recent years, Huaxin expanded into the emerging markets

of Tajikistan and Cambodia and is currently expanding into Uzbekistan and Nepal with greenfield projects. This Transaction will permit Huaxin immediate entry into one of the leading markets in East Africa and is integral to Huaxin's broader strategy to expand its footprint across emerging markets.

## Rulindo District officials cited in shoddy construction work

KIGALI

The Public Accounts Committee (PAC) has blamed Rulindo District officials for not holding accountable a contractor who did a shoddy job during construction of houses for Genocide survivors that cost Rwf341 million. The houses got damaged just a few months after their completion.

The district authorities were yesterday appearing before the committee to respond to discrepancies observed in the Auditor General's report. Felicien Niyoniringiye, the Director of One Stop Centre who is also the engineer who was in charge of supervising the activities, was thrown out of parliament for lying that he had followed up and reported the case.

The MPs could not buy any of his explanations

"The pavement, foundation, water systems, and walls are in poor condition, among many others, just a few months after construction" explained MP Alice Uwera. "The engineer first told us that he compiled reports of the damaged parts of the shelter in order to correct them, but our own investigations show that he never followed up on the issue since he has no single report on the houses.

Jean Chrysostome Ngabitsinze, the PAC's chairperson, said it was an urgent issue that had to be handled immediately but there had been negligence. "We request the mayor to use the law and take appropriate administrative measures against the engineer who tells lies in parliament over issues regarding social affairs," Ngabitsinze said.

Other issues were also observed in a deal to rehabilitate Rwf500 million roads for which the contract was terminated after realising that the firm had forged documents to win the tender. MP Ngabitsinze grilled the internal tender committee over not seeking enough information about the bidder. The district also has no reports about teachers who resigned and MPs suspected that they continued receiving their salaries.

Other projects with irregularities include biogas plants, a Rwf50 million rehabilitation transit centre, Rwf34 million pre-primary schools and district properties that have no land titles as well as 13 tenders worth over Rwf1 billion that never complied with procurement laws. Emmanuel Kayiranga, the Mayor of Rulindo District, admitted the mistakes blaming poor planning.

## Hilton plans one hundredth hotel in Africa

JOHANNESBURG

Hotelier Hilton says it now has 100 hotels open or under development in Africa, coinciding with the firm's centenary. Its hundredth property on the continent will be in Sandton, the financial capital of South Africa located in Johannesburg Municipality.

Called the Hilton Sandton Grayston, the hotel will be a mid-market property close to Hilton's flagship upscale Hilton Sandton in a district referred to as "Africa's richest Square Mile", the company said in a press statement sent to GCR. Construction is scheduled to begin in early 2020 and it is due to open in mid-2021.

Patrick Fitzgibbon, Hilton's senior vice president of development in Europe, Middle East & Africa, said: "With this being our 100th year, reaching the milestone of 100 hotels allows us to reflect on our rich legacy of pioneering tourism on the African continent but also to look to the future.

"We continue to step up the pace of our growth, especially in the mid-market segment which presents a tremendous opportunity as evidenced by the rapid expansion of Hilton Garden Inn on the continent since its debut in 2016."

Africa has experienced a hotel-building boom in recent years. Analysis by W Hospitality Group estimated that around 64,000 rooms would be built in Africa in 2016, an increase of almost 30% on the previous year. In sub-Saharan Africa the increase was higher, at around 42%.



An EKFC state-of-the-art solar power system in Dubai.

# Emirates Flight Catering commits major investment in solar energy

By Property Watch Reporter

IN a bid to align with Paris Agreement on Climate Change, Emirates Airline has successfully commissioned a state-of-the-art solar power system across its premises, which is expected to deliver an annual reduction of three million kg of greenhouse gas emissions.

Emirates Flight Catering (EKFC) said in statement last week that the move is its continued investment in infrastructure to improve resource efficiency. EKFC's latest initiative supports the Dubai Clean Energy Strategy

2050, which was launched by Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Ruler of Dubai, in 2015.

Under the strategy, the Emirate aims to produce 75 percent of its energy requirements from clean sources by 2050. Al Maktoum who is Chairman and CEO of Emirates Airline and Group, said: "Sustainability is an important pillar of the Emirates Group strategy. We are committed to responsible business and environmental stewardship, and we apply eco-efficient technologies across our operations to minimise our impact even as

we continue to grow."

"Emirates Flight Catering's latest initiatives open new opportunities to improve resource efficiency, underpinning Dubai's strategy to become a global centre of clean energy and green economy," he added.

The Dubai Ruler's words were seconded by EKFC's CEO, Saeed Mohammed who: "We are excited to announce another significant, long-term investment in our sustainable operations. Our state-of-the-art solar power plant helps us further optimise resources and enhance environmental efficiency,

which will benefit all of our stakeholders, including our customers, employees and the communities around us."

"In line with our appetite for perfection, we stay committed to providing the best possible quality products and services to our customers using sustainable and innovative solutions," Mohammed said.

EKFC's solar rooftop power plant comprises 8,112 individual solar panels. It is expected to generate 4,195 megawatt-hours of electricity annually, allowing the company to reduce traditional energy consumption by 15 percent across its laundry, food manufactur-

ing and staff accommodation facilities. Consequently, EKFC's carbon dioxide emission will decrease by three million kilogram annually - the equivalent of the annual electricity use of 518 family homes, the Dubai based airliner stated.

EKFC recognises that environmental responsibility is core to its long-term success and is committed to using resources in a sustainable manner and minimising the environmental impact of its operations across all activities, the company noted.

EKFC will shortly start constructing the world's largest

vertical farming facility in a joint venture with US-based Crop One, an industry leader. The 130,000 square foot controlled environment facility will produce 2,700 kilogram of high quality, herbicide- and pesticide-free leafy greens daily, using 99 percent less water than outdoor fields. Its location will enable quick delivery of fresh products within hours of harvest, maintaining the food's nutritional value and reducing carbon emissions associated with transportation. The first products are expected to be delivered to Emirates Flight Catering's customers in 2020.



## CONSTRUCTION

# WEWORK CEO STEPS DOWN AND CEDES CONTROL AFTER INVESTOR REVOLT

## NEW YORK

**W**eWork co-founder Adam Neumann agreed on Tuesday to resign as chief executive and give up majority voting control, after SoftBank Group and other shareholders turned on him over a plunge in the US office-sharing start-up's estimated valuation.

Mr Neumann's dramatic fall came after WeWork parent We Company postponed its initial public offering last week following push-back from prospective investors in its stock, not just over its widening losses but also over Mr Neumann's unusually firm grip on the company.

This was a blow for SoftBank, which was hoping for We Company's IPO to bolster its fortunes as it seeks to woo investors for its second giant Vision Fund, totalling \$108 billion. SoftBank invested in We Company at a \$47bn valuation in January. But investor scepticism led to We Company considering

earlier this month a potential IPO valuation of as low as \$10bn.

We Company had said it would go ahead with an IPO by the end of the year. But there was little sign that IPO investor sentiment would change, threatening the value of the stakes held not just by outside investors, but by Mr Neumann as well.

What was the venture capital world's biggest upset then morphed into one of corporate America's most high-profile boardroom dramas. SoftBank managed to muster enough opposition to Mr Neumann in a meeting of We Company's seven-member board on Tuesday to convince him to step down.

"In recent weeks, the scrutiny directed towards me has become a significant distraction, and I have decided that it is in the best interest of the company to step down as chief executive," Mr Neumann said.

Artie Minson, chief financial officer of We Company, and Sebastian Gun-



We Company's New York headquarters.

ningham, a vice chairman for the New York start-up, will become co-chief executive, the company said. Mr Neumann will stay on the board as non-executive chairman, the company added.

Mr Minson, a former chief financial officer of Time Warner Cable who joined We Company in 2015, will oversee its finance, legal, human resources, real estate and

public communications. Mr Gunningham, a former executive at Amazon.com, Apple and Oracle who joined We Company last year, will take responsibility for product, design, development, sales, marketing, technology and regional teams.

We Company is considering slowing its expansion so it burns through less cash and would require less funding in the

absence of an IPO in the near term, Reuters reported on Monday. The company is also contemplating laying off staff, according to a person familiar with the deliberations.

"While we anticipate difficult decisions ahead, each decision will be made with rigorous analysis, always bearing in mind the company's long-term interests and health," Mr Minson and Mr Gunning-

ham wrote in an internal company memo.

Mr Neumann also agreed to reduce the power of his voting shares, losing majority voting control, according to the sources. Each of his shares will now have the same voting rights as three We Company common shares, not the 10 common shares previously, the sources said.

Mr Neumann's shares

used to have the same voting power as 20 We Company common shares, before he agreed to reduce his grip slightly earlier this month in an unsuccessful attempt to make the IPO more attractive to investors. Mr Neumann's wife Rebekah also found herself without a job at We Company as part of the changes, one of the sources said. She was co-chief brand and impact officer. She is also the founder and chief executive of WeGrow, an elementary school set up by We Company. However, We Company has decided to do away with such ventures that are not core to the WeWork brand, the source added. We Company declined to comment on Ms Neumann's role.

We Company said on Tuesday it was now evaluating the "optimal timing" for an IPO. Mr Neumann, whose net worth is pegged by Forbes at \$2.2bn, developed a cult following among many We Company employees, vowing to "elevate the world's consciousness" as he sought to establish WeWork as a

brand that transcended office sharing.

While his investors were willing to entertain his eccentricities over the decade he led WeWork since its founding in 2010, his free-wheeling ways came into focus once he failed to get the company's IPO under way.

During the attempts to convince IPO investors this month, Mr Neumann was criticised by corporate governance experts for arrangements that went beyond the typical practice of having majority voting control through special categories of shares.

These included giving his estate a major say in his replacement as chief executive, and tying the voting power of shares to how much he donates to charitable causes. Mr Neumann had also entered several transactions with We Company, making the company a tenant in some of his properties and charging it rent. He has also secured a \$500 million credit line from banks using company stock as collateral.

## Developers look to tempt buyers with Cityscape offers as market remains soft

## DUBAI

Developers are hoping to incentivise potential buyers at this year's Cityscape Global exhibition by offering discounts, fee waivers and other deals as the market for property purchases remains soft.

More than 100 companies including developers, consultants and architects will display projects at the three-day event, at Dubai's World Trade Centre from September 25 until 27.

Developers participating in the event include Aldar Properties, Arada, Nakheel, Azizi Developments and Sobha Group, among others. "The [Arabian] Gulf's property market has been facing a tough time over the last year or so, which is down to a number of reasons, but primary among these are the supply-and-demand situation, a slowdown in government spending, a sluggish economy and the knock-on effects on consumer spending," Ahmed Alkoshaihi, chief executive of Sharjah's Arada Developments, told The National.

"However, while some markets appear to be temporarily oversaturated, others are performing well. Sharjah, for instance, saw a higher value of real estate



Cityscape Global exhibition underway in Dubai.

transactions in the first half of 2019 compared with the same period in 2018. While other markets have experienced significant fluctuations in prices, values in Sharjah have remained stable," he said. "In Dubai, we have witnessed a number of initiatives that have the potential to reinvigorate the property sector."

The UAE government has undertaken measures that are seen as positive for real estate, such as issuing long-term visas and easing company ownership rules. In Dubai, the government is looking

to assuage supply concerns through the formation of a real estate committee to encourage collaboration between government-related entities and private sector companies.

Real Estate Regulatory Agency will assume responsibility for overseeing escrow accounts held by developers and will also accredit the financial institutions qualified to manage them, according to a law issued earlier this month.

Rera will govern the overall development, brokerage and

management of real estate with a view to providing "a secure environment to protect the rights of developers and investors", the Dubai Media Office said.

The Abu Dhabi government also made changes to laws allowing foreigners to own freehold property in designated zones such as Saadiyat Island. Foreign investors in Abu Dhabi's real estate market were previously granted leasehold for a maximum time period of 99 years.

"The market is a bit slow, but there is a strong opportunity

for investors to invest. There is also optimism on the recovery of the market on the back of Expo 2020," said Chris Speller, group director of Cityscape.

Aldar is among developers announcing deals, offering a 10 per cent discount on unit prices along with a waiver of service charges, free home maintenance, membership of Yas Island theme parks for 10 years and zero registration fees on 10 different projects in Abu Dhabi.

Nakheel will also offer incentives including low deposits, free Dubai Land Depart-

ment registration and service charge fee waivers, among others. Arada, Azizi Developments, Tilal Properties and others are also trying to impress buyers with deals.

Dubai home rents and prices are set to continue falling this year and next as more supply enters the market, according to a report by Core Research. Nearly 29,500 units will be delivered in the emirate this year, with around 16,500 units already delivered so far and an additional 13,000 units expected over the remainder of 2019.

## Fosun facing US\$1.5 bn hit after Thomas Cook collapse

## SHANGHAI

When Thomas Cook, the storied British travel agency that filed for bankruptcy on Monday, needed financial help in recent years, it turned to the Chinese investment firm Fosun International, Business Insider reported.

Since 2015, the Shanghai-based conglomerate and its chairman, Guo Guangchang, have built up a massive, 18% stake in Thomas Cook. The stake was worth as much as US\$1.5 billion in recent weeks, according to regulatory filings, before the company became officially insolvent.

By August, Fosun and Thomas Cook had managed to agree on a deal that would give Fosun 75% control of Thomas Cook's tour business and 25% of its airline. However, that deal fell through in September, as new debts piled up.

Fosun also owns major stakes in France's competing tour agency Club Med, Cirque du Soleil, an English football club the Wolverhampton Wanderers, insurance and real-estate companies, and more.

"Fosun is disappointed that Thomas Cook Group has not been able to find a viable solution for its proposed recapitalization with other affiliates, core lending banks, senior noteholders and additional involved parties," Fosun said in a statement.

"Fosun confirms that its position remained unchanged throughout the process, but unfortunately other factors have changed. We extend our deepest sympathy to all those affected by this outcome."

Thomas Cook is far from Fosun's only stake in Western companies as 52-year-old Guangchang seeks to emulate American "oracle" Warren Buffett. However, Guangchang has a long way to run — Forbes estimates Guangchang's wealth at US\$6.3 billion, making him the 41st-richest person in China.

In comparison, Buffett is worth an estimated 10 times more, roughly US\$82.5 billion. The Shanghai-based investment group also said in a statement that it will continue to hike investment and seek further cooperation in the UK, Yicai Global reported.

The heavily indebted firm, which owns 34 aircraft and had 22,000 staff in 16 countries, struggled amid higher fuel prices and uncertainty over Brexit that hit bookings. Over £1.2 billion in debt in the six months ended March, it is now in administration. Fosun told Yicai Global that its joint venture, Thomas Cook China, rests on a sound financial basis, is unaffected by the bankruptcy, and is running normally.

## 'Tunisia hotel stopped Thomas Cook customers from leaving'

## TUNIS

British tourists in Tunisia said their hotel stopped them leaving for several hours on Saturday night over concerns about payment by their holiday operator Thomas Cook, though the Tunisian government said the incident was a misunderstanding.

Gary Seale, a guest at the Orangers Hotel in Hammamet, posted on Facebook at 9.39pm: "security have refused to let us out of the hotel

and barricaded us in". He later posted that he reached the airport later on Saturday and flew home on Sunday.

The incident came amid growing concerns raised by some customers of Thomas Cook, as the company's bosses met lenders and creditors in London in a last-ditch attempt to raise £200 million to keep it afloat.

The British government has said it has plans in place to bring home stranded holidaymakers

if Thomas Cook - the world's oldest travel company - goes out of business. Thomas Cook itself was not immediately available to comment, but it has been using its social media channels to reassure customers that the company is still operating as normal.

Tunisia's Tourism Ministry on Sunday attributed the incident to a "misunderstanding" and said the tourists had been able to leave on the flight on which were originally booked.

"Fourteen tourists were asked to wait a few minutes to confirm with the representative of Thomas Cook... and quickly got the agreement, and the tourists left and travelled on time last night," the ministry said in a statement.

Tourism, a critical sector for Tunisia's economy, was hit hard in 2015 by two militant attacks that killed scores of people, with tourist numbers only recovering this year according to the government.



## WORLD

## Seeking favours, Trump asked Ukraine president to investigate Joe Biden

WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT Donald Trump pressed Ukraine's leader to investigate Democratic presidential front-runner Joe Biden, in coordination with the U.S. attorney general and Trump's personal lawyer, according to a summary of a telephone call released by the Trump administration on Wednesday.

The official account of the half-hour July call with President Volodymyr Zelenskyy laid bare an astonishing exchange of requests, pledges and ingratiations, including some unrelated to Biden.

The summary was released a day after U.S. House of Representatives Speaker Nancy Pelosi said the Democratic-led chamber was launching an official impeachment inquiry, setting up a political showdown that threatens Trump's presidency as he campaigns for re-election in 2020.

A Pelosi aide said that in two meetings with Democratic leaders on Wednesday, the speaker suggested the possibility of making the inquiry narrowly focused on Trump and his dealings with Ukraine, after months of House committee hearings on a range

of other activities by the president. No final decisions were made, the aide said. The Washington Post first reported that possible strategy earlier on Wednesday.

The inquiry could lead to articles of impeachment in the House that could trigger a trial in the Senate on whether to remove Trump from office.

The details of the July 25 call drew furious reactions from Democrats, who accused Trump of soliciting Ukraine's help to smear Biden, who has led in polls among Democratic candidates seeking to challenge the Republican president in the November 2020 election.

Frequent flyer Pelosi leaves impeachment speech on the plane

Selling impeachment: Democrats search for common message against Trump

The call occurred after Trump had ordered a freeze of nearly \$400 million in American aid to Ukraine, which the administration only later released.

"What those notes reflect is a classic Mafia-like shakedown of a foreign leader," said Democrat Adam Schiff, chairman of the House Intelligence Committee.



Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelenskyy listens during a bilateral meeting with U.S. President Donald Trump on the sidelines of the 74th session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) in New York City, New York, U.S., on Wednesday. REUTERS

ABC News reported that an adviser to Zelenskyy, Serhiy Leshchenko, contended that any telephone conversation between Trump and the newly elected leader of Ukraine came with a U.S. precondition that the Biden case would be discussed.

Republicans said the summary of the call showed Democrats were wrong to move forward with impeachment. "There was no quid pro quo and nothing to justify the clamor House Democrats caused," said U.S. Representative Doug Collins of Georgia, the top Republican on the House Judiciary Committee.

Trump and Zelenskyy appeared side by side in New York on the sidelines of the U.N. General Assembly and denied impropriety in their call, with Ukraine's president telling reporters: "Nobody pushed me."

At a news conference closing out three days of meetings in New York around the General Assembly, Trump accused Democrats of launching the impeachment inquiry "because they can't beat us at the ballot."

In a statement, Biden said Trump put personal politics above his oath of office and that Congress must hold him to account for "his abuse of power." The controversy arose after a whistleblower from within the U.S. intelligence community brought a complaint relating to Trump's

conversation with Zelenskyy.

Members of the House and Senate Intelligence committees were allowed to see the complaint on Wednesday, the day before acting U.S. director of national intelligence, Joseph Maguire, testifies at a House intelligence panel hearing.

Late on Wednesday, Representative Chris Stewart, a Republican member of the House Intelligence Committee, said in a Twitter posting that the complaint had been declassified. "I encourage you all to read it," he tweeted. But it was not yet clear when it would be released to the public.

Democratic lawmakers said the allegations were credible and deeply disturbing, while Republicans largely downplayed the complaint.

According to the summary, Trump told Zelenskyy that Attorney General William Barr, the top U.S. law enforcement official, and Trump personal lawyer Rudy Giuliani would speak to him about reopening a Ukrainian investigation into a Ukrainian gas company for which Biden's son Hunter had served as director.

"The other thing, there's a lot of talk about Biden's son, that Biden stopped the prosecution and a lot of people want to find out about that, so whatever you can do with the Attorney General would be great," Trump said, referring to Barr.

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## Lavrov describes seizure of Russian diplomatic property in US as 'daylight robbery'

MOSCOW

THE seizure of Russian diplomatic property in the United States was a "daylight robbery," in which the US behaved in an unmanly way, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said in an interview with the *Kommersant* daily.

"This property situation is nothing but robbery in daylight. We have already promoted our position to the UN Committee on Relations with the Host Country," he said.

"The Americans behave in a very stubborn way, they are reluctant to manage this situation: illegal, violating all possible conventions, created as a result of Barack Obama administration's agony with an obvious decision to slam the door while leaving and to avenge on everyone for the Democrats' loss in the presidential election."

"Our partners behaved in an unmanly way, but we have what we have. We have our reasons, many of them. We are working with US lawyers. We will keep preparing this case for being heard in court," he said.

The minister said that since 2016, Russian diplomats have been unable to receive a permission to visit the seized diplomatic facilities.

He also rejected US claims that some of those facilities were used for spying, saying that the diplomatic compounds in question were used for sporting events and other recreational activities.

On September 2, 2017, US authorities closed down the Russian Consulate General in San Francisco and the Trade Mission in Washington, which are owned by the Russian government and enjoy diplomatic immunity. In addition, the New York office of the Trade Mission, which Russia had been renting, was shut down. Moscow described the US administration's move as an overtly hostile act and urged US authorities to return these properties immediately.

On March 26, 2018, Washington announced the closure of the Russian Consulate General in Seattle (rented by Russia) and the residence of the Consul General (Russia's diplomatic property).

Agencies

## China has firm control over its own food supply

LOOKING just like regular corn, a new corn variety containing high folic acids will hit Chinese supermarkets by the end of September.

The incoming product, which contains 200 to 240 micrograms of folic acids per 100 grams, could prevent folic acid deficiency in the human body, according to Zhang Chunyi, deputy director of the Biotechnology Research Institute, Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences.

Seeds are key for improving crop production and productivity. One seed can change the world, and one crop variety could benefit a country.

Thanks to the research efforts of generations of Chinese scientists, China has changed from a country having a critically low food supply to an adequate one.

Since the founding of the People's Republic of China, Chinese scientists have successfully cultivated more than 50,000 approved and registered crop varieties, making great contributions to the national goal of "having control over our own food supply".

The country has made extraordinary achievements in scientific research on seeds over the past 70 years.

Chinese scientists, represented by Yuan Longping and Li Zhensheng, two national top science and technology award winners, have been granted a large number of patents in breeding theories, methods and materials, providing great support for improving grain yield and safety.

Li Denghai, known as "the father of China's compact hybrid corn", has selected and bred more than 80 high-yield new corn varieties, which broke the summer corn high yield record six times.

Zhao Hongzhang, a scientist in the field of wheat breeding in China, has successively cultivated four batches of fine wheat varieties represented by "Bima No. 1", "Fengchan No. 3", "Aifeng No. 3" and "Xinong 881", with an accumulative planting area of 950 million mu, or 63 million hectares.

Over the past 70 years, China's overall grain production capacity has been improving steadily. It is the seeds independently developed by China that raised the Chinese people.

Over the same period, China has established efficient breeding systems for super rice, dwarf-male-sterile wheat and hybrid corn.

At present, China's rice, wheat and other crop varieties are all independent, enabling the country to plant crops with its own seeds.

People's Daily

## Israel's Netanyahu given chance to form new government

JERUSALEM

ISRAEL'S president on Wednesday asked Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to form a new government, giving the longtime leader the difficult task of breaking a post-election deadlock that has paralyzed the country's political system.

After a divisive campaign, Netanyahu called for a "broad unity government" with his chief rival former military chief Benny Gantz. But he faces an uphill struggle, with his future clouded

by a likely corruption indictment and his opponents opposed to sitting with him.

President Reuven Rivlin announced his decision late Wednesday after a second meeting aimed at brokering a unity deal between Netanyahu and Gantz ended without an agreement.

Standing alongside Rivlin, Netanyahu said it was clear that neither his Likud party nor Gantz's Blue and White could put together a coalition on its own, and that the only option was to band together.



"The two of us cannot form a government unless we are together," he said. "The order of the moment is a unity government, a broad national unity government

that is formed quickly."

He said the country faced great security challenges, highlighted by Iran, economic challenges and the "great opportunity" of settling its borders when US President Donald Trump presents an expected Mideast peace plan.

In a statement, Gantz appeared to rebuff Netanyahu, citing the Israeli leader's legal problems.

"Blue and White, led by me, does not agree to sit in a government whose leader is facing a severe indictment," he said. "This issue, among a number of other

critical factors, is more important to us than any delegation of ministerial posts or rotation."

Rivlin said his decision was not a solution and that both candidates were responsible for resolving the political impasse.

"The Israeli people need to know that a government can be established," he said. "It is true that everyone will have to compromise. But if a government is not formed, it is the citizens of Israel who will pay the greatest price."

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## Khashoggi murder 'happened under my watch,' Saudi crown prince tells PBS

RIYADH

SAUDI Arabia's crown prince said he bears responsibility for the killing of journalist Jamal Khashoggi last year by Saudi operatives "because it happened under my watch," according to a PBS documentary to be broadcast next week.

Mohammed bin Salman, the kingdom's de facto ruler, has not spoken publicly about the killing inside the Saudi consulate in Istanbul. The CIA and some Western governments have said he ordered it, but Saudi officials say he had no role.

The death sparked a global uproar, tarnishing the crown prince's image and imperiling ambitious plans to diversify the economy of the world's top

oil exporter and open up cloistered Saudi society. He has not since visited the United States or Europe.

"It happened under my watch. I get all the responsibility, because it happened under my watch," he told PBS' Martin Smith, according to a preview of a documentary, "The Crown Prince of Saudi Arabia," set to air on Oct. 1, ahead of the one-year anniversary of Khashoggi's death.

After initial denials, the official Saudi narrative blamed the murder on rogue operatives. The public prosecutor said the then-deputy intelligence chief ordered the repatriation of Khashoggi, a royal insider who became an outspoken critic, but the lead negotiator ordered him killed after discussions for his return failed.



Saud al-Qahtani, a former top royal adviser whom Reuters reported gave orders over Skype to the killers, briefed the hit team on Khashoggi's activities before the operation, the prosecutor said.

Asked how the killing could

happen without him knowing about it, Smith quotes Prince Mohammed as saying: "We have 20 million people. We have 3 million government employees."

Smith asked whether the killers could have taken private government jets, to which the crown prince responded: "I have officials, ministers to follow things, and they're responsible. They have the authority to do that." Smith describes the December exchange, which apparently took place off camera, in the preview of the documentary.

A senior U.S. administration official told Reuters in June the Trump administration was

pressing Riyadh for "tangible progress" toward holding to account those behind the killing ahead.

Eleven Saudi suspects have been put on trial in secretive proceedings but only a few hearings have been held. A U.N. report has called for Prince Mohammed and other senior Saudi officials to be investigated.

Khashoggi, a Washington Post columnist, was last seen at the Saudi consulate in Istanbul on Oct. 2, where he was to receive papers ahead of his wedding. His body was reportedly dismembered and removed from the building, and his remains have not been found.

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## World leaders call for cooperation to fight global warming

UNITED NATIONS

WORLD leaders attending the ongoing General Debate of the 74th session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA 74) on Wednesday continued to call for international cooperation to tackle global warming.

"Climate change is frustrating efforts to raise the standard of living for the world's poor. Scientists have spoken, and we have seen with our own eyes, the devastating impact that climate change has had on our environment," Zambian President Edgar Lungu said.

Recalling early this year, three of Zambia's neighboring countries - Malawi, Mozambique and Zimbabwe - were affected by cyclones, Lungu said that not far away, half of Zambia experienced a severe drought which has resulted in low crop productivity, and low water

levels for hydroelectricity generation.

"Thus, opposite climatic extremes are occurring within the same neighborhood," he said. "The impact of climate change requires global collaborative efforts, and support for the mitigation and adaptation strategies," he said.

"As a developing country, Zambia needs assistance to enhance her capacity in key areas such as scientific research, early warning, rapid response, and transfer of appropriate technologies to help cope with the negative impact of climate change," said the president.

"Furthermore, scaling up global efforts in addressing climate change should invariably include the increased accessibility to financial support, particularly for countries with limited resources, to enable them make their fair contribution to this global effort, and

also bear the general climate-change-induced cost burdens," he added.

"We care about nations facing extinction through the slow weapon of mass destruction - the climate catastrophe," Estonian President Kersti Kaljulaid warned. "We care about nations facing famine, and famine-induced disturbances due to climate change."

Climate change remains "the biggest existential challenge" the world is facing. In this light it is "disturbing to know that we still keep subsidizing trillions of dollars into its source - the fossil fuel industry," Kaljulaid complained.

"No place on Earth will be untouched and none of us can escape it (destructive force of climate change). Many people across the globe already experience threats with regard to their livelihoods and, indeed, lives," she added.

"Climate change and environmental

degradation is one of the few things where we need to share collective responsibility," the president stressed. "In this battle we are all on the same side and it is the only way we can win."

Recalling the collective effort that mankind made in 1987 to protect the ozone layer by phasing out numerous substances that were responsible for ozone depletion, she said "collective action" of mankind is fairly important.

"As a result, the ozone hole in Antarctica has since then been slowly healing," said the president.

Georgian President Salome Zourabichvili said that "we are already feeling directly climate change's effects and understand our responsibility to act and preserve our planet so that our children have a place to live."

"There are territories turning into deserts or flooded by rising seas, or de-

stroyed by hurricanes like we have just witnessed in the Bahamas or by fires like in Amazonia," she said.

The president commended the UN Climate Action Summit held two days ago, which demonstrated the momentum and showed the potential to leap forward by giving the climate community more ambitious measures for implementing the Paris Agreement.

"Georgia, as many small countries, does not have industries that produce greenhouse gases. But like any other state, we feel the impact and we adapt," she said. Noting that Georgia is developing an integrated climate policy process, she said her country is putting in place climate-friendly incentives in the energy sector as well as green economy and energy efficiency policies.

"Prevention is key here," the president noted.

"In the Horn of Africa region, a complexity of factors has, in the last three or so decades, led to multi-layered threats to peace. These are exacerbated by disruptive effects of climate change, introducing ecological vulnerabilities to a delicate security context," said Kenyan President Uhuru Kenyatta.

"In the Horn of Africa we witness a confluence of climate change and conflict," said the president. "Cyclic droughts pressure food supply, cause competition over land, water and other resources, and become a driver of conflicts."

Kenyatta voiced his support for the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Special Report on global warming of 1.5 degrees Celsius, which points to "the urgent actions" needed to avert catastrophic global climate change.

Xinhua





Britain's Meghan, Duchess of Sussex, holding her son Archie, meets Archbishop Desmond Tutu at the Desmond & Leah Tutu Legacy Foundation in Cape Town, South Africa, on Wednesday. REUTERS

## Archbishop Tutu hails Prince Harry and Meghan as caring couple while baby Archie beams

CAPE TOWN

NOBEL Peace Prize laureate Desmond Tutu hailed Britain's Prince Harry and his wife Meghan as "genuinely caring" people when the royal couple visited the former archbishop along with their four-month-old son Archie in Cape Town on Wednesday.

The Duke and Duchess of Sussex have recently been the subject of scurrilous articles in Britain's tabloid media which have accused them of being overly politically correct and contrasted their globe-trotting lifestyle with their stand on climate change.

But the 87-year-old Tutu, a veteran of South Africa's anti-apartheid struggle, gave them a fulsome welcome.

"It's very heartwarming, let me tell you, very heartwarming to realise that you really, genuinely are caring people," Tutu told them, according to a statement from his foundation.

Much attention was focused on wee Archie, making his debut on a royal tour. He sat on his mother's lap while his father chatted with Tutu, video footage showed.

The family met Tutu and his daughter Thandeka at the Old Granary, one of the oldest buildings in Cape Town, where the cleric's charitable foundation is based.

A small group of well-wishers waited in searing heat to catch a glimpse of the royals arriving at the Old Granary. One elderly woman collapsed and had to be moved to the shade where bystanders and police officers helped her.

The couple were presented with a basket of gifts from the Tutu family celebrating South African women, children and non-racism including matching hand-made beaded bracelets in the foundations colours, a signed set of children's books for Archie written by Tutu, and a signed copy of the "Book of Joy" written jointly by the Dalai Lama and the archbishop.

Prince Harry was also presented

with a pair of framed photographs, one for him and the other for his brother Prince William, of their late mother Princess Diana's meeting with President Nelson Mandela in Cape Town in 1997.

Tutu, who as Anglican Archbishop of Cape Town used the pulpit to preach against the injustices of white minority rule during the apartheid era, has battled prostate cancer for years and has largely withdrawn from public life.

The Desmond & Leah Tutu Legacy Foundation aims to preserve his legacy by helping youth and promoting leadership skills.

Later in the day Meghan met officials and entrepreneurs of a British-South African tech hub which trains and supports female entrepreneurs. She then headed to the nonprofit organization mothers2mothers, which works to prevent mother-to-child transmissions of HIV/AIDS. South Africa has one of the world's highest rates of HIV prevalence.

The Duchess of Sussex was greeted by cheers from crowds outside the multi-storey building with many onlookers leaning out of windows to catch a glimpse of her in a sleeveless dark blue jumpsuit.

Meghan briefly stopped to speak to a group of children waiting to present her with flowers and a drawing.

Harry, Queen Elizabeth's grandson and sixth in line to the British throne, has been visiting southern Africa for two decades for holidays and conservation work.

He will travel alone on Thursday to Botswana, where he and Meghan holidayed shortly after they began dating in July 2016 and returned to in 2017 for a romantic getaway.

Harry then heads to Angola, visiting the landmine clearance project which Princess Diana also visited during her campaign to ban landmines. He ends the solo part of his tour in Malawi, where he will meet President Peter Mutharika.

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## S. Sudan to ratify arms trade treaty in bid to rein in conflicts, crime

JUBA

SOUTH Sudan has inked a deal with the Regional Center on Small Arms (RCESA) to strengthen efforts to ratify the Arms Trade Treaty (ATT) and rein in conflicts and violent crime.

Andrew Kuol Nyuon, chairperson of Bureau for Community Security and Small Arms Control, said the commission is conducting a nationwide campaign to enlighten key stakeholders on the need to support the treaty that bans illicit flow of small arms.

Nyuon said 70 percent deaths in South Sudan are linked with unregulated flow of small arms, adding that as the bureau they are committed to championing the control and reduction of small arms and light weapons in the country.

"Our people are dying daily because of small arms so this is one of the key reasons as a country to adopt all treaties that are a concern with prevention of small arms," said Nyuon.

He said the arms trade treaty is a supplementary instrument to the Nairobi protocol, which was adopted in 2014 by the Great Lakes Region, the horn of Africa including the bordering states to control arms in the region.

Badreldin Elamin Abdelgadir, executive secretary of RCESA, lauded Juba's commitment to tackle illicit flow small arms and light weapons through speeding efforts to ratify the treaty.

"South Sudan is very collaborative about ratifying the small arms treaty as we have already witnessed deliberations are ongoing and I am sure that lawmakers will soon reach a decision that will support the country politically and practically and that is our target," Abdelgadir said.

UNITED NATIONS

## Parties to Iran nuclear deal pledge to preserve accord

PARTIES to an international agreement on Iran's nuclear program pledged on Wednesday to continue efforts to preserve the July 2015 deal.

In a joint statement after their meeting in New York on Wednesday on the sidelines of the UN General Assembly, ministers from Britain, China, France, Germany, Russia and Iran "confirmed their determination to continue all efforts to preserve

the agreement, which is in the interests of all."

"Participants recalled that the JCPOA ... remains a key element of the global nuclear non-proliferation architecture and a significant achievement of multilateral diplomacy," says the statement read out to reporters by Federica Mogherini, EU's foreign and security policy chief, who chaired the meeting.

The JCPOA (Joint Comprehen-

sive Plan of Action) is the official name of the July 2015 Iran nuclear deal.

The participants underlined the importance of the full and effective implementation of the agreement by all sides, says the statement.

The United States was a party to the deal. But Washington withdrew from it in May 2018 and re-imposed sanctions on Iran, prompting



its commitments. Mogherini said it is becoming increasingly difficult to preserve the Iran nuclear deal. "We have discussed today the fact that

we will try and continue keeping the agreement in place and overcome the difficulties we are facing."

"We will continue to work together with the unity of purpose to try and preserve it, without ignoring the challenges. As you know, the agreement has two pillars, the nuclear commitment and the economic side that is linked to the sanctions lifting. On both elements, there is full deter-

mination to try and preserve the agreement. On both elements there are challenges, and there is a will to try and preserve the deal."

She asked Iran to return to full compliance with the deal, under which Iran would limit its nuclear activity in exchange for the lifting of international sanctions.

"What I believe is that every step that has been taken so far by Iran -- and I underline 'so far'

-- is reversible. We've constantly called upon Iran to reverse these decisions and go back to full compliance, which has been the case till recently, because this is in the interests of all."

This is in the security interests of all parties and in the economic interests of Iran, she said. "I hope that rationality will prevail and that this meeting today will contribute to preserving the agreement."

Xinhua

## Russia not surprised by NATO reaction to its proposal about missiles – diplomat

UNITED NATIONS

NATO decision to reject Russia's proposal about a moratorium on deploying short-and medium-range missiles came as no surprise to Moscow, Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Alexander Grushko said.

"Yes, we familiarized ourselves with the very first reaction, it looks like a compilation of evaluations from previous documents," he said on Wednesday, answering to a TASS question. "It came as no surprise to US."

"The way things are done in di-



plomacy is to give a formal response, that's why we expect NATO to respond via relevant diplomatic channels and give us something more substantial than the reaction that we heard today," Grushko said.

"There was nothing new to it, only the well-known theses, that had been imposed on NATO from overseas," he

added.

Russia's Kommersant paper earlier reported citing own sources that Russian President Vladimir Putin had sent a letter to a group of national leaders, including NATO members, suggesting a moratorium on the deployment of short-and medium-range missiles in Europe and other regions.

NATO Spokesperson Oana Lungescu confirmed that NATO Secretary General had received a letter from the Russian authorities, but does not view this as a credible offer due to Moscow's deployment of the SSC-8 missile.

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## Former French president Jacques Chirac dies, aged 86

PARIS

FORMER President Jacques Chirac, a political chameleon who dominated French politics for decades and strived to make France's voice heard in Europe and beyond, died yesterday at the age of 86.

Chirac was president from 1995 to 2007. He shaped his style in the mould of post-war leader Charles de Gaulle, seeking to strengthen France's status as a player on the world stage.

The National Assembly interrupted a sitting to hold a minute's silence. President Emmanuel Macron canceled a public engagement and scheduled a televised address later on Thursday.

"He passed away peacefully this morning surrounded by his loved ones," his son-in-law Frederic Salat-Baroux told Reuters.

Mayor of Paris for 18 years and prime minister for presidents on the political left and right before entering the Elysee Palace himself, Chirac had a knack for connecting with voters, particularly in rural France.

In death, he will be fondly remembered for his defiant opposition to the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq, a military campaign which turned Chirac's relationship with then British Prime Minister Tony Blair into an acrimonious low.

Blair said he was deeply saddened by Chirac's passing.

"He was a towering figure in French and European politics over many decades. Whatever our differences from time to time, he was always unfailingly kind, generous and personally supportive," Blair said in a statement.

In Europe, Chirac became one of the bloc's main standard bearers. He forged an alliance with German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder which brought Europe's two traditional powers closer together but upset some of their European Union partners.

He said of Eastern European countries that supported then-U.S. President George W. Bush's coalition in Iraq that they had "missed a good opportu-



nity to keep quiet."

Chancellor Angela Merkel called Chirac a "great partner and friend to us Germans". Jean-Claude Juncker, the outgoing leader of the European Union executive, said the continent had lost a man of strong convictions.

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Five years after leaving office, Chirac was found guilty in December 2012 of abusing public funds as Paris mayor, making him the first head of state convicted since Nazi collaborator Marshal Philippe Petain in 1945.

But he served no jail time and the saga did little to tarnish his image.

Figures from French political life, including some who had locked horns with Chirac in the past, paid tribute to him on Thursday.

Far-right leader Marine Le Pen said despite political differences with Chirac "he was able to oppose the madness of the war in Iraq".

Chirac was born in 1932 in Paris. He studied at the elite Sciences Po university and ENA civil service academy,

and served as an army officer. By 1967, he had become a junior minister and was just 41 when he became prime minister in 1974.

He left the government and by 1977 was elected as Paris's first mayor, a job he would keep for 18 years, until his election as president in 1995. He won a second term in 2002, after a fraught battle with far-right challenger Jean-Marie Le Pen, father of Marine Le Pen.

During his career, Chirac had flirted with Communism and ultra-nationalism before settling on mainstream right-of-center politics, earning him the nickname "Chameleon Bonaparte."

Another of his nicknames was "Houdini", a reference to his knack for managing to escape serious punishment, despite the allegations of misuse of funds.

In the last years of his life, he suffered from neurological problems and was rarely seen in public. He lived quietly with his wife, Bernadette, in an apartment on Paris's Quai Voltaire, and worked on his memoirs.

## China ushers in new chapter of women's cause

solid data and substantial facts.

The white paper, from nine perspectives, showcased the ever-stronger sense of fulfillment, happiness and security of hundreds of millions of Chinese women, indicating that as masters of the nation, women now can find the best ways to fulfill themselves.

Boosting the comprehensive development of women and achieving gender equality have been perceived as important components of the socialism system with Chinese characteristics, and women's cause is an important part of the CPC's undertaking.

Since its inception, the CPC has been struggling for women's liberation and gender equality, taking women as an important force to promote the causes of the Party and people.

With the coming of the new era, the CPC is now leading women's work more

devotedly. "Adhering to the fundamental national policy of gender equality, and protecting the legitimate rights and interests of women and minors" were enshrined in the reports of the 18th and 19th CPC National Congress, and accepted as key concepts and parts of the CPC's governance and administration plans.

Thanks to China's efforts, women in the country are able to exercise their democratic rights, participate in economic and social development, and benefit from the outcomes of reforms and development on an equal and legal basis.

In China, the protection of women's rights has been included in laws and regulations, manifesting itself as a state will and a norm of intrinsic social behaviors, indicating the continuously strengthened women rights.

Chinese women's political status and education level has grown significantly. Besides, their health condition and social security have also been improved. As Chinese women are playing unique role in the cultivation of family virtue, their role in economic and social development is becoming increasingly prominent.

Practices proved that women's participation in social and economic activities can effectively improve their status, as well as social productivity and economic vitality.

China will incorporate gender equality into general national economic and social development plans, to fully release the wisdom and energy of Chinese women, so that they can shoulder more important responsibilities, play their role as the masters of the country, and make success on the way to realize their great dreams.

People's Daily





Narinder Batra

## Commonwealth Games a waste of time and money - India Olympic chief

MUMBAI

INDIA should pull out of the Commonwealth Games permanently because a lack of strong competition makes participation a waste of time and money, the country's Olympic chief Narinder Batra says.

The Indian Olympic Association (IOA) has already threatened to boycott the 2022 Commonwealth Games in Birmingham, England due to the exclusion of shooting which supplied 16 of India's 66 medals at last year's event on Australia's Gold Coast, including seven golds.

"These Games have no standard. For me, these are a waste of time and money. We win 70 medals, 100 medals at the Commonwealth Games (CWG) while at the Olympics, we get stuck at two (medals)," IOA President Batra told the Indian Express newspaper in an interview published on Wednesday.

"That means the level of competition isn't high at CWG. It's not a ranking tournament either. So why waste time? We should rather go to better competitions and prepare for the Olympics."

Indian athletes managed just a silver and a bronze at the Rio Olympics in 2016 but finished third in the medals table at the Commonwealth Games last year.

Without shooting, however, India would

slip to anywhere between fifth and eighth place in 2022, according to IOA estimates.

India is relentlessly putting pressure on the Commonwealth Games Federation (CFG) to get shooting back on the roster in the 2022 CWG and the country's sports minister Kiren Rijju has sought the intervention of the British government for its restoration.

CGF chief Louise Martin is set to meet Batra in the Indian capital on Nov. 14 and the IOA will discuss the matter before that to reach a consensus.

"I'm not in favour of the boycott. In sports, you never use the word boycott. My fundamental principle is either we withdraw permanently or go and compete," Batra said.

"We will have an internal discussion in IOA before the meeting (with CGF) on Nov. 14. I'll put up this suggestion in the IOA meeting and see if there is a consensus. We'll have political decisions as well."

The Commonwealth Games began in Hamilton, Canada in 1930.

"The entire Middle East doesn't compete in CWG. The USA doesn't either," Batra said. "As a sports administrator, it is my duty to make sure India has a strong team for the 2024, 2028, 2032 Olympics. We won't achieve that by competing at the CWG."

REUTERS

## Tigo, SportPesa promotion winners unveiled

BY GUARDIAN REPORTER

FIVE winners of the 'FAIDIKA na JERO' promotion, which is run by Tigo Tanzania and SportPesa Tanzania, have been announced.

The promotion, which was launched in Dar es Salaam last week, involves TigoPesa customers only when they bet through SportPesa.

Franky Victor Kimambo, a resident of Kimara Temboni in Dar es Salaam, won a smartphone after emerging the first winner in the promotion.

Speaking during the event, SportPesa Director of Administration and Compliance, Tarimba Abbas, said the promotion was their first one since the event's launch.

Abbas said seven winners who will be betting through SportPesa will be announced every week together with the last week's winners who emerged after the launch.

He said the smartphone will be presented to people that will win the prize prior to the promotion's last day, when a brand new car, Renault Kwid will be presented to the winner after betting with as little as 500/-.



Tanzania Gaming Board's representative, Abdallah Ahmed (L), SportPesa Director of Administration and Compliance, Tarimba Abbas (2nd L), and Tigo Tanzania's Head of Digital Service Department, Ikunda Ngowi, communicate with winners of a promotion, known as 'FAIDIKA na JERO', which is conducted by Tigo in cooperation with SportPesa, in Dar es Salaam on Wednesday. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

"One has an opportunity to win a brand new car with as little as 500/- after he or she had bet through SportPesa, using TigoPesa via our promotion, 'FAIDIKA na JERO,'" he pointed out.

"I truly congratulate this week smartphone winners, Frank

Kimambo, Raphael Mwangila, Seif Mkumba, Baraka Sanga and Ally Ally".

Tigo's Digital Service Department Head, Ikunda Ngowi, noted: "It is an opportunity for Tanzanians to win a new car, as well as smartphones that will be

presented to five winners every week."

"You can win a new car with as little as 500/- through the promotion which involves Tigo customers that will bet through Tigo Pesa."

## DStv introduces new channel for ZIFF

BY GUARDIAN REPORTER



MultiChoice Tanzania Head of Marketing Department, Ronald Baraka Shelukindo (C) congratulates some of producers of a Swahili film, titled SEMA, Timothy Conrad (R) and Brian 'Mr. Beneficial', who have as well acted in the film, during a ceremony for introducing a special channel for airing films, which were in display in the Zanzibar International Film Festival (ZIFF). PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

AFTER the completion of the Zanzibar International Film Festival (ZIFF), held several months back, DStv has announced to introduce a new pop-up channel for two days to showcase several films which performed well in the festival.

The films were produced in countries including Tanzania, Kenya, South Africa, USA, Iran, Morocco, Nigeria, Cape Verde and Zimbabwe.

The channel, as noted by the firm, will be found in DStv 197 and will be aired for two days, Sunday and Monday, from 6pm to 10.30pm.

Films which will be shown in the channel include a famous film, titled SEMA, which has involved famous domestic comedians Anaeli Mrikaria (Mr. Beneficial), Bwana Mjeshi, Ebitoko and Nestory Kweka.

The film is expected to attract attention from viewers because of its quality and the comedians' prominence.

The SEMA film will be aired on Sunday from 10pm.

MultiChoice Tanzania Head of Marketing Department, Ronald Shelukindo, pointed out the launch targets promotion of the ZIFF.

It also aims at presenting people, who did not have chance to attend the festival, opportunity to watch several films that were shown in the event.

"This is an opportunity for people to watch the ZIFF and we are happy much as there were films from other countries, Tanzania's films excelled," he disclosed.

"ZIFF is one of the festivals that promote our country in the world. Therefore we thought it wise people should enjoy the festival via the new channel."

"It will be available in all DStv packages from the DStv Bomba, which is sold at 19,000/- monthly."

One of actors in the SEMA film, Brian Anaeli Mrikaria/Mr. Beneficial, noted showing the film in the DStv channel is a worthy move given it will prove Tanzania has immense talent in acting and can excel at the international level.

The ZIFF is among top film festivals in East Africa, it takes place in Zanzibar annually.

The festival has been taking place for 20 years and keeps on winning popularity, drawing participants from various countries in the world.

## Felix, other top stars, fight track's pregnancy penalty

DOHA, QATAR

FOR decades, the message to women in track and field was crystal clear: get pregnant, lose sponsorship money.

A rebellion led by some of the sport's top runners, Allyson Felix, Kara Goucher and Alysa Montano, is helping to change that.

Two months after the U.S. women's soccer players stated their case for equal pay, women in track and field come to their major event, the world championships in Doha, having found their footing on another important crusade - retaining full pay from their sponsorship deals after they get pregnant.

"It's the power of the collective," Felix said in an interview with The Associated Press. "Alysa speaking, Kara speaking, the women's soccer team. It's just such a pivotal time right now in women's sports, and we're seeing change happen."

The six-time Olympic and 11-time world champion had a baby girl in November and will compete on the women's relay team next week at the worlds in Doha, where she will have a

new apparel sponsor, Athleta, after spending years with Nike.

Nike responded to the outcry, as well, announcing in May that it would not apply performance-related pay reductions for pregnant athletes for a consecutive period of 12 months. Then, last month, the company expanded that to 18 months - starting eight months before the due date - and pledged to include specific language about pregnancy in its contracts to reinforce the policy.

"We recognize we can do more and that there is an important opportunity for the sports industry to evolve to support female athletes," Nike said in a statement.

The fights for women's rights in soccer and track have taken different trajectories and centered on different issues, but both had been underway for several years before they came to a head this summer.

The members of the U.S. women's soccer team, with Megan Rapinoe spearheading the move, brought their longstanding struggle for equal pay to the fore during their march to the World Cup title this summer.



FILE - In this July 27, 2019, file photo, Allyson Felix holds her daughter Camryn after running the women's 400-meter dash final at the U.S. Championships athletics meet in Des Moines, Iowa. (AP Photo)

At issue is the difference in the collectively bargained pay structures between the U.S. men's and women's teams, which for decades has left the women making less per game.

The women's team filed a gender discrimination lawsuit in March, and in the aftermath of its victory in the World Cup, momentum has been building

for a revisiting of the pay gap, including a bill in Congress that would ensure equal pay for athletes who represent the United States in global competitions.

Track and field hasn't dealt with as many equal-pay issues, in part because men and women compete at the same time at the same venue, so

there's never been an accurate way to measure attendance and viewership for one gender over the other.

The women's side of the sport has long produced as much talent and star power as the men: Felix, Sanya Richards-Ross, Marion Jones, Jackie Joyner-Kersey, and the list goes on. Meanwhile, USA Track

and Field has established a pay system based on merit and potential that pays men and women equally.

"I understand the discrepancies in other sports, and exposure and differences in that sort of thing," said agent Paul Doyle, who represents a number of track athletes, including hurdler Nia Ali, a mother of two. But in track and field, "this is the same exposure. Diamond League meets have just as many female events as male events. It's as interesting a sport as the men's sport."

But, as the world found out this year, the conversation changes when it comes to endorsement contracts in a sport in which an increasing number of female athletes are putting careers on hold to have babies, then returning to compete at a high level.

In May, Montano, the six-time U.S. champion who famously raced while she was eight months pregnant, broke nondisclosure agreements with Nike to produce a video describing the reality of being a woman in track and field.

AP



## FIFA agrees limits to player loans and agent commissions

ZURICH

FIFA has agreed steps that will limit the number of players clubs can send out on loan from next season and will also limit the amount of money paid to agents in commissions, world football's governing body announced on Wednesday.

In a statement, FIFA said it had taken "a series of key steps to protect the integrity of the system and prevent abuses" following a meeting of its Stakeholders Committee.

From next season, the number of international loans out and in permitted per club will be limited to eight, with that figure dropping progressively to six by the 2022/23 season. The number of players that can be loaned between the same two clubs will be capped at three.

However, the cap will only be applied to players aged over 21, or "non club-trained" players aged 21 and under.

The measures are aimed at curtailing "abusive and excessive practices", with FIFA citing the hoarding of players by clubs and the distortion of competition when teams bring in several players on loan from a bigger club with whom they have a close relationship.

"Players' development is suffering as they are moved from one club to another with no clear career plan. The current loan system has facilitated player hoarding with clubs putting numerous players on their books and then loaning them out to other clubs," FIFA said in a confidential document seen by AFP.

The measures appear to be aimed at clubs such as Chelsea, who have habitually had vast numbers of players out on loan in recent seasons.

Monaco have as many as 18 players currently loaned out, including seven at Belgian side Cercle Brugge.

The recommendations will be en-

dorsed at the upcoming FIFA Council meeting in Shanghai, scheduled for October 24.

However, they will not immediately apply to domestic loans, with the document stating that member associations will have three years in order to implement rules on a loan system "in line with FIFA principles".

Meanwhile, in an effort to curb the amount of money going out of the game and into the pockets of agents, FIFA stakeholders also agreed to limit commissions as "conflicts of interest plague football's transfer system".

As a result, a selling club will not have to pay more than 10 percent of a transfer fee received to an agent acting on their behalf.

Agents representing a player will be entitled to a maximum of three percent of that player's total remuneration and another three percent for representing the buying club.

In 2016, Mino Raiola was paid 27 million euros for his role in Paul Pogba's transfer from Juventus to Manchester United for a then world-record fee of over 100 million euros.

The new measures are designed to limit "financial incentive of agents to engineer a possible transfer" and to create "more transparent and objective forms of remuneration", the document stated.

"Certain measures will certainly not please some agents, but there was a consensus on these measures and there have been discussions going back more than a year," a FIFA official told journalists at the organisation's Zurich headquarters.

"This is an important step towards making transfers more moral."

The measures will also be endorsed at the FIFA Council in Shanghai.

AFP

## Manchester United must be ruthless, Solskjaer says after Rochdale scare

LONDON

MANCHESTER United manager Ole Gunnar Solskjaer wants his players to be more ruthless in open play, saying they are better in penalty shootouts than in games at the moment.

Despite recording 31 attempts on goal, United needed penalties to avoid a League Cup embarrassment against third-tier outfit Rochdale at Old Trafford on Wednesday.

Juan Mata, Andreas Pereira, Fred, Mason Greenwood and Daniel James all converted penalties in a 5-3 shootout win but United left the pitch rather sheepishly, with their progress to the fourth round masking another disappointing performance.

"We go 1-0 up in many games and, today again, we go 1-0 up and you think go on then, get the second, which is the key now," Solskjaer told reporters.

"We handled it (the shootout) really well. Everyone wanted to take penalties as they did against AC Milan in Cardiff (during pre-season).

"I'm very pleased with the con-

fidence. You know we're better in penalty shootouts than in proper games."

Greenwood was one of only few positives for United after 17-year-old striker recovered from tonsillitis to score for the second time in less than a week, staking his claim for a starting berth against Arsenal in the Premier League on Monday.

"Mason Greenwood has two great feet... he can go both ways," Solskjaer said.

"You can just see that he's got quality. He will get his share of games. He's young and we have to allow him to grow."

Solskjaer confirmed Marcus Rashford's groin injury is not as bad as initially feared and the England forward can return within the next two weeks.

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Rashford came off injured in the 2-0 defeat at West Ham United last weekend.

"He's not very, very bad," Solskjaer told MUTV. "We hope to see him before the international break."

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## Salah angered by Egyptian FA over invalid FIFA votes

LONDON

MOHAMED Salah appears to have again fallen out with Egypt's soccer federation after the country's votes for FIFA's player of the year awards were deemed invalid and therefore did not count towards the striker's overall tally.

Barcelona forward Lionel Messi beat Liverpool defender Virgil van Dijk and five-time winner Cristiano Ronaldo to win the award for a record sixth time on Monday while Salah finished fourth - 20 points behind Messi.

Salah, a national icon in the soccer-mad African country, removed any reference to Egypt from his official Twitter profile in the wake of Monday's awards ceremony and his Twitter bio now reads "Footballer for Liverpool FC".

"Whatever they do to try to change my love for Egypt, they will

not succeed," Salah, who has previously clashed with the Egyptian Football Association (EFA) over image rights, said on Twitter here

The captain and coach of every national soccer federation affiliated to FIFA get to vote on the player of the year, along with one media representative from each country.

The EFA said captain Ahmed Elmohamady and then-coach Shawky Gharib both picked Salah as their first choice, but their votes were missing from a list released by FIFA.

The omission prompted the EFA to write to the global governing body to seek clarification.

The EFA said it sent forms with Elmohamady and Gharib's votes for Salah well before the deadline, but FIFA said the forms were invalid because the signatures were in capital letters and they were not signed by the EFA general secretary, which was mandatory. REUTERS

## Man Utd survive League Cup shoot-out, West Ham crash out

LONDON

MANCHESTER United survived a League Cup scare against third tier Rochdale as they won 5-3 on penalties, while West Ham suffered a shock 4-0 defeat at Oxford on Wednesday.

Ole Gunnar Solskjaer's struggling side were held to a 1-1 draw at Old Trafford after 16-year-old Luke Matheson scored a 76th minute equaliser following Mason Greenwood's opener for United eight minutes earlier.

With United in danger of a humiliating exit, they held their nerve in the shoot-out, winning 5-3 as Daniel James converted the decisive kick after Sergio Romero saved Rochdale's second penalty from Jimmy Keohane.

Although United avoided the embarrassment of losing to a team 17th in League One, the sloppy manner of their performance will raise fresh questions about Solskjaer's ability to inspire his side.

United are languishing in eighth place in the Premier League after Saturday's dismal 2-0 defeat at West Ham left them with just two wins from six games.

"We go 1-0 up and you think 'come on, get a second'. It's a learning curve," Solskjaer said.

"At this club we don't sit back and think that's good enough. That's not what we want here."

Liverpool eased to a 2-0 victory at third tier MK Dons as Harvey Elliott became the youngest player to start a competitive match for the club.

The 16-year-old put in an accomplished display and twice hit the crossbar as James Milner profited from terrible goalkeeping from Stuart Moore to put the Reds in front before Ki-Jana Hoever wrapped up the win.

Frank Lampard got a first home



Rochdale's Ian Henderson, left, and Manchester United's Axel Tuanzebe battle for the ball during their English League Cup, Third Round soccer match at Old Trafford, Manchester, England, Wednesday, Sept. 25, 2019. (AP)

win as Chelsea boss under his belt as his youthful side thumped fourth division Grimsby 7-1.

Ross Barkley opened the floodgates and Michy Batshuayi struck twice.

- Chelsea kids shine -

There were also goals for Pedro, Kurt Zouma, Reece James and Callum Hudson-Odoi -- the England winger making his first appearance since suffering an Achilles injury in April.

Lampard handed debuts to four academy graduates as well as a first start for Billy Gilmour.

Gilmour was a stand-out performer in midfield and fellow rookies James and Marc Guehi also impressed.

"I'm pleased, some debuts and the young lads who came on improved the team which was nice. It's nice to get that first home win," Lampard said.

"I thought Gilmour ran the game

from midfield. It says a lot about the academy, and nights like this give the opportunity to mix the team up and give them a chance."

At the Kassam Stadium, third tier Oxford reached the fourth round for the first time in 22 years thanks to a stunning victory against West Ham.

Second-half goals by Elliott Moore, Matty Taylor, Tariqe Fosu and Shandon Baptiste left West Ham shell-shocked.

Hammers boss Manuel Pellegrini made nine changes and handed a full debut to academy graduate Nathan Holland, but the understudies weren't up to the task.

Max Power's superb 25-yard strike in the ninth minute fired third tier Sunderland to a surprise 1-0 win at Premier League side Sheffield United.

Bournemouth were the third Premier League club to crash out as

third tier Burton -- semi-finalists last season -- won 2-0 in a match delayed three times by floodlight failure at the Pirelli Stadium.

Wolves beat second tier Reading 4-2 on penalties after a dramatic 1-1 draw.

Debutant Bruno Jordao put Wolves ahead but Lucas Boye headed Reading level in the ninth minute of stoppage-time, setting up a shoot-out that the Premier League team won comfortably.

Aston Villa cruised to a 3-1 win at Brighton thanks to goals from Jota, Conor Hourihane and Jack Grealish.

Meanwhile, Ole Gunnar Solskjaer urged Manchester United's youngsters to be more ruthless after they survived a League Cup scare against third tier Rochdale on Wednesday.

Solskjaer was subjected to calls for his sacking on social media after United needed a 5-3 penalty shoot-out win to edge past Rochdale after a limp 1-1 draw at Old Trafford.

Following Sunday's chastening Premier League loss at West Ham, United were in trouble again when Rochdale's 16-year-old Luke Matheson cancelled out Mason Greenwood's opener.

United keeper Sergio Romero saved the day by denying Jimmy Keohane in the shoot-out, earning a last 16 trip to Chelsea.

It was a let-off for Solskjaer's men and a further reminder of the need to make their chances count, having converted just one of their 31 shots.

"We go 1-0 up in many games. Today it's again go 1-0 up and you think 'go on then, get the second' which is the key now and that is learning curve for these boys as well," said Solskjaer, whose side are a lowly eighth in the Premier League.

AFP

## Liverpool and Manchester City: Sheikhs, scouting and 'spying' - the anatomy of a very modern rivalry

BY TONY EVANS

THE animosity between Liverpool and Manchester City on the pitch reflects only a fraction of the antipathy that exists in their boardrooms. The Premier League's great rivalries have been characterised by spats between managers or titanic battles between players but the ugliest part of the war between Anfield and the Etihad is behind the scenes.

The news last week that Liverpool paid their adversaries £1million without any admission of wrongdoing after legal complaints that the Merseyside club were hacking into City's scouting database between June 2012 and February the next year underlines the point. Recruitment is one of the fault lines in the relationship between the top flight's best two teams.

It is not just at the big-money end of the market for players.

Seven years ago Liverpool poached Dave Fallows and Barry Hunter from the Etihad to be head of scouting and chief scout respectively. City were miffed enough to put the pair on gardening leave until the summer transfer window of 2012 shut. It was during this time that someone logged in to City's Scout7 system.

Many clubs use the programme and there are stringent protocols that allow different levels of authority. It is unlikely anyone would have been able to gain access to the work of the senior stratum of City's hierarchy. It appears that someone at Anfield was stupid and unprofessional. Nevertheless, Liverpool are probably lucky that City did not make more of the issue at the time. They had good reason to complain.

In this context, with the bad blood between the clubs building, it is surprising the settlement over the database did not erupt and was kept confidential.

The fear of being bullied by City's spending power has always overshadowed Fenway Sports Group's nine years of ownership at Anfield. Right from the start John W Henry, the principal owner, played down financial expectations by saying, "I do not have Sheikh in front of my name."

The Boston-based businessman



Pep Guardiola - Jurgen Klopp

hoped Financial Fair Play rules would create fiscal parity but said if that failed he would get "a Sheikh of our own." In each case Henry could have talked about oligarchs but the use of the Arab honorific indicated his fixation with City.

At schoolboy level, Liverpool have been concerned that some of the best young prospects are having their heads turned with cash. There has been a perception - real or otherwise - that City's spending power creates a massive advantage in this area. It can be a murky world but few Premier League teams have any right to claim the high moral ground. In-

variably clubs are blind to their own transgressions and keen to point out the offences of others.

After the takeover by Sheikh Mansour, City were playing catch-up with the likes of Chelsea and Manchester United across the board. They had to outgun the big spenders and no one likes it when their power is challenged. Liverpool liked it less. There was a large amount of hypocrisy and envy at play. No one at Anfield was complaining when they poached Raheem Sterling from Queens Park Rangers.

These days City do not have to overpay. Young players want to go to

the Etihad. Over the past few years the club have had agreements with United and Chelsea not to get into bidding wars for young talent.

Yet it is clear that City got into Liverpool's head and remain there. When there were suggestions towards the end of Roberto Mancini's tenure in charge at the Etihad that Brendan Rodgers was on the potential list of replacements, FSG inserted a £20million buyout clause into the Northern Irishman's contract.

The champions have spent a lot of money but they worked to a plan. That was not always evident at Anfield, even in the early years of Jurgen Klopp's time on Merseyside.

Liverpool's sometimes holier-than-thou attitude caused irritation at the Etihad but City's main cause of angst at the moment is a belief that Klopp's team get the run of the ball. The feeling in Manchester is that the champions of Europe are the luckiest team on the continent. That is a complement in many ways. City recognise their main danger. The feeling is mutual.

Henry was right when he arrived in English football. He saw that the club being rebuilt in east Manchester was going to dominate the Premier League. That was obvious and so is the reality that City will try to sign the best players and will pay what they need to to get their men. No one needed to hack a scouting system to know that.

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Gwiji by David Chikoko





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## Mbeya, Ruvuma professional boxers for national cruiserweight title fight



Mbeya professional boxer, Baraka Mwakansope, is one of boxers who will participate in fights slated for Sunday in the region.

By Guardian Reporter

BOXING enthusiasts in Mbeya and neighbouring regions are set to be in for a treat given the region will host 11 professional boxing bouts on Sunday.

The fights' coordinator, Omary Yazidu, disclosed they will be held at Matema Beach Hotel in Kyela District.

He disclosed Minister for Information, Culture, Arts and Sports, Harrison Mwakymbe, and Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly, Tulia Ackson, are expected to grace the fights, which will start at 6.30pm.

He pointed out the day's main card will see Mbeya's Paschal Ndomba face Roy Mbunda from Mbinga for the national cruiserweight title.

It will be a platform for the boxers to prove they still have what it takes to perform well in competitive fights at the domestic level after having been out of action for several months.

Mbunda has participated in 23 bouts, winning 12, losing nine and the rest were declared as draw.

He lost his two latest fights, which took place last year. He first lost to Aziz Kolombo by Technical Knockout in a fight which took place in Thika, Kenya in August.

Mbunda later on lost to Vincent Muziri by knockout in a fight which was held in Harare in November.

Mbunda has lately been placed fourth in the list of eight boxers in the Cruiserweight division at the domestic level as per boxrec, which holds records of professional boxers from all over the world.

The network has placed Mbunda 713th in the list of 1138 boxers in the division in the world.

Ndomba has participated in 34 bouts, in which he has registered 23 wins, nine losses and the remaining fight were declared draw.

In Ndomba's latest fight which took place in Istanbul in September last year he suffered knockout defeat to Turkish opponent Firat Arslan in the Global Boxing Union World Cruiserweight title fight.

Mbunda and Ndomba that are lately remaining experienced boxers in the division domestically will, as disclosed by Yazidu, slug it out for 10 rounds in the Sunday fight.

Yazidu noted there will be 10 supporting fights. Adam Boyca will trade blows with Nsajigwa Mwaipopo, Jengo Mwakilema will face Wasila Walidi from Bagamoyo.

Simba Watundururu from Dar es Salaam will fight Burton Tweve from Tunduma, Lloyd Kimera will then take the right to trade jabs with Maulid Ujumbe.

In the other bout, Kyela's Muddy Elia will take on Mbeya town's Bolingo Ibrahim, followed by a bout pitting Moses Mwamlanda against Donald Mwakisu from Mbeya town.

Kyela's other prominent boxer Baraka Mwakansope will fight West Lloyd from Iringa, Shabani Mwambela will have opportunity to prove his worth when he faces Mataslim Mwakabyabya.

In the only fight, which will pit a domestic boxer against his foreign counterpart, veteran boxer Said Yazidu will trade jabs with Wongani Kayipa from Malawi in an eight-round bout.

Yazidu disclosed the fights' organizers have received green light from the domestic professional boxing governing body, Tanzania Professional Boxing Regulatory Commission (TPBRC), to organize the fights.

He disclosed Yahya Poli, TPBRC secretary general, will as well grace the bouts.

## Mtibwa Sugar in trouble after Tanzania Prisons defeat-Kifaru

By Correspondent Michael Mwebi

VODACOM Premier League side Mtibwa Sugar have admitted that the club is in trouble following a poor start in the 2019/20 campaign.

The club's information officer, Thobias Kifaru, does not easily admit to problems at Mtibwa Sugar, but without his usual deflection and in his own characteristically flamboyance manner, he did yesterday.

Mtibwa Sugar lost 3-1 to Prisons in a Vodacom Tanzania Premier League match played on Wednesday at Jamhuri Stadium in Morogoro.

Goals from Benjamin Asukile, Salum Kimenya and Ezekia Mwashilindi sunk the Morogoro squad as Issa Kajia scored the latter's consolation goal.

Speaking after the loss, Kifaru termed this a grave situation he has never experienced before in his 24 years' service at the Morogoro-based club.

"This is the worst situation we have ever been in my 24 years' service at the club. To be honest, we are not all right. We are in deep trouble," he said.



Mtibwa Sugar players warm up before the kickoff of the side's Vodacom Premier League game against Prisons of Mbeya, which took place at the Jamhuri Stadium in Morogoro on Wednesday. Prisons won 3-1. PHOTO: COURTESY OF MTIBWA SUGAR

However he was quick to dismiss the public contention that Mtibwa Sugar's struggles are a result of missing their head coach, Zuberi Katwila.

The coach is currently in Uganda with the national U-20

team, Ngorongoro Heroes, for the ongoing CECAFA U-20 Championship tournament.

"Katwila was in charge when we lost to Lipuli. He was present when we lost to Simba. He was also in control when we

draw with JKT Tanzania," he explained.

Kifaru went on to say: "These are bad results, it is a bad phase but we will get through and emerge stronger."

Mtibwa Sugar have now

failed to win any of their last ten league matches, stretching their winless run to April when they beat Yanga 1-0 at Jamhuri Stadium in Morogoro.

This season, Mtibwa Sugar are yet to pick up a victory having already played four games.

They have only picked up one point and have also only found the back of the net three while conceding eight more than any other team so far this season.

An opening 3-1 defeat away to Lipuli FC in Iringa was followed by a 2-1 loss to Simba at the Uhuru Stadium in Dar es Salaam.

Then there was an encouraging goalless draw away to JKT Tanzania in Dar es Salaam before the midweek Prisons loss left them one place off the bottom of the table.

They need to be quickly composed for their follow-up fixture has been slated for Sunday against Mbeya City FC and Mtibwa Sugar will need to shake off the cobwebs quickly.

## Tanzania's athletes for full marathon in World Championships

By Guardian Reporter

THE IAAF World Championships starts in Doha, Qatar today where Tanzanians will have a chance to watch the prestigious athletics championship through DStv live on SuperSport 13, MultiChoice Tanzania have disclosed.

"We are very delighted to broadcast the championships live to our subscribers in Tanzania and we are expecting to see our team not just compete, but also win," MultiChoice Tanzania Managing Director, Jacqueline Woiso, noted.

This will be the 17th edition of the biennial athletics event, which takes place at the renovated multipurpose Khalifa International Stadium in Doha, Qatar.

Tanzania has sent a team of four athletes who will all go for full marathon race.

They are Alphonse Felix Simbu, Stephano Gwandu Huche, Augustino Paulo Sulle and Failuna Abdi Matanga.

The team is under the tutelage of a seasoned athletics coach Andrew Samson Panga.

During the women's full marathon which will take place tomorrow, Tanzanian athlete Failuna is expected to pose a serious challenge to renowned runners from Kenya and Ethiopia.

The Tanzania's male athletes' squad will battle fiercely at the men's full marathon on October 5.

The presence of Simbu, Huche and Sulle in the race increase hopes of Tanzania scooping medals in this category.

Simbu is one of the renowned runners from Tanzania who has a good record in international marathons. He was the gold medal winner in the 2017 Mumbai Marathon.

## Mchenga close in on trophy in Sprite Bball Kings tourney

By Correspondent Sabato Kasika

MCHENGA Bball Stars, defending champions of this year's edition of a basketball competition, dubbed Sprite Bball Kings, have expressed intention to go for successful title retention bid, booking a place in the final with 102-72 victory over Flying Dribblers in the second of last four clashes, which took place in Dar es Salaam on Wednesday.

Coca-Cola Company sponsors the annual tournament, which is organized by East Africa Television (EATV)

and East Africa Radio.

Mchenga Bball Stars are, for matter, set to come up against Tamaduni in the final.

Tamaduni had progressed to the final, following the squad's 116-65 victory over KG Dallas in the first of the last four encounters.

The last four encounters were played in the best of three clashes system, with the aggregate winners cruising to the final.

In the first of the last four series, Mchenga Bball Stars recorded 99-71 victory over Flying Dribblers.

Tamaduni knuckled down to 99-76 victory over KG Dallas in the first of the last four series.

In the second of the stage's duels, Mchenga Bball Stars maintained their winning ways over Flying Dribblers, notching victory over the latter to cruise to the final.

The tournament's information officer, Goza Chuma noted the Sprite Bball Kings 2019 finals has been scheduled to be played after the next two weeks.

The finalists need sufficient time to shape up for the encounter, Chuma not-

ed.

"The finalists will participate in best of five games to get champions, but a team which will lose three matches will end up as losers," he pointed out.

The tournament has set focus on identifying talents in basketball at the domestic level.

"EATV and East Africa Radio bring East Africa countries together, the media outlets chiefly target youths between 18-35 years to inform, educate and entertain the latter through various programs," he noted.

## Flexibles by David Chikoko

