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Health Minister Umy Mwalimu

World TB Day observed in sombre mood

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

THE fight against tuberculosis (TB) in Mbeya region is not yielding the desired results as it stands amongst 10 regions with the highest prevalence, with more than half of the cases being related to HIV/Aids.

Mbeya Regional Medical Officer, Dr Salum Manyata said that 69 percent of TB patients in the region are infected with HIV/Aids. Dr Manyata was speaking over the weekend during commemorations of the World TB Day (WTBD) jointly organized by Mbeya city council and the Mbeya Medical Research Programme (MMRP) under the National Institute for Medical Research (NIMR).

This year's global theme for the World TB Day was "It's time" targeting global leaders to put the accent on the urgency to act on commitments to scale up access to prevention and treatment of the disease.



Health Minister Umy Mwalimu said on Saturday that at least 70 people die every day from TB in Tanzania, implying about three people per hour

The government through MMRP set a target of reaching 4,835 TB patients in Mbeya between January and December last year, enrolling them for medication to enhance prevention.

"We had our own targets to end TB in Mbeya; the 3,325 cases diagnosed last year are equivalent to 69 percent of the target. We will scale up efforts to identify more patients this year," the RMO said.

Explaining, he said that new patients were diagnosed at various hospitals and health centers, with 14 percent being diagnosed at home. A team of medical assistants equipped with TB testing kits are visiting families in rural areas where diagnosis is conducted at their homes.

"Researches indicate that a TB patient who is not under medication can infect between 10 and 20 people per year. In Mbeya region, we have identified and treated around 40 percent of the

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Tanzania, Egypt ink pact on meat and leather plant



PARADOX: Pupils from Dar es Salaam's Buguruni Primary School literally run for their lives as they cross the traditionally busy Uhuru Street, just inches from their school, at what ought to be safe zone - a zebra crossing. Trouble is that the white-and-black signs have so faded that the crossing is now hardly visible, as Chief Photographer Selemani Mpochi witnessed late last week

Once completed, the factory is expected to furnish 5,000 jobs and targets to sell processed meat to local outlets as well as the regional market and further afield, the minister said

By Guardian Reporter

TANZANIA and Egypt yesterday signed a joint venture agreement for the construction of a massive leather and meat processing plant in the country.

Ruvu Integrated Industry, with capacity to slaughter 1,500 cattle and 4,500 goats per day will be run jointly by the National Ranching Co. Ltd (NARCO) and an Egyptian firm, NECAL.

Speaking after witnessing the signing of the agreement in Dar es Salaam, the minister for Livestock and Fisheries, Luhaga Mpina said the plant to be located at NARCO's Ruvu Ranch in Bagamoyo district in Coast region, will also manufacture leather products such as shoes, belts, bags as well as animal feed.

Once completed, the factory is expected to furnish 5,000 jobs and targets to sell processed meat to local outlets as well as the regional market and further afield, the minister said.

Mpina directed the joint team of Tanzanian and Egyptian experts working on the feasibility study of the project to complete it urgently so that an investment agreement is signed within three months for construction to kick off.



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Tanzanian experts in the team come from the ministries of Livestock and Fisheries, Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation, Industry and Trade as well as the Attorney General's Chambers.

Mpina appealed for more investments from Egypt since Tanzania has an Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) covering an area of 223,000 square kilometres. It is rich in tuna fish whose demand is high in the international market.

"Egypt can also invest in the fish processing industry, fish farming as well as deep sea fishing in Tanzanian international waters," he said.

Egyptian Ambassador to Tanzania, Mohamed Gaber Abulwafa who also witnessed the signing said his country has decided to invest in the sector after ascertaining that Tanzania has enough quality livestock to meet the demand for a mega plant.

He said the agreement is a culmination of a preliminary accord reached in talks between President John Magufuli and Egyptian President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi in Dar es Salaam back in 2017.

During the talks, President al-Sisi had committed to help construct a mega-meat processing plant in the country.

The construction of the meat plant is set to provide big relief to livestock keepers who will be sure of selling their livestock at better prices.

Tanzania has one of the largest livestock populations in Africa with roughly 13.5 million head

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Road Safety Act up for overhaul

By Henry Mwangonde

THE government is set to amend the Road Safety Act to give the National Road Safety Council sweeping powers including ability to prosecute motorists who violate rules.

The bill for the new law is awaiting cabinet approval before being taken to the National Assembly after finalization of all legal issues, according to Deputy Home Affairs Minister Hamad Yusuf Masauini.

Masauini who is also the council chairman was speaking over the weekend when he chaired the first forum on road safety this year, that brought together various stakeholders in



During the meeting stakeholders proposed various measures issues including abolishing fines and criminalizing traffic offences

the transportation sector.

Among other changes that the law envisaged to bring about include making the council a leading agency in road safety issues, establishing a mandatory vehicle inspection exercise, indicate permanent sources of funds for the council and establish hefty fines and strict laws against reckless driving.

The meeting was also aimed at giving an opportunity to stakeholders to air their views on what they wish should be included in the law. "Currently the council offers advice on what should be done. We want to make the current council more powerful by having own sources

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One dies in Monduli fight over forest land

By Guardian Reporter, Arusha

THREE villages in Monduli District are fighting over a forest standing between them and the battle has just turned lethal, killing one person and injuring five.

The acting Regional Police Commander, James Manyama has confirmed the incident naming the dead victim as Simell Oltialulu, a resident

of Lendikinya Village, who was allegedly killed when irate residents started fighting using traditional weapons such as machetes, spears and clubs.

"We have also arrested four people in connection with the incident," said the RPC.

The three villages of Emairite, Lendikinya and Arkalia have been caught up in territorial

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MP Julius Kalanga

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Dr Shein underlines need for education on tourism

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

ZANZIBAR President Dr Ali Mohamed Shein has underscored the need for Zanzibar commission for tourism (ZCT) to educate people on the history of the Isle's tourism as well as measures taken to enhance the sector.

He made the statement at the State House yesterday during when he held talks with officials from ZCT and Ministry of Information, Information, Tourism and Archives. The meeting was attended by Zanzibar Second Vice President, Ambassador Seif Ali Idd and several government officials.

Dr Shein stressed that it was important for Isles residents to understand the tourism sector and progresses made so far. He said the residents should also be informed on how the tourism performed in the previous years in comparison with current situation.

He said the Isles government resolved to invest more on tourism after the value of cloves dropped internally and at the international markets.

"Our tourism sector is currently performing better due to a number of factors including review of the laws and the Zanzibar tourism regulations of 2012 under the ZCT", said Dr Shein insisting on commission officials to abide by the regulations to further improve the sector.

The President was optimistic that yesterday's talks will help ZCT towards improving the tourism sector which is among the major contributors to the Isle's economy.

In his address, Zanzibar Second Vice President, Ambassador Seif Ali Idd said the tourism sector is important

for the economic growth. He said it was important to continue improving it and develop new tourist attractions especially those along the Indian Ocean.

Information, Tourism and Archives Minister, Mahmoud Thabit Kombo said the government in Zanzibar has been benefiting a lot from the tourism sector following a good number of visitors received each year.

Commissioners from ZCT commended President Shein's efforts in improving the tourism sector. They were concerned that since Dr Shein took over powers the number of tourists visiting Zanzibar had been increasing annually.

The ZCT officials attributed the successes achieved in the tourism sector with the successful implementation of Chama cha Mapinduzi (CCM) 2015/2020 election manifesto.



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Natural Resources and Tourism minister Dr Hamisi Kigwangalla (L) exchanges greetings with NBC Bank Ltd managing director Theobald Sabi shortly after the launch of 'Tafakuri Forum' in Dar es Salaam on Saturday. The bank sponsored the event, whose thrust is on sensitising Tanzania's youth on the importance of patriotism. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

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of funds and a secretariat to house staff," said Masauni.

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Home Affairs Minister Kangi Lugola who officiated at that event, warned undisciplined police officers against

corrupt practices saying their days are numbered, following the completion of a report on the practices by a team that he formed.

The minister said data showed that between January and December 2017 a total of 5,574 accidents happened and led to 2,581 deaths and 5,489 injuries while during the same period in 2018 a total of 3,732 accidents took place and killed 1,788 people and left 3,746

injured.

"The difference for accidents was 1,842, deaths 793 and 1,743 injuries, and we commend the police traffic division and other stakeholders for managing to reduce the accidents by 31-percent and deaths also by 31-percent. This is a great achievement," Lugola said.

He said 76 percent of road accidents are caused by human

error, of which driver's recklessness was visible in around 40percent of accidents.

The head of the Traffic Division in the police force, Fortunatus Muslim said various campaigns that were carried out have to a large extent helped to reduce accidents. It is evident that if everyone plays his or her role then accidents can be a song of the past, the police chief intoned.

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of cattle, 5.5 million goats, 3.6 million sheep, 0.4 million pigs and 23.2 million

chickens, according to statistics by the Ministry of Agriculture plus Livestock and Fisheries ministerial data.



Lucy Manning (L), AB-InBev's East Africa Regional Brewing and Quality manager, makes remarks at an AFMASS FoodTech Tanzania conference held in Dar es Salaam at the weekend. With her are Nestlé scientific and regulatory affairs manager Marsha Yambi (C) and Julia Kiangi Otaya, scientific and regulatory affairs manager - East Africa Franchise - with Coca-Cola's South and East Africa Business Unit. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

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conflicts for quite some time now, with the pawn of the battle being the Lendikinya Forest reserve area, which each of the three parties claims ownership.

Dr Debora Karega, medical officer in-charge at the Monduli District Hospital admitted to have received six injured patients at the facility over the weekend.

So far one of the injured villagers had been discharged, while two others had to be referred to the regional Mount Meru Hospital in Arusha City, where

one lost his life.

"One of the two patients that we referred to Mount Meru Hospital reportedly died on Sunday," said Dr Karega.

The Moduli-juu Ward Councillor, Bariki Sumuni is one of the four suspects who were arrested in connection with the fighting. However, other villagers are protesting the move, arguing that Sumuni was actually the one who reported the incident to the police.

The injured villagers admitted at Monduli Hospital include Tingidosoto

Sima (60), who hails from Sepeko Ward. "Fellow elders and I went to try and hatch peace talks with other villagers, but were surprised when irate men from Emairate Village attacked us," he said.

There is also Lekishoy Mbasia also from Lendikinya who expressed concern that it was mostly the youth from the other village who attacked the elders. "It is an abomination in Maasai culture to attack, let alone injure and kill an elder. A curse will befall them," he warned.

Following the conflict, the Monduli

District Council has halted all agricultural and grazing activities in the three villages that are at loggerheads over the land they are using.

The District Council chairman, Isaack Joseph explained that the three villages are located around the forest which stands in the middle and apparently, each one feels the reserve belongs to them.

The Area MP, Julius Kalanga (CCM) said the land conflict is a long-festering issue and the only way to solve it was for the local leaders to sit and address the issue together.

World TB Day marked in sombre atmosphere

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patients," he stated, noting that efforts are on-going to diagnose and treat the remaining 60 percent.

Mbeya Regional TB Coordinator, Dr Bonny Ferdinand said TB cases have been on the rise annually, from 767 patients in 2015 to 3,325 in 2018. He mentioned unwillingness of people to go for TB diagnosis as one of the main challenges towards efforts to prevent and control the disease.

Dr Ferdinand called upon the residents to go for TB check-ups at the nearest health centers, as early detection of the disease helps in treatment.

Health Minister Umyy Mwalimu

said on Saturday that at least 70 people die every day from TB in Tanzania, implying about three people per hour.

Mwalimu pointed out that Tanzania was among the 30 countries in the world having the highest TB prevalence. World Health Organization (WHO) statistics indicate that at least 154,000 Tanzanians get infected with the disease every year, she stated.

The government in 2018 managed to reach and treat at least 75,845 TB patients compared to 62,180 in the previous year, surpassing the target set by the African Union Commission that requires member states to reach and treat 74,200 TB patients per year, she added.

SA govt condemns xenophobic attacks

JOHANNESBURG

The South African government has condemned attacks against immigrants after a spate of assaults this week that raised fears of a resurgence of deadly xenophobic attacks.

"Government is concerned about the reported attacks on foreign nationals in KwaZulu-Natal and Limpopo," the state communications department said in a statement issued on Thursday, March 28.

"We urge law enforcement agencies to ensure that perpetrators of these violent acts are brought to book".

It called on community leaders to stop and discourage attacks on migrants reported in Limpopo and KwaZulu-Natal provinces.

Police in the coastal province of KwaZulu-Natal confirmed incidents of attacks by dozens of people which started on Sunday night targeting foreign-owned shops.

Attacks were also reported over the next two days and by Tuesday, police spokesman Thulani Zwane said, a group of protesters "were forcing the foreign nationals out of their homes. No one was injured or assaulted".

He told AFP that police intervened, but "no serious incidents were reported".

By Wednesday around 300 foreign nationals had sought refuge at a mosque in Durban, according to an AFP photographer.

Attacks against foreigners and foreign-run businesses have erupted regularly in recent years in South Africa - the most developed sub-Saharan economy.

Immigrants are often the focus for anger among South Africans hit by a chronic job shortage and the limited progress made by many poor blacks since white-minority rule ended in 1994.

South Africa is host to millions of foreign nationals - many of them economic and political refugees from across Africa including Mozambique, Zimbabwe, Somalia, Ethiopia and Malawi. An unknown number of the migrants are undocumented.

The main opposition Democratic Alliance is campaigning for the May 8 election on an illegal migration card, accusing the ruling ANC party of failing to protect the country's borders.

AGENCIES



Tanzania Investment Bank acting managing director Patrick Mongella (R) and Netherlands Development Organisation SNV deputy resident director Lucy Silas exchange copies of a 3.8bn/- MoU on the enhancement of the distribution of solar power in rural areas in Tanzania. This was moments after the signing ceremony held in Dar es Salaam at the weekend. Looking on is TIB legal affairs director Menson Ngahatilwa. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

TIB, SNV sign pact to take power to remotest areas

By Guardian Reporter

THE TIB Development Bank Ltd and the Netherlands Development Organisation SNV yesterday signed in Dar es Salaam 1.5 Euro million fund pact, committing the former to managing a result-based fund that seeks to motivate solar energy agents to take electricity to rural lake and central zones.

The pact was signed by TIB acting managing director, Patrick Mongella and the Deputy Country Director, Lucy Fulgence Silas.

Silas said that the signing ceremony whose core aim of the project, the second in the series, is to help rural people access electricity in the two zones. She also praised cooperation between SNV and TIB.

"We are focusing on the lake zone because various research results show that there is a critical shortage of electricity in that zone. From there we shall get into the central zone," she said, adding that SNV has 800 agents and that the project is working with 11 power distributing companies.

Mongella said the bank is ready to cooperate

with Dutch partners in enhancing Tanzania's development goals.

This project, he said, aims to facilitate introduction of and sustained use of solar power solutions, particularly pico-solar and small solar home systems in target rural remote areas within the lake and central zones.

"TIB Development Bank undertakes this role towards fulfilment of its mandate as a national development financing institution (DFI) which requires the bank to facilitate economic growth of our nation. Ensuring access to clean and sustainable sources of energy is one of the efforts to accomplish this," he said in a statement after signing the pact.

He appealed to public and development partners in need of fund management services to make use of services offered by the TIB.

SNV project manager John Kundael Mlay said the money will go to firms truly committed to taking electricity to rural remote applicants.

SNV Tanzania is involved in three renewable energy sub-sectors that include domestic biogas, improved cook stoves and solar energy. SNV has been operating in Tanzania since 1963.

TFA to reclaim silos suspiciously sold by former officials

By Guardian Reporter, Arusha

THE Tanganyika Farmers Association has appealed to the government so that the state may assist TFA to reclaim back granaries that were dubiously sold away by former officials of the association.

The association chairman, Peter Ezra Sirikwa said TFA has already reported the matter to the government and they are glad that, the matter is being worked upon by state organs.

"We used to have large silos to store farm inputs, such as tools and fertilisers as well as grain harvest, but most of these facilities were sold off by greedy officials and some converted into supermarkets, residential and commercial entities," Sirikwa pointed out.

In addition to snatching the 'privatised,' silos, the TFA also wants to build new granaries to ensure that crop produce are well stored to offset shortages during famine or drought periods.

The chairman revealed that in Arusha, during the annual general meeting (AGM) for members and stakeholders of the Tanganyika Farmers Association (TFA) over the weekend.

Meanwhile, the government is planning to start issuing special Identity Cards to all farmers in the country.

It is estimated that the land tilling and crop production farming directly employs at least 65 per cent of all Tanzanians, while nearly 20 percent others, indirectly depend on agricultural activities their economic mainstay.

"Overall, we are speaking of more than 80 per cent of the country's population relying on agriculture, making it Tanzania's most important industry, yet it does not receive the respect it deserves," said the Minister of Agriculture Japhet Hasunga.

Speaking at the opening of the TFA-AGM, Hasunga explained that the government's next move is to enrol all farmers in special databases, then provide them all with official identity cards for recognition.

"The documents will also help the growers to secure loans and other assistance from institutions like banks, insurance and security companies," the Minister added.

But the Tanganyika Farmers Association (TFA) has already started issuing its members with electronic Identity Cards (ecards), according to the association chairman, Peter Ezra Sirikwa, who showed to the minister a prototype of the digital document, size of the ATM card.

"The TFA has over 5000 members nationwide enrolled at our more than 16 branches operating in sixteen regions of the mainland," disclosed Ezra Sirikwa, adding that the association intend to establish more branches in the Lake zone and southern highlands.

The TFA Chairman, Sirikwa, lauded the fifth phase government for ensuring that farming activities and local growers are recognized as important contributors of the country's economy.

Based in Arusha, but operating countrywide, the Tanganyika Farmers Association, with 5000 members, was founded over 80 years ago, in 1935 and still going strong.

As of now, Tanzania is estimated to have a population of 50 million residents, with at least 30 million of them are involved in crop production through Agriculture.

The state is planning to start special insurance to cover farming activities, safeguarding local peasants from seasons of less productivity, diseases and drought, according to the Minister of Agriculture, Japhet Hasunga.



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By Correspondent Gerald Kitabu, recently in Singida

Singida residents demand enforcement of Land Act

WHILE the Land Act No 4 of 1999 establishes a number of principles that provide legal safeguards for women's rights to land, Singida residents have called upon the government to enforce the land Act.

The law, among other things requires equitable distribution and access to land, participatory decision making, and spouse involvement in land issues such as sale of land, transfer of land or any other related land issue.

Ester Sekunde, a resident of Mwankoko village in Singida Region said that many women in Singida rural communities have no rights to land compared to men who tend to sideline women and sell family land without their knowledge.

Narrating the story, she said four years ago, at Isomia hamlet, Mwankoko village, the family had 18.5 acres of land but it was sold by her brothers at 1.85m/- without her knowledge.

Ester had been divorced by her husband who abandoned her with five children, three boys and two girls. Then her husband married another woman and decided to sell the land and other properties without the participation of his first wife Ester.

"I lost everything and lived in abject

poverty with my five children," said Ester.

Another victim of land issue is Zainabu Ali Ghuliko, a resident of Mungaa village, Mungaa division in Singida. She said that she had no right to the family land except her brothers.

"In rural areas, women have nothing. My young sister was divorced by her husband and returned home. She managed to build a small house in the family's land, but our brothers forced her out of the land," she said.

Singida IR-VICOPA Network is running a project on women's rights to land accessibility, utilisation and ownership. The project officials reported the women complaints to the ward tribunals where the land cases were resolved.

The coordinator for Mwankoko ward tribunal, David Amos Mbuu confirmed to have received land cases and said that women had their rights just like men. He said the women whose land had been taken away by their brothers and husbands have been returned.

"They agreed to return the land and it was redistributed equally with their brothers and husbands. We have warned other men to understand that

women have equal rights. If women complain about land, we shall take appropriate measures," he said.

Reached for comments, acting director for Singida Municipality Kilala Severine admitted to have heard such cases saying unlike the past, nowadays, things are changing gradually as a good number of women are now aware of their rights to land accessibility, utilisation and ownership.

"I can say that land is a big issue and women are becoming more aware of their rights. That's why we are receiving many applications for land from women, in the past this awareness was low," she said.

She said that the project raised awareness and conducted public education to five wards. The facilitators were drawn from Singida district land department and all the villagers in the project area were invited to participate.

The coordinator of Singida IR-VICOPA Network, Happiness Francis explained that the project works with the Foundation for Civil Society and started in August 2017 to address the issue of land accessibility and ownership in several villages and wards.



Tanzania Breweries Limited senior communications manager Amanda Walter (R) briefs Home Affairs minister Kangi Lugola (2nd-L, foreground) on the company's road safety enhancement initiatives. This was at a just-concluded National Road Safety forum exhibition held in Dar es Salaam. Others are Home Affairs deputy minister Hamadi Masauni (L) and Traffic Police commander Fortunatus Musilimu. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

By Guardian Reporter and Agencies

THE relationship between Zimbabwe Tourism Authority (ZTA) and Air Tanzania continues to bear fruit as the country welcomed 10 travel agents from Dar es Salaam into Harare this week.

The delegation from Dar es Salaam, which includes travel and consultant agents, bloggers and Air Tanzania representatives, is set to tour the main tourist attractions in Zimbabwe including the mighty Victoria Falls.

At a time where other airlines have been pulling out of Zimbabwe, Air

Air Tanzania, ZTA relations bear fruit

Tanzania has recently re-established its flights into Harare from Dar es Salaam after two decades, hoping to aid the country in launching Zimbabwe as a major tourist destination along the efforts of ZTA.

"We are here as a Tanzanian group representing other people from the industry, and we have other people from the tourism group. We are here to see what Zimbabwe has to offer in

terms of product, we are here to learn and forge new partnership," managing director of Hakuna Matata Consulting Agency, Gumbo Mhandeni said.

Tanzania's delegation also expressed interest in furthering business links with Zimbabwe. The market for the Harare/Dar es Salaam route has also proved to be productive for both parties.

Speaking on arrival, Air Tanzania's

marketing executive Jerry Ngewe said: "Ever since our first flight a month ago, the numbers have been cultivating. We come here three times a week and we expect the numbers to rise even more as we encourage other countries to come through."

"If we partner well with ZTA and other players, we are looking forward to much travel propensity. We are looking forward to forge this new

partnership and actually establish good relationships, we have a good relationship with you guys so we look forward to it." "We believe we are going to bring more traffic with intra and inter travel as well as combination packages, whereby two operators will be able to sell Zimbabwe as a one stop destination with Tanzania.

Following the good history between Zimbabwe and Tanzania, the delegation

was well versed with tourist attractions and Zimbabwean history, expressing much concern in selling them to the world and working with ZTA, whilst of course, also promoting their airline.

"When we look at Zimbabwe, there are many places to talk of, so we look forward to see what else Zimbabwe has to offer. We also wish to return and acknowledge the presence of the Nyerere Road."

This increased relation will make it easier for travellers around the world to visit these attractions, and will further increase interactions between Zimbabwe, Tanzania and other players.



CALL FOR SUBMISSION OF CONCEPT NOTE

Social Action Trust Fund (SATF) is a Trust dedicated to supporting Most Vulnerable Children (MVC) in Education, Health, Nutrition and Community empowerment, with the aim of transforming the target group to become productive members of the society. To implement its program, SATF collaborates with grassroots organizations to reach out the needy beneficiaries. In financial year 2019/2020 SATF intends to scale up its support to Five (5) Districts namely; Ikungi (Singida), Nyasa (Ruvuma), Nachingwea (Lindi), Lindi Rural and Lindi Urban (Lindi). The interventions will focus on increasing access to social services for Most Vulnerable Children.

1.0 Project Description

To achieve its objective above, SATF is now inviting Concept Notes from the registered and active grassroots organizations operating in: Ikungi, Nyasa, Nachingwea, Lindi Rural and Lindi Urban Districts, to provide education and health support to Most Vulnerable Children (MVC) from the financial year 2019.

2.0 Who is eligible to apply?

The call for Concept Note is open to grassroots organizations, located in the respective Districts.

3.0 Contents of Concept Note

Submit details of your organization, including;

Organization name; year of establishment; year of registration; previous and current donors; previous and current projects/programs with focus on children and/or MVC- centered programs/projects; organization contacts and number of staffs; Type of the project proposed and amount of funds requested; Magnitude of MVC problem in your area, supported with evidence; Broad program/project objective; Brief description of desired activities and outcomes; What is unique about your program/ project (innovation); Monitoring plan; Evidence of past and current experience in working with Local Government Authorities and other key stakeholders in supporting the MVC.

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4.0 How will the Concept Note be evaluated?

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- Assist the branches in identification of demand for assistance and support from target groups in accessing finance from banks. This will cover SME's in Primary and Secondary agriculture including agro-processing.
- Ensure timely submission of various periodical operation reports, operational results as required for the monitoring and evaluation framework.
- Assist branches in design and establishment of feasible models of

activities at the smallholder farmer's levels, including diversification of crops, improvement of production practices etc.

- Making pre- evaluation of proposal presented for support, and assisting entrepreneurs in improving on proposals into business plans of acceptable standards.
- Making proposal for corporate clients in agribusiness looking for PASS Support to obtain credit facilities from collaborating banks.
- Identification and preparation of solution for solving bottlenecks in agricultural value chains e.g. production, market access, processing, appropriate mechanization etc.
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- Must demonstrate experience in credit guarantee schemes and other financial or non- financial business development services required to accelerate investments in small and medium scale farming and agro enterprises.
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Chalenze legislator Ridhwani Kikwete (2nd-R) on an inspection tour of the Tanzania Steel Pipes factory at Ubungo in Dar es Salaam at the weekend. Pipes made at the factory will be used in the implementation of the Mlandizi-Chalenze-Mboga water project in Coast region. Photo: Frank Mnyoni

Go for further education, OUT VC tells Tanzanians

By Guardian Correspondent

DEPUTY Vice Chancellor for academic at the Open University of Tanzania (OUT) Prof Deus Ngaruko has called on Tanzanians to go for further education courses for them to contribute to the country's development endeavours.

Speaking during the opening of a three-day workshop on quality assurance for teachers and professionals development this week in Dar es Salaam Prof Ngaruko cited that low education level in Tanzania was limiting people from making use of various economic opportunities available in the country.

The workshop brought on board more than 50 participants including heads of African Council for Distance Education, heads of quality assurance department in the universities, professors and lecturers from within and outside the country.

He noted that as compared to Kenya, the number of people who have reached the education of at bachelor degrees in Tanzania was still low. Kenya has more elite people.

"It is recommended that, economic opportunities available in the country can be well utilised for development if the number of people having education at the level of bachelor degree reached 15 per cent," he added.

Prof Ngaruko insisted in order for country to achieve industrial revolution, there is a need for efforts to strengthening education to people at degree level.

He said the workshop was meant to support evidence based quality assurance practice in teacher training and professional development in the digital age.

"But also to assess the quality of education being provided in the distance education as well as the competency of students being

produced in the university if they match in the job market," he Ngaruko detailed.

For his part Professor Rotimi Ogidan Executive Director African Council for Open and Distance Learning (ACODL) said that the OUT among other institutions, played an important role in producing the quality assurance for Africa Council on Distance Education Toolkit that is going to be used for training

"We are optimistic that the workshop will afford the participants the opportunity to understand the principles of quality assurance and accreditation and be able to use the ACDE QA Toolkit to promote quality ODL delivery services in teaching profession," Prof said.

Training workshop on the use of the ACDE QA Toolkit for teachers and their professional development is an activity that should be carried out regularly because it would afford the practitioners in Open Distance Learning the opportunity to keep abreast of the knowledge and skills of applying the principles of QAA in harmony with the changes that are constantly going on in the education sector.



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AAR Tanzania launches general insurance services

By Guardian Reporter

AAR Insurance Tanzania has launched general insurance services aimed at expanding its scope operations in the country.

Speaking during the launch of the new services in Dar es Salaam over the weekend, AAR sales and marketing manager, Tabia Massudi said the insurance firm has been dealing with medical insurance for years, "but now has decided to launch the general insurance services as part of the firm to expand its scope of operation

services."

Massudi said that the new product offers cover against various risks including fire, motor, accidents, burglary and other miscellaneous non-life insurance, for the purpose of providing protection against unforeseeable contingencies like damage and loss of the asset.

"We have been providing the medical insurance to the community and achieved the very successful outcomes, hence we have decided to expand our good quality and affordable services for the general insurance,"

said Massudi, adding: "This is one of the other kinds of policy we'll be servicing which is simple and easy to understand with a streamlined claim process. The policy offers comprehensive cover to both individual and corporate at very affordable rates."

She further observed that in view of the demand from their clients, innovation and the need to expand the services to reach a larger number of people while taking AAR brand to the next level they decided to launch the said insurance cover to go along with their other conventional insurance

products

President of Tanzania Insurance Brokers Association, Amir Kiwanda said that they see the move as an opportunity for the community to cover their properties with credible insurance company by considering the successful experience of AAR on medical insurance.

AAR Insurance also met the brokers at the breakfast to discuss and resolve challenges that both party encounter while forming other innovative plans for the purpose of capturing the market.



RFP no. 2019/02-140

for

Refurbishment of Angaza Building - Magomeni Health Centre

Jhpiego (pronounced "ja-pie-go"), is an international non-profit health organization affiliated with the Johns Hopkins University. For more than 40 years and in over 155 countries, Jhpiego has empowered front-line health workers by designing and implementing effective, low-cost, hands-on solutions to strengthen the delivery of health care services for women and their families. By putting evidence-based health innovations into everyday practice, Jhpiego works to break down barriers to high-quality health care for the world's most vulnerable populations. Jhpiego's focus is on training and support for health care providers-including doctors, nurses, midwives and health educators working in limited-resource settings throughout Africa, Asia, the Middle East, Latin America and the Caribbean. Since 1999, Jhpiego has worked with the Tanzania Ministry of Health and Social Welfare, development partners, health experts, and community leaders to improve health outcomes in maternal, newborn and child health; HIV/AIDS; gender-based violence; cervical cancer prevention; Integrated Management of Childhood Illness; malaria; and family planning, as well as pre-service education, infection prevention and control, and training of community health workers.

Funded by U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) through United States Agency for International Development (USAID), Sauti Project led by Jhpiego is working in partnership with the Tanzanian Ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children (MOHCDGEC), President's Office Regional and Local Government (PO-RALG) and The Tanzania Commission for AIDS (TACAIDS) to bring community-based HIV and reproductive health services close to key and vulnerable populations (KVP). In alignment with MOHCDGEC's new KVP definition and guidance issued in 2017, beneficiaries reached by Sauti Project include vulnerable adolescent girls and young women (VAGYW), People living in vulnerability to HIV and other Tanzanians disproportionately affected by HIV.

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Interested eligible bidders may request a complete set of bidding documents through the following email address: TZ-Jhpiegobids@jhpiego.org. All bids in one original hard copy plus one electronic copy in a flash drive enclosed in plain envelopes must be delivered to the address given below before April 16th, 2019 by 11:00 am.

All tenders must be accompanied with Tender Security in an acceptable format. A prospective bidder having any question regarding this RFQ shall send an email 3 days prior to the due date and time for submission of offers to the following address: TZ-Jhpiegobids@jhpiego.org.

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We should support children with autism, pleads Kikwete

By Correspondent James Kandoya

FORMER President Jakaya Kikwete has called on stakeholders in the public and private sector to invest on infrastructures and community awareness to support children with autism spectrum disorder (ASD).

ASD is a neurological and developmental disorder that begins early in childhood and lasts throughout a person's life. It is characterized by challenges with social skills, repetitive behaviors, speech and nonverbal communication.

Kikwete made the call yesterday after a one-kilometre autism walk awareness that was organised by the Al-Muntazir secondary schools with a theme: "Let's protect and love them".

He also called them to come up with a strategy that aimed at assisting children with autism such as protecting them from the stigma.

Referring to his grandson, the former president said to take care of a child with autism has social, education and economic impacts.

"Taking care of children with autism need patience. I have my grandson who is autistic so I know what it means," he said.

"It is paining sometimes especially when I compare with other grandsons in my family," he lamented.

He said the responsible ministries for Health, Education in collaboration with associations have a big role of educating the public saying there was still a possibility of assisting them.

He thanked the management for recognising and established Al-Muntazir Special Education Needs to Children with Autism (AMSEN) and urged other stakeholders to boost efforts achieved so far.

For his part, the central board chairman of the Al-Muntazir secondary schools Imtiaz Halji hinted that the aim of conducting the walk was to increase

the awareness to the public about the autism.

The chairman appealed to the government and private sector to volunteer supporting children with autism in terms of fees in education.

He said the cost of taking care a single child with autism at AMSEN is 6m/- annually, adding that the management charges only 3m/-.

"We call on other stakeholders to support us so that we can offer them the best and quality services while they are at school like we do to those who are not autistic," he said.

Children with autism are normal, they are trainable and manageable. We therefore need to support them," she said.

The National Association for People with Autism Tanzania (NAPA-T) Dr Stella Rwezaura said low awareness about ASD was still big challenge because it hinders efforts to diagnose and reach many children.

"It is evident that there is serious deficiency in the awareness about the problem in the country, a situation that hinders efforts to diagnose and reach many children," he said.

He said with public awareness, more people could be reached and diagnosed to enable them embark on behaviour therapy.

Social stigma is the disapproval of, or discrimination against, a person based on perceivable social characteristics that serve to distinguish them from other members of a society. Social stigmas are commonly related to culture, gender, race, intelligence and health.

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Vodacom Mtwara 'territory manager' Charles Minungu (L) and Mtwara Vodashop manager (R) present a dummy cheque for 500,000/- to one of the participants of Vodacom's M-Pesa 'Tuzo Points' campaign, Eladius Rutha of Naliendele village in Mtwara Region, in Mtwara-Mikindani municipality at the weekend. Through the campaign, 140 Vodacom customers were awarded 25,000/- each. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Rescue operations on Mount Kilimanjaro help out 250 'needy' people in 10 months

By Guardian Reporter, Moshi

RESCUE operations by using helicopters on Mount Kilimanjaro have for the past ten months, served at least 250 people including tourists who suffered altitude sickness and other problems when climbing the longest mountain in Africa, a senior official of the rescue team has said.

According to the chief executive officer of the Kilimanjaro Search and Rescue (KSAR) Ivan Brown the evacuations were possible following continued investments by the company to ensure that people climbing the mountain were safe all the time.

"Our mission is to make Mount Kilimanjaro the safest tourist destination in Africa. We have enough rescue choppers which specialise in high altitude flights," he said

Speaking during an operation to rescue climbers from the mountain yesterday, Brown said that since the company became operational in June as year, it has made rescue services in the mountain easier and safe.

He said that to further improve safety, Kilimanjaro SAR also has a medical clinic in the campus of St. Joseph Hospital in Moshi where rescued climbers can be treated by doctors who specialise in altitude

sickness.

"We invested over \$3 million in the establishment of the clinic, which is now serving hundreds of tourists annually. The company is also planning to bring four more helicopters to strengthen rescue operations on the mountain," he said.

He said that Tanzania is a naturally rich-resourceful country, while struggling to maintain conservation initiatives and develop local communities, safety within the national parks was also vital.

Brown further said that, following the recorded successes in rescue operations, the World HRD Congress

& Stars of the Industry Group last year awarded KSAR with three grand prizes.

They include, CEO of the Year (Africa); Best Young Human Resource of the year and the Africa's Best Employer. The Company also scooped Tanzania's Best Employer of the year issued by the Association of Tanzania Employers (ATE).

The investor also commended the efforts made by the government to putting conducive environment which enables private sector in the tourism sector to operate smoothly and thus contribute to the country's development.

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INVITATION TO BID

For Supply and Delivery of Library Furniture for 2019

IFB No: 001/RtR-TZ/LP/2019

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Package	Description	Total Qty	Estimated date of delivery
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Envelopes containing sealed bids must be marked with the procurement reference number (top right corner) as indicated above.

A complete set of Bidding Documents in English may be collected with free of cost from the address given below from 01/04/2019 to 05/04/2019 from 09:00 am to 4:00 pm Monday to Friday. Bids must be delivered to the address below by 11/04/2019 at 02:00 pm. Late bids shall be rejected. Bids will be opened in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend at the address below at 02:30 pm after closure time of bid receipt. All rights reserve with the Room to Read pertaining the rejection, acceptance and cancellation of bids with or without reasons whatsoever.

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RC asks Missenyi District residents to steer clear of unnecessary land disputes

By Correspondent Mutayoba Arbogast,

Kagera

KAGERA Regional Commissioner Brigadier General Marco Gaguti has urged Missenyi District residents along the Tanzania-Uganda crude oil pipeline project to refrain from unnecessary land conflicts that may affect or delay compensation process in their areas.

Speaking during his tour to inspect the pipeline project Gaguti said that he had received complaints that there are some people who are raising concerns over some land plots something that may delay their rights.

"From experience, where there are disputes and conflicts, the compensation process is much affected, so you have to be careful on this and stop fuelling unnecessary conflicts, and when the disputes arise, just solve them amicably for everyone to get his/her right," he said.

During his tour, residents called upon the RC to extend his help and intervene on some of the conflicts after announcing the implementation of oil project and its routes.

"Our lands have been invaded by

intruders who claim of being the owners of our land plots, this has raised misunderstandings in our areas, we are appealing for the government's intervention," said Modest Rutachuma and Suleyna Ibrahim, the district's residents.

Brigadier General Gaguti warned all people who are fuelling the conflicts that stern measures will be taken upon all untrustworthy persons, including taking them to court.

In Missenyi District, the pipeline will pass through Mutukula, Nsunga, Kassambya and Kyaka wards, among others.

The 1,443-km lengthened pipeline is expected to transport about 200,000 barrels of oil per day providing the nation millions of funds annually.

Despite transporting the oil from Uganda, the pipeline will be transporting oil from other countries of DRC Congo and South Sudan which have showed interest to transport the oil through Tanga port.

Other benefits that Tanzania will obtain from the project as 15,000 employment opportunities during the construction and 2,000 others after the construction jobs during construction and 2,000 other after the completion of the project.



Yusuph Mloli of the Dodoma regional branch of the Tanzania Association of the Deaf moves a vote of thanks yesterday shortly after being elected one of the office bearers. Photo: Correspondent Peter Mkwavila

By Correspondent Felix Andrew

Allot land to entrepreneurs, DC orders Korogwe district authorities

KOROGWE District Council has been tasked to set aside land that is to be used by small-scale entrepreneurs to carry-out their business activities.

Korogwe District Commissioner, Kissa Gwakisa made the directive over the weekend here when speaking at the official opening of a two-day training for entrepreneurs which was organised by

Tanzania Bureau of Standards, where as 104 participants attended.

Gwakisa said most entrepreneurs do not have premises for production; the move would help most of them to acquire such areas for production purposes and certification.

She said the areas will also help

entrepreneurs to get mark of quality from relevant government organ.

For her part, the senior marketing officer of TBS, Gladness Kaseka, commended the DC for supporting entrepreneurs in her vicinity.

She said the move would help entrepreneurs to access a licence and

use mark of quality which is provided free of charge after attending special training.

She explained that the free of charge training is provided by Small Industries Development Organisation (SIDO) in collaboration with Tanzania Food and Drugs Authority (TFDA).

Some entrepreneurs who attended the seminar said they were happy since it has increased knowledge relating to standards issues.

They said the seminar has enlighten about various services which are provided free of charge and how to get a TBS licence that would enable their

products to be sold at local or foreign markets, hence increase fair play.

Apart from such training, TBS officials also provided standards awareness education to citizens around new bus stand, manundu market and Nyerere secondary school which has more than 700 students within the district.



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U.S. MISSION DAR ES SALAAM SOLICITATION ANNOUNCEMENT

The US Mission in Dar es Salaam is seeking eligible and qualified applicants for the positions identified below at the United States Agency for International Development (USAID).

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Tanzania Ports Authority



Tender No. AE/016/2018-19/CTB/W/18

For

DRY DOCKING AND REPAIR OF TUG SATO FOR DAR ES SALAAM PORT.

Section I: Invitation for Tenders (IFT)

- Tanzania Ports Authority (TPA) has set aside funds in financial year 2018/2019 to cover for Dry Docking and Repairs of Tug "SATO" for Dar es Salaam Port..
- Tendering will be conducted through the International Competitive Tendering Method procedures specified in the Public Procurement Act, No 7 of 2011 (Goods, Works Non- Consultant Service and Disposal of Public Assets by Tender), Regulations, 2013 – Government Notice No. 446 and its amendment of 2016 and is open to sole Tender as defined in the Regulations from eligible, reputable and competent tenderers to provide the required services as detailed in the Employer's Technical requirements.
- TPA now invites sealed Tenders from eligible, reputable and Registered or be able to be registered by Contractors Registration Board (CRB) as Ship Builder/Marine Engineering Contractors in Class Three (3) and above to undertake the project.
- Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information from and inspect the Tender Documents at the office of the Director of Procurement and Contracts, Tanzania Ports Authority, P.O. Box 9184 Dar-es-Salaam, Bandari Tower-One Stop Centre, Plot 1/2, Sokoine Drive, 26th Floor from 09.00a.m to 04.00 p.m Local time Monday to Friday excluding public holidays.
- A complete set of tendering document (s) in English and additional sets may be purchased by interested tenderers on the submission of a written application to the address given under paragraph 7 below and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of USD 50. Payment should either be by Cash, Banker's Cheque or Bank Draft payment to cash office at TPA headquarters.
- Interested eligible Tenderers may obtain further information from and inspect the Tendering Documents at the office of Director of Procurement and Contracts, TPA Bandari Tower-One Stop Centre, Plot 1/2, Sokoine Drive, 26th Floor Conference Room.
- The Tender must be accompanied by Tender Securing Declaration in the format provided in the tender document (Section IX). Tender not accompanied by Tender Securing Declaration will be rejected.
- Site Visit and Tug Inspection: shall be held on Friday 19th -22nd April, 2019 at Dar es salaam Port followed by Pre-Bidding Meeting which conducted on Tuesday 30th April, 2019 at TPA's Head Office, Bandari Tower One Stop Centre Plot 1/2, Sokoine Drive, 26th Floor Conference Room.
- All bids in One Original plus Two Copies, properly filled in, and enclosed in plain envelopes clearly marked "TENDER NO. AE/016/2018-19/CTB/W/18 FOR DRY DOCKING AND REPAIR OF TUG "SATO" FOR DAR ES SALAAM PORT. " must be delivered to the address:-
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FA Cup run enigmatic here as well as abroad

Soccer giants Dar es Salaam Young Africans at the weekend inched through to the semifinals of the Azam Sports Federation Cup tournament, with a win in penalties against a gallant Mwanza-based Alliance FC, another near upset that is characteristic of FA tournaments here and beyond. The most audacious results occur in these competitions while the premier league run is usually more predictable, not just on the basis of local scores but when one looks at established and well publicised tournaments abroad. It is not unfortunate to make broader comparisons since the soccer field is now globally integrated, with hybrid Kiswahili, Sportpesa a global brand.

As hundreds if not thousands of youths seek to make a buck or two predicting results of matches in various tournaments regionally and abroad, it is interesting to figure out if some of them have noticed that FA Cup contests are less amenable to rational predictions as compared to premier league matches. As soccer isn't a sphere where academics seek to set out composite interpretations, usually known as philosophies, in relation to how it works, dynamics if one would say so, it is not easy to say if there is any literature on that matter. Still it can be interpreted from other sources, for instance in economics, as here there is a galore of philosophers to do it.

The most notable reflection that seems to apply to the soccer sphere and especially to the manner that chance works in non-league competitions is a vital formulation from Adam Smith, the Scottish

linguist-philosopher who created foundations of modern economic ideas. He didn't limit comprehension of the market to competition alone (or in more modern terms, strategies, etc) but tied it to "the hidden hand of Providence" that permeates through and through in the workings of the market. It goes without saying that many of his less religious and more sceptical successors did not have much use of that concept, and thus it isn't known how it works in soccer.

In Tanzania as in many other African countries the trend towards scientific soccer that isn't riddled out and out in sorcery and more scientifically, match fixing is picking up, as we noticed with the last round of matches in the African Nations Cup group stage. An obvious opportunity to set the stage for either Lesotho or Cape Verde qualification went unused, as international football authorities (after the United States organized a witchhunt that nailed former FIFA president Joseph Sepp Blatter) started showing zero tolerance for corruption. Sorcery is another variation of match fixing efforts but it cuts both ways, as it may harm the perpetrator, so we are wiser.

In that case enigmatic results where powerful sides fail to show their true worth with less noticeable teams in FA Cup contests but usually realise the logical outcomes in league football plays down to Adam Smith, that there is a hidden hand of Providence that enables weaker teams to shine in auxiliary competitions. It smacks of human equality being at issue, that powerful are at times cut down. It is benevolence for small teams but caprice as well.

Wanted: Global awareness about people with autism

World Autism Awareness Day is an internationally recognized day on 2 April every year, encouraging member states of the United Nations to take measures to raise awareness about people with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) throughout the world. It was designated by the United Nations General Assembly resolution.

Autism is a developmental disorder characterised by difficulties with social interaction and communication and by restricted and repetitive behavior. Parents usually notice signs during the first three years of their child's life. These signs often develop gradually, though some children with autism reach their developmental milestones at a normal pace before worsening.

The resolution was passed and adopted without a vote in the UN General Assembly, mainly as a supplement to previous UN initiatives to improve human rights.

World Autism Day is one of only seven official health-specific UN Days. The day itself brings individual autism organisations together all around the world to aid in things like research, diagnoses, treatment, and overall acceptance for those affected by this developmental disorder.

Autism is associated with a combination of genetic and environmental factors. Risk factors during pregnancy include certain infections, such as rubella, toxins including valproic acid, alcohol, cocaine, pesticides and air pollution, fetal growth restriction, and autoimmune diseases.[15][16][17] Controversies surround other proposed environmental causes; for example, the vaccine hypothesis, which has been disproven. Autism affects information processing in the brain by altering connections and organization of nerve cells and their synapses.

Early speech therapy or behavioral interventions can help children with autism gain self-care, social, and

communication skills. Although there is no known cure, there have been cases of children who recovered. Not many children with autism live independently after reaching adulthood, though some are successful. An autistic culture has developed, with some individuals seeking a cure and others believing autism should be accepted as a difference and not treated as a disorder.

Globally, autism is estimated to affect 24.8 million people as of 2015. In the 2000s, the number of people affected was estimated at 1-2 per 1,000 people worldwide. In the developed countries, about 1.5 per cent of children are diagnosed with autism. It occurs four-to-five times more often in males than females. The number of people diagnosed has increased dramatically since the 1960s, partly due to changes in diagnostic practice. The question of whether actual rates have increased is unresolved.

Autism is a highly variable neurodevelopmental disorder that first appears during infancy or childhood, and generally follows a steady course without remission. People with autism may be severely impaired in some respects but normal, or even superior, in others. Overt symptoms gradually begin after the age of six months, become established by age two or three years and tend to continue through adulthood, although often in more muted form. It is distinguished not by a single symptom but by a characteristic triad of symptoms: impairments in social interaction; impairments in communication; and restricted interests and repetitive behavior. Other aspects, such as atypical eating, are also common but are not essential for diagnosis. Individual symptoms of autism occur in the general population and appear not to associate highly, without a sharp line separating pathologically severe from common traits. People with autism have social impairments and often lack the intuition about others that many people take for granted.

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By Iniel Dreyer

DATA is arguably the most critical component of any business today, and yet for many organisations, data management is an afterthought, secondary to hardware and software requirements.

However, the insight that can be gained from data, as well as the actual data itself, is invaluable. In fact, effective data management underpins the success of many other IT initiatives. Organisations should look to partner with a specialist data management provider to leverage numerous benefits throughout the business.

Data management is often overlooked simply because organisations are unaware of the need to incorporate data management solutions into their IT portfolio.

There is a misconception that as long as hardware is under warranty and software is up to date, and that sufficient storage is in place, then data is effectively managed. While these are important considerations, this is not the whole picture.

This approach creates a number of

When it comes to managing your data, trust the experts

problems, chiefly that organisations end up with masses of very expensive, yet unnecessary, Tier 1 storage, which leads to overspending on budgets.

In addition, capacity planning is impossible, continuity problems are often created, and businesses have no idea where their critical systems and data reside, which is essential for Disaster Recovery (DR). This in turn leads to compliance problems, since data audits require organisations to prove that they have business continuity planning in place, and that data is accessible.

In addition, the Protection of Personal Information (PoPI) Act requires that businesses know where their data is so that they can delete information if requested by a customer.

Without data management processes in place, it is impossible to meet compliance objectives, or to leverage

any additional value from data. It is essential to understand where data resides, and what types of data are stored where, as well as to incorporate indexing and search capabilities.

Once an understanding of data is created, storage can be optimised according to the need to access it, the type of data and so on, reducing storage expenses. In addition, data that does not need to be maintained can be deleted, further reducing storage requirements and associated costs.

Data management should, in fact, be applied first. From there, hardware and software can be obtained to meet the actual data requirements of the organisation.

Partnering with a niche, focused data management organisation will ensure that organisations can leverage expert knowledge and skills for the effective management of this crucial business

asset. An effective data management partner will be driven by solutions, not products, and can assist to map your data requirements according to business needs, not just storage capacity.

The value of information is highly specific to each business. There is no blanket, one-size-fits-all approach to the management of data, and there are no defined rules or sets of steps that can be followed to apply data management.

A specialist data management partner will have experience from a broad range of industries and will be equipped to apply an approach that works best for your specific business. This means you can control your data better, optimise your storage infrastructure, comply with relevant legislation, and leverage maximum value from your data assets.

By Bolaji Akanni

Nigeria's 2019 elections and the common good

DESPITE the apprehension and heightened expectations about the 2019 elections, a constant feature was that at the end of the day, there would be only one winner. For the first time in Nigeria's electioneering history, 73 individuals vied for the country's presidency. For the first time also, Nigerians had to vote not with their thumbs, but with any finger; to prevent "ink spilling into the box meant for another party." That was how the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) explained it. At the end of the day, just one winner was expected - even if the contest had gone into a run-off.

On Wednesday February 27, INEC chairman, Prof Yakubu Mahmood, declared incumbent President and candidate of the All Progressives Congress (APC), Muhammadu Buhari, winner of the elections, having fulfilled the legal requirement of winning not only the highest number of votes (15,191,847), but also at least 25 per cent of the votes in two-thirds of Nigeria's 36 states.

Indeed, he scaled this hurdle in 34 states, while the candidate of People's Democratic Party (PDP) and Nigeria's vice president from 1999 to 2007, Atiku Abubakar, came second with 11,262,978 votes.

Mr. Abubakar has vowed to legally challenge the results because of

alleged irregularities, even as local and international observers have affirmed the overall credibility of the elections despite pockets of violence in a few states and, in the words of the European Union Elections Observation Mission (EU EOM), some "operational shortcomings". Without any iota of doubt, this is his right. There is, however, a growing consensus that he should rather concede defeat, for the common good.

What Nigeria needs now is an intensification of its economic diversification, scaling of its infrastructural drive and fortification of its territories against insurgency. Even as several Western media may have concluded that President Muhammadu Buhari's re-election is as a result of his honesty, integrity, there are evidences that Nigerians believe that there is need for at least four more years for the administration to finish the projects being undertaken across the 36 states and the Federal Capital Territory.

As experience has shown, a new government often means abandonment of projects. To the credit of the Buhari administration, it has been completing many projects abandoned for many years by previous successive governments. And, even so, with much less resources. Prior to the elections, while urging Nigerians to

make a "sensible choice" of retaining President Buhari, the Minister of Power, Works and Housing Mr Babatunde Raji Fashola had put it succinctly: "Fundamentals of the economy are heading in the right direction."

What we need to do is to consolidate on that." Indeed, according to the latest report of the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS), issued a few days to the presidential election, before it was postponed for a week, many of the economic indices showed positive performances. The Gross Domestic Product (GDP) grew at about 2.38 per cent in the fourth quarter of 2018.

The growth in real terms (year-on-year) rose from about 1.81 per cent in the previous quarter of the year. Good performance, though, economists warned that more needed to be done to stem unemployment. One good reason why there must be consolidation. In sectors such as agriculture, which recorded annual GDP growth of about 14.27 per cent, higher than 11.29 per cent recorded in 2017.

The sector contributed about 23.08 per cent to nominal GDP in Q4 of 2018, as against 21.93 per cent in the corresponding period in 2017. Nigeria's drive to be self-sufficient in the production of rice is being relentlessly pursued.

Indeed, according to the Africa Rice Center, Africa's foremost research

organisation on rice, with its production of 4 million tonnes a year, Nigeria now ranks the highest producer of rice in Africa. Manufacturing recorded 10.11 per cent in the last quarter of 2018, as against 8.53 in the corresponding period in 2017 and third quarter performance of 2018.

Manufacturing PMI, according to the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN), which had, for many months, recorded expansions rose, to an all-time high of 61.10 in December 2018, although it fell to 57.1 in February 2019. In his 2019 State of the Union address President of the United States of America, Mr Donald Trump admonished opposing parties to reject "the politics of revenge, resistance, and retribution" and embrace "the boundless potential of cooperation, compromise, and the common good." For all contestants to various elective offices in Nigeria's political season, this should be the mantra.

The last words should go to President Muhammadu Buhari: "The new administration should intensify its efforts in security, restructuring the economy and fighting corruption. We have laid down the foundation and we are committed to seeing matters to the end. We will strive to strengthen our unity and inclusiveness so that no section or group will feel left behind or left out."

...Notes on ethics and honesty!

Start the week with Cynthia Stacey

Greetings for the first day of April, commonly known as "April fools" day, when the media here, and other countries, in a pleasing annual ritual, play jokes on the public with bogus stories etc. for them to spot. In one famously remembered example in Britain, a well known TV news program showed a clip of the local farmers in Italy, collecting the spaghetti harvest from the trees, where it was draped over the branches... I'm ashamed to say that it fooled many people who believed it...so what does that tell us about the British...?!

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Well, almost bordering on the bogus, in September 2016 there was some odd news in the Tanzanian press, via a heading of "Honesty preferable over competence, new district executive directors (DEDS) told".

And the story was, that the government were ready to employ less competent people so long as they were honest, rather than competent ones who might be untrustworthy. This was said by George Simbachawene, a Minister of State in the President's Office.

And I wrote at the time, "...were we not mid way through September, I would have assumed this was an April 1st joke!

Next to the article, was a photograph of Simbachawene, looking friendly faced and obviously lacking any discreditable behavioural habits, and to cap it all, he was well qualified and competent also!

Dismissing perceptions in some sections of the media that a few of the district executive directors, didn't have the proper credentials for the job, the Minister told them, "what is important is that the president has invested his trust in you, even if you're not qualified enough, but are still able



Well, the Minister highlighted four major areas where they'd work to ensure that...

to deliver".

But with so many variable levels of officialdom in the country... of big shots, little shots and in-betweeners, I was wondering what the DED category was all about, and how much did it add to the already bloated civil service wages bill?

Of the 13 newly appointed executive directors at the time, eleven were to work with the district councils, one with a municipal council, and one with a town council. But what was their core function?

Well, the Minister highlighted four major areas where they'd work to ensure that the governments' development agenda trickled down to the common people." But isn't that expectation provided for, hence the overseeing directors etc., already working in many development projects.

Another chore for the DEDs was to keep an eye on the various types of contracts that local government has entered into, and review existing ones which are set to end, but again, isn't this already mandated for by local authorities?

...maybe the 'honesty' aspect is relevant, as the executive directors had apparently also been assigned to oversee the collecting of government revenue, and many local councils only collected 5% of the target, instead of the aimed for 10%. Even so, why bring in an 'executive' anybody', which by the very nature of the title implies a higher pay scale for tax payers to fund!

I'm recalling over the years, of meeting RC's, DC's etc., charming

gentlemen mostly (why so few women?) who I often felt were just awaiting the glories of an ambassadorship one day, whilst enjoying the kudos of their commissions, but I didn't really understand the point of them, functionally at least, which seemed like a throw-back to colonial times.

Anyway, Minister Simbachawene finally warned the executive directors against sidelining political leaders, especially those from the ruling CCM, whose manifesto is supposed to be implemented by central government and local authorities as well...this sounded interesting...but I'm not sure what it meant!

...well I light heartedly embarked on this subject, thinking that "honesty wins over competence" might be an innovative new recruiting policy, and not a one off as regards DED's, but three years later, I'm unsure of this unusual strategy ... was it all a joke after all ?!

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The following year, we heard of another unusual plan, when Lambert Chiallo, then Assistant Director in the Ethics Promotion Department of the Presidents office, said ethics would be taught along with moral values.

Very timely, since the latest annual CAG's report had exposed at many levels of government, that the body politic, was almost devoid of ethics, and was certainly lacking patriotism, if that word meant caring for your country and its welfare.

...though this of course could have been a diversion tactic, or given the moral mayhem of the day, a genuine attempt to retard it.

Anyway, when penning this piece at the time, I heard B.B.C. speakers discussing "...a morally bankrupt and incompetent political class". Surprisingly, it turned out to be describing the 'architects' of the European Union...so why was I pleased that it wasn't Tanzania...I must have turned into a patriot!

...well time to close till next week... and in the meantime, try to look



ethical and honest if you can, it might land you an excellent executive job...even if you've just robbed your local bank!

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Piece for entertainment section.

THE RUSSIAN CULTURAL CENTRE...does it again! Only weeks after hosting a highly successful concert from two young Russian musicians, on Wednesday 27th March, the centre had another magical evening performance for music lovers, as beautiful soprano Daria Davi-

dova, charmed the audience with her versatile performance and glorious rendition of masterpieces from the world of classical music.

Accompanied by pianist 'extrordinaire', Aleksandr Zlatin, who also held the audience spell bound with his dynamics on the piano, it was a rare combination of talent, after the duo had only one rehearsal together for the concert. The performers rightly received a standing ovation from the packed auditorium, who look forward to the next treat from Dars favourite cultural venue.

(photo: The Russian Cultural Centre)

CSOs commend govt efforts to engage stakeholders in preparation of the Voluntary National Review report

By Correspondent Gerald Kitabu

Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) in the country have commended efforts being taken by the government to engage different stakeholders in the preparation of the Voluntary National Review (VNR) report but advised that there is a need for more initiatives to be made to attract marginalized groups in the process, ahead of the UN's High-Level Political Forum (HLPF) on SDG's to be held in July in New York where the report will be presented.

Programme coordinator at FORUMCC Fazal Issa said that it is good that the government has involved CSOs and other stakeholders in the report preparing team saying such zeal and commitment are applauded.

FORUMCC through the Tanzania Sustainable Development Platform is part of the team and looks forward to provide valuable contribution to the report which its key messages will come out in May this year and the final report to be presented at the UN's High-Level Political Forum (HLPF) in July in New York.

FORUMCC is conducting the CSOs consultation with support from PACJA on SDG 6, SDG 12, SDG 13, SDG 14 and SDG 15.

I advise the government to continue such engagement of stakeholders because this is a national report, so, we encourage them to conduct consultations and take on board inputs and comments from independent consultations of CSOs, private sector and other stakeholders in the report is crucial, he said.

He said that the government should take further steps to include CSOs as part of the presentation of the report.

We have seen a number of countries also sharing podium with CSOs in presenting the report. CSOs are good in sharing stories and case studies. The government could share the progress and CSOs could bring in the community voice, he explained.

After the consultations, comprehensive report will be prepared to get the status of implementation, to identify the opportunities, and challenges that exist, this will provide a clear picture of how do we move forward.

The Coordinator of the Tanzania Sustain-

able Development Platform Stewart Kitila said that currently they are in the VNR process and it is an open consultation process of the CSOs, the government and other stakeholders who are engaged in the SDGs process. During the process, they are collecting feedbacks and inputs from different actors on how best they have been engaging in the implementation, monitoring and evaluation of SDGs in Tanzania.

"We have been receiving overwhelming response from stakeholders, the government has been real responsive in engaging the civic space in the process," he said.

Secretary General of United Nations Association of Tanzania (UNA Tanzania) Reynald Maeda said that implementation of SDGs in Tanzania need to be inclusive, it should not be business as usual, every Tanzania individually and in groups should fully participate and provide inputs because this agenda is for everyone.

"The SDGs calls for collectiveness, it is not a top down approach, it is an approach that takes everyone on board, be it youth, women, men, the CSOs, the private sector and the government, all have a role to play.

However, Maeda said that many youth are not aware of the SDGs, so there is a need to create more programs that will bring many youth on board.

TPSF Executive Director, Godfrey Simbeye said it is understood that in July this year, Tanzania will submit its first Voluntary National Review (VNR) on Tanzania's progress in implementing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) with priority goals for this year being SDG 4, SDG 8, SDG 10, SDG 13, SDG 16 and SDG 17 to the UN's high-level political forum in New York.

The VNR provides an opportunity to highlight Tanzania's achievement, priorities and challenges both domestically and internationally in advancing the 2030 agenda adding that the road show has come at a right time.

"This is an opportunity for businesses to tell your story, creating a common language and shared tools to drive future action and positive impact.

It is also a platform to mobilize opportunities. It is estimated that globally, participation will drive USD 12 Trillion in market opportunities, it Tanzania make its share,



Representatives of civil society organisations, government institutions and the private sector follow proceedings of a recent seminar on the voluntary national review of the implementation of the global Sustainable development Goals (SDGs) held in Dar es Salaam. Photo: Correspondent Gerald Kitabu

he said.

Tanzania is among the fastest growing economies in sub-Saharan Africa with 7.2 percent growth rate respectively recorded in 2017 our country is endowed with natural resources and connected to the sea which makes its position strategic as the gate way to the EAC and Central

Africa region.

But this growth needs to be reflected in bringing impact on social, economic and environmental aspect of the country. It is no longer about accelerating growth without touching the 17 SDGs.

We understand that we are promoting industrial development, the use of energy is very

critical and central to such development but we must be responsible on how we use, and what type of energy we use, we encourage the use of renewable and clean energy to ensure that we create development that won't compromise our development and conserve resources for our future generations, he said.

WWF and partners help to restore near extinct medicinal erythrina plants in Kilwa

By Gerald Kitabu, Lindi

A ray of hope has sparked in the Southern Tanzania after the Erythrina schliebenii, one of the unique, rare, medicinal and lucrative coastal tree species have been restored.

The coral species are found not elsewhere in the world except in Tanzania, has been restored in Mchakama village, some 98-kilometers from Kilwa Masoko town, Lindi region.

Characterized by jagged ferocious spines along its stem, this coral tree is widely known as "Mnungunungu" in Swahili and "Mlindimila" to the local communities. For many years the barks of this tree, which thrives in rocky areas has been used for medicinal purposes.

According to Dr Lawrence Mb-wambo, in 2008 Erythrina schliebenii tree was one of the declared near extinct species by International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN). During the 2012 botanical exploration in south-east dry coastal forests of Tanzania, a group of scientists reported in the Journal of East African History the rediscovery of about 50 Erythrina trees.

"After discovering shrinking number of Erythrina species, WWF began pioneering its restoration in 2016 in collaboration with WWF German with funds from Germany Cosmetic Company (Kneipp). On the ground WWF partnered with Kilwa District Council, Mpingo Conservation and Development Initiative (MCDI) and began restoration at Uchungwa Forest at Mchakama Village. Our overall objective is to restore the tree in its natural environment by planting approximately 30,000 seedlings thus in order to increase the species population and contribute to conserving natural biodiversity," explained Dr Mb-wambo.

According to Salum Ally Mususa, Mchakama Village Chairman, Erythrina restoration has been done at

Uchungwa Village Land Forest Reserve approximately 34km from the village.

"For local communities this WWF initiative is considered of great importance because Erythrina is one of our oldest source of medicine. Its barks are widely used to cure fever in children, women use it during postpartum period, as well as sexual and reproductive health to mention a few. Secondly, the restoration processes have enhanced knowledge and commitment towards forest conservation. Last but not least economic welfare of individuals have improved as a result of engaging in the entire restoration process from seeds collection, to planting, to forest patrol, said Msusa.

I frequently join my people to patrol the forest and I can attest to this by 98 percent of the Erythrina seedlings we planted in Uchungwa have survived, this has contributed to the increase number of Erythrina trees, thus forest cover."

Speaking on the restoration journey, MCDI Forest Officer Jonas Timothy said the process began with gathering of seeds around July and August, 2016 followed by preparation of nurseries which started from October, then planting of seeds that started around January or February. After 3-months the Erythrina seedlings were ready to be transferred to the forest.

"Restoring a near extinct species is not an easy task but we have succeeded with Erythrina. From 2016 to date approximately 20,000 seedlings have been planted in Uchungwa Forest.

Despite the success, Erythrina restoration faces some major challenges too. According to Mr. Salum, Uchungwa forest is not accessible during rainy season, due to poor access roads. Such a hiccup hinders their effort to monitor the progress of the trees. On the other hand, Erythrina is a delicacy to monkeys noted, Jonas.

"One thing we did notice early in the process is that monkeys love to feed on Erythrina seedlings. Thus, the first week is very crucial for the seedling survival. Together with the



Salum Ally Mususa, Mchakama Village Chairman, admiring one of the planted 30,000 seedlings of Erythrina schliebenii tree at Uchungwa Village Land Forest Reserve approximately 34km from the village. Photo by Gerald Kitabu

local communities we have come up with an innovative way to keep the

monkeys away. We use a local deterrent locally called "Sifa" which is made

of fish remains.

We sprinkle the powder on the seedlings, its smell keeps the monkey away thus the seedling thrives. This has been one of our biggest win so far before we used our patrol people to chase the monkeys away which was neither a sustainable nor effective way to address the challenge" said Jonas

Used as medicine for people and animals

Speaking on Erythrina's medical values, Hadija Abdallah Masambala, a member of the village council said that the powder from the trees barks is considered a first aid service by majority of the villagers.

"We are a rural community, we do not always have timely access to health services. Therefore, Erythrina is our first medicine we use before seeking further medical attention, I remember one time my son had high fever we used Erythrina and his condition improved, it has saved a lot of lives," she said.

According to Hassan Ally Stambuli, who is poultry keeper, Erythrina has kept his flock from seasonal Newcastle disease.

"When we first began collecting seeds I remember I took some seeds with me home. Having a bigger compound I just threw the seeds around the house and went on my business. After sometimes I noticed my chicken eating the seedling I didn't mind. Then we had an outbreak of Newcastle disease in the village. It was sad people lost their flocks but mine remained healthy.

That's when I discovered it is because they fed on Erythrina seedlings. Therefore I shared my discovery with others and we have since then maintained health chickens," says Mr Hassan

Erythrina schliebenii restoration efforts contributes to good governance in forest

According to the secretary of the Village Natural Resource Committee Ahamadi Abdallah Ligambe, the trainings and conservation campaigns

carried out by WWF, the District Council and MCDI on the importance of forest conservation and Erythrina schliebenii in particular, have invoked them a sense of commitment and responsibility. As a result, the villagers understand the value of their forest and play key role in protecting them, include through patrols.

Good governance trainings have enabled the Natural Resources Committee to effectively play their role in managing the forest and facilitated benefit sharing. On the same note, women engagement has improved with now six women holding position in the committee

"We have benefited a lot from Erythrina schliebenii restoration. The Village Natural Resource Committee and the Village Council have been trained, acquired conservation knowledge and skills that are used in day to day decision making," he explained.

The future of Erythrina schliebenii trees,

Fatuma Said Umande explained that Mchakama villagers are very lucky for having the support of WWF, the District Council and MCDI saying it is now the duty and responsibility of the villagers to honor and respect the support on the forest conservation.

However, Fatuma who is a member of the Village Natural Resource Committee cautioned "the Erythrina schliebenii will be well protected and conserved if the villagers will see more benefits and incentives trickling down to the ordinary villagers.

"In the near future we believe the tree will improve our livelihood. We hope we can sell the seeds to other part of the world and even the tree itself to make development happen from the earnings. Apart from Erythrina restoration, WWF also funds on-going Community Based Forest Management (CBFM) which generates both individual and communal income and spurs the village economy.

We are happy our forest is thriving and we are benefiting from the harvesting of other trees in the forest.

National dialogues are key to peace in the Horn

BY DAWIT YOHANNES AND MERESSA DESSU

The countries in the Horn of Africa have entered a new phase of domestic instability. Political protests in Ethiopia and Sudan and armed insurrections in South Sudan and Somalia have dredged up old causes of conflict.

Ethiopia has been facing political and security crises since 2016. The country has shown signs of heading towards stability, in part due to political reforms it is undertaking, but internal violence remains acute. Sudan is wrapped in turmoil with protesters demanding political change. South Sudan has the daunting task of implementing a fragile peace agreement, against a backdrop of communal violence and atrocities occurring since December 2013.

Apart from the terror threat posed by al-Shabaab, Somalia is struggling with inter-communal conflicts and political disputes between the federal government and its member states. The region is dealing with clashes based on ethnicity, religion and other identity markers. Demands are being made for more just, equitable and democratic governance, as well as remedies to various forms of socio-economic disfranchisement.

These factors work against the fragile state of national unity in the region's countries. They show that now more than ever, genuine and inclusive national dialogues are needed. Despite their potential to complement existing conflict prevention and peacebuilding efforts, they are underutilised in the region. National, regional and global peacebuilding actors should support national dialogues to help avert domestic political crises and internal armed conflicts.

The overriding goal of national dialogue processes is to promote peace, unity, reconciliation and a shared sense of identity - all critical elements of sustainable peace, but all in short supply in the Horn of Africa. Having wide-ranging mandates including political reforms, constitution making and peacebuilding, national dialogues are political processes that aim to reach a new social contract between interest groups and communities in a country.

Such dialogues have recently gained traction as vital instruments of peaceful transformations. According to the Berghof Foundation's National Dialogue Handbook, they have been implemented with varying degrees of success in Morocco, Libya, Tunisia, Egypt, Lebanon, Jordan, Bahrain and Yemen.

In Tunisia, national dialogue has been credited for breaking the political deadlock and for building enough political consensus to lead to constitutional and institutional reforms. In such cases, national dialogues have numerous inherent advantages. They effectively respond to local actors' demands for national ownership, inclusion and wider participation.

In the Horn of Africa, however, national dialogues have not always been well implemented; and at other times citizens have wanted them, but governments haven't recognised their importance.

In the years before the political upheavals leading up to the current political transition in Ethiopia, there were calls for national dialogue, especially by the opposition and civil society. These were not taken up, and the need for national reconciliation and unity was downplayed as issues conclusively addressed by the country's constitution and its federalist form of governance.



South Sudan's government initiated a national dialogue process in 2017 in the absence of any viable peace agreement on the civil war. The process was heavily contested, largely because of its myriad challenges - for example the exclusion of key stakeholders to the conflict (not least the opposition parties and rebel groups) and the lack of a conducive environment for peaceful dialogue.

Similarly, Sudan embarked on a national dialogue initiative in 2017, which President Omar al-Bashir at one time praised as an unprecedented process 'in which all political and vital social forces took part'. However if the protests and deepening political crisis are any indication,

Sudan's national dialogue was neither inclusive nor genuine. Serious concerns could be raised about the process, its substance and outcomes.

So what must change in terms of the design and implementation of national dialogues in the Horn of Africa to enable countries to overcome their current internal sources of instability?

The region's deep political crises and post-conflict situations have made governments realise the limits of securitised approaches used in the past. States are recognising the need for political solutions. Al-Bashir recently said that national dialogue was the only way to resolve his country's ongoing crisis.

Likewise, Ethiopian policymakers

Facing a new phase of instability, the region needs genuine, inclusive efforts driven by national and local players. File photo

ers have recently taken concrete steps towards dialogue processes, including by establishing a national reconciliation commission this year. In Somalia, there is an increasing recognition that focusing on military interventions has failed to bring about sustainable peace in the country.

National and international actors vested in sustainable peace in the region need to capitalise on these new opportunities to find politically rooted solutions to crises. But there is also a need to go back to the drawing board to ensure the dialogues are genuine, inclusive, as well as owned and driven by national and local players. Unlike in the past, those supporting such dialogues

must ensure proper representation, agenda setting, clarity of decision making procedures, and support structures.

The United Nations, African Union and Intergovernmental Authority on Development in particular must rethink their approaches on conflict prevention and peacebuilding in the region. They need to ensure that genuine and inclusive national dialogues are at the centre of conflict prevention, management and resolution efforts. Without this, the current window of opportunity for convening real dialogues may close, and the fragile peace and security climate in the region will remain.

'Education in 2030' training workshop benefits over 100 Tanzanian innovators

By Guardian Reporter

OVER 100 Tanzanian innovators have benefited from the training workshop, aimed at finding inspiration from other different educational technologies that are already operating in the country.

Held on Friday last week in Dar es Salaam, the one-day workshop was one of the concluding events for the innovation week.

Themed: 'Education in 2030', the workshop was organized by Smart Lab

in partnership with XPRIZE, World Food Program (WFP), and Dar Teknoma Business Incubator (DTBi).

Speaking after the event, Chief Executive of Smart Codes/ Smart Lab said Tanzania said the aim of the workshop also was meant to mobilize different stakeholders in education to generate a business model out of Global Learning XPRIZE.

"The workshop followed the Global Learning XPRIZE 15-month pilot, which has tested 5 different offline software applications on tablets

with 2700 children in Tanga Region, Tanzania to identify which of the applications best allows out-of-school children to teach themselves basic reading, writing and arithmetic skills and it fell in line with Smart Lab's series Corporate to Founders that aims at bringing different stakeholders in the corporate world and innovation ecosystem to see the potential of working together and deploying innovative solutions that will impact the community," he said.

The Chief Executive of (DTBi), Dr

George Mulamula, who was one of the facilitators of the workshop also added that the workshop brought together award-winning end-tech startups from Tanzania, who presented their solutions. "We have shared their vision to create an inclusive, innovative and equitable education system, joined by Telecom companies including Vodacom Tanzania, government representatives, development partners and education and research institutions who collectively envisioned how the education system in 2030 in Tanzania

should be designed to promote SDG4, inclusive and quality education for all. "Anousheh Ansari (CEO XPRIZE) and Dr. George Mulamula (CEO DTBi) were the facilitators of the workshop and led the visioning, strategizing and goal-setting, while Edwin Bruno (CEO, Smart Codes/Smart Lab), Christine Lucas (Vodacom Tanzania Foundation), Iku Lazaro (Founder & General Manager, Shule Direct) together with Anousheh," he added.

Speaking during the event, representatives from the main organizers

Smart Lab, XPRIZE, World Food Program (WFP), and DTBi, Dr. George said that they were excited and glad to be a part of envisioning forward-thinking, scalable solutions to achieving SDG4 by 2030 in Tanzania, leading the way for the rest of the world to adopt their own models.

He said by the end of the Global Learning XPRIZE project, the winning technology will be an open source, global, and multilingual software envisioned as a resource for Tanzania (and the world) to build upon.



Vodacom Foundation Grants and Communications manager Sandra Oswald (R) presents John Alfred with a certificate for emerging one of the winners of Vodacom's Hackathon, a competition aimed at stepping up the use of technology in addressing challenges in the education sector. This was the just-ended 5th Innovation Week exhibitions organised by the Tanzania Commission for Science and Technology (Costech) in Dar es Salaam. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

NEMC: Money due to us must be paid electronically

By Guardian Reporter

PAYMENT of money to the National Environment Management Council (NEMC) will now only be made electronically, an official of the council has said.

The Director of Finance and Administration, Charles Wangwe, said starting March 28, this year all payment must be made electronically through the government electronic payment (GePG) system, and the payer must first get a payment control number to facilitate payment to NEMC's accounts maintained at CRDB Bank and

National Microfinance Bank.

The director emphasized that payment should not be made directly to the council's bank accounts, explaining that the payer must first get a payment control number generated from the GePG system.

Erstwhile money meant for NEMC was handled manually, the director said, adding that sometimes money was lost on the way.

The new system eliminates all the risks and inconveniences payers used to get because of physical money payment procedures, he said, explaining that money due to the council will now

reach the council in time.

He called on NEMC stakeholders to pay fees and levies in time and as stipulated in the Environment Management Act 2004.

"Defaulters will be fined or will be deregistered as the case may be. Those struck from the books will have to re-apply for registration," he said.

While launching the new NEMC Board of Directors, environment responsible minister in December last year called on the board to ensure NEMC collects all the money it is supposed to collect from the public and conceive new fund sources.

Transforming informal sector key to spurring of Tanzania's socio-economic development

By Correspondent Daniel Semberya

IT is high time for Tanzania to come up with new approach that will help to transform the country's informal sector into formal ones, experts on entrepreneurship have suggested.

They were speaking during the Policy Forum's monthly breakfast debate held over the weekend in Dar es Salaam. The debate was themed: "Transforming trade and industry in Tanzania: Facilitating the formalization of micro enterprises."

Chief Executive Officer with the Institute of Management and Entrepreneurship Development, Dr Donath Olomi said that informal sector is a huge and important part of the economy.

He said: "It needed an alternative way to manage it rather than rushing at transforming it into formal, because it employs larger part of the Tanzanian population."

Dr Olomi said the informal sector contributes to about 40 per cent of the national growth domestic product (GDP). It employs between 66 per cent and 80 per cent of the urban population. Of which 40-50 percent are youth and 48-54 percent are women.

Dr Olomi cautioned "If this part of the economy is not well managed will create great problem in future."

The informal sector is a second (economy) a unique segment, with low/poor skills, technology, productivity, ability to comply with the standards of the "modern" economy.

However, it's the only option, and a safety net for the poor to secure their livelihoods.

He suggested that since managing street vending remains a major challenge, the guiding principle is that cities should be designed for

all groups and that authorized vendors create jobs and enhance the economy.

He revealed that Tanzania has piloted a number of approaches (pilots) to formalization of the micro enterprises, but failed. He urged that it was high time to take stock and lessons and use them to design a policy/regulatory framework for managing/transforming the informal economy.

Dr Olomi concurs with President John Magufuli's vision - doing business is everyone's right - and not just for some. He however, called for an institutional mechanism that matches the vision.

According to Dr Olomi some countries have policy and regulatory and institutional framework for managing street vendors.

Citing examples, Dr Olomi said India is one of very few countries to have developed a National Policy on Urban Street Vendors. Adopted in 2004, its objective is to promote a supportive environment for street vendors to earn their livelihoods, while reducing congestion and maintaining sanitary conditions in public spaces.

For his part, a discussant at the breakfast debate, Faraji Mbulalina from the President's Office Regional Administration and Local Government (PORALG), said that their ministry has been working tirelessly to allocate special land plots for small scale businesses.

He said that they have also directed all their 184 district councils across the country to allocate lands for that purpose.

Mbulalina said that the purpose of doing so was to improve those special areas for small businesses so as to enable them trade profitably and productively.

He has revealed that informal sector guidelines draft was at the top management level of the ministry for decision. When it matures, among others would ensure small business traders are recognized, supported and hence graduate and become big business people. Thus, be able to contribute to the national GDP.

Recognition according to him, includes identification, classifying and registering of the small businesses.

The coming into force of the guidelines will help to get the correct statistics of the number of these small businesses, and hence have good planning for their development.

He, however, said: "Before coming into force, the private sector and other key stakeholders will be involved to give their views and come up with a guideline agreed by all sides."

The Danish Ambassador to Tanzania, Einar Jensen who was also one of the participants to the breakfast debate, commended the government of Tanzania for allowing petty traders to make businesses without disturbance.

He said that in order for any country to grow it needs to create good business environment, jobs and income.

Jensen further advised that for the informal sector to graduate and become big taxpayers, country builders and grow to one name, should be put together in groups for training...that can be the start-up of businesses.

Chairperson of community of small-scale traders (Vibindo Society), Gaston Kikuwi said that when the informal sector is formalized would increase more revenues and employments.

"Formalisation is crucial for the growth of the national economy and em-

Man deported from US killed by roadside bomb in Somalia

Mogadishu

A man who was denied asylum by the United States and deported back has been killed by a roadside bomb in Mogadishu.

Ahmed Salah had sought refuge, arguing that Mogadishu was not safe enough for him and his family, but the immigration judge declined his plea and ordered him back.

Unfortunately yesterday, he was killed in a roadside bomb, leaving behind a wife and two young children.

Ahmed Salah was one of the victims who died in today's attack in #Mogadishu. Ahmed was recently deported from USA. I met Ahmed in South Africa 7yrs ago bt immigrated to #USA during 2015 xnophobic attack in #SouthAfrica since thn he was in journey passed through 10 country... pic.twitter.com/hm9t-CAuqNd

- Hassan Abdullahi Aalim (@Hamaalin) March 28, 2019

His death adds to the worrying statistics in the recent weeks in

which Al-Shabab militants have mounted targeted attacks killing and maiming hundreds of people.

President Donald Trump's reversal of long-standing immigration policies was bound to impact the Somalis, one of the largest African immigrant communities in the US. Over the last few years, Somalis in the US have become the microcosm of the debate surrounding immigration, refugee resettlement, and national security.

During the presidential elections, Trump also singled out Somalis multiple times, accusing them of coming from "dangerous territories," fraying social nets, and blamed faulty vetting processes for allowing a large number of Somalis to come to states like Minnesota, Maine, and Ohio.

Meanwhile, the U.N. refugee agency has warned that a large-scale return of refugees from Kenya's Dadaab camp could exacerbate the humanitarian crisis in parts of Somalia.

UNHCR said it was aware of Kenya's recently renewed call to

close the Dadaab refugee camp, which houses 230,000 people. Dana Hughes, the agency's senior regional spokesperson for East Africa, noted that this had happened before.

As in the past, she said, the UNHCR continues to work with the Kenyan government to implement a long-term, sustainable solution for the refugees. These steps include resettlement in third countries, family reunification, and relocation of some refugees in other parts of the country.

She said returns could occur relatively safely in some areas of Somalia. But, speaking by phone from Uganda, she told VOA that in most cases, repatriation is too dangerous to consider now.

"Most of the areas that the refugees from Dadaab come from cannot be considered stable for any kind of large-scale returns, and in fact it could exacerbate the humanitarian crisis that exists in those parts of Somalia," Hughes said.

Hughes said African Union and

other forces had largely established peace in 12 areas in Somalia, and that UNHCR continued to assist people who voluntarily wanted to return there. She noted that more than 82,000 refugees from Dadaab had gone back since 2014.

But in general, she said, large parts of Somalia are not ready for the massive return of refugees.

"While Somalia has made some progress in development over the last few years, it still is a country that has had decades of war, which means decades of a lack of infrastructure, and still is rebuilding itself," Hughes said. "And so, of course, any large-scale returns would not aid the stability that Somalia is trying to build."

Hughes said the UNHCR was thankful to Kenya for its generosity in hosting the Somali refugees for decades despite the toll it has taken on the environment and other aspects of life. She said her agency was having discussions with Kenyan authorities about the possible closure of the Dadaab camp.



Working class must change the world for all of the humanity – Part 7

BOOK REVIEW

Title: Working class must change the world for all of the humanity - Part 7
Author: Michael D. Yates

The section discusses the issue of radical education: “Radical, critical, and continued education is needed. It will not only help to put our lives and actions into context, but it also will give us a better understanding of what needs to be done in the future.”

In countries, irrespective of hemisphere, hundreds and thousands of organizations claiming to be of the working class are ignoring the task of radical education. Michael Yates finds the same fact: “Most unions in the United States have little or no member education, much less radical education.” A strange reality with contradictory elements: an economy gripping highest achievements in the areas of natural and social sciences while its workforce is forced into ignorance related to their life! It’s a powerful act by capital!

However, the US is not an exceptional case. Hundreds of Bangladesh unions, many associated with political parties propagating revolution and, claiming to be standing for radical change have not organized a single class for political education over the years. Politicians with postures of radical change are of the same category - no effort to carry on political education, neither for self nor for the members of the organizations the persons lead. What’s found: These persons turn busy with self-promotion, posting those photos with messages “Now, I’m on a Moscow avenue”, “I’m riding a car rushing to the Red Square”, “We’re sitting in a five-star hotel lounge in [a city in Europe]” while enjoying foreign tours in the name of international conferences. It’s almost impossible to find a single discussion meeting for briefing fellow members about the conference or debate held or declaration and resolutions adopted in the conference the “comrade” attended. But, news and photos of “labor” leaders making statements in hearings of House/Senate sub-committees are there. This is going on for years, and the story is long. How many copies of a May Day 13-page Baanglaa booklet - an interview of Monthly Review editor John Bellamy Foster, and his comrades, Fred Magdoff and Michael D. Yates, on three questions important in today’s labor struggle - did unions ask for in Bangladesh? The publisher of the booklet with a price tag of Taka 10 (around Taka 80 now makes a US dollar) for general buyers and Taka 5 for workers, peasants, students, and their organizers, knows best. It’s not even a thousand copies. The other facts are Bangladesh is a country with more than 160 million persons;

with private banks making profits in the year of the Great Financial Crisis, when their big brothers in Europe and the US were collapsing, and were begging for bailing them out with tax payers’ money;

with the 2nd largest foreign reserve in South Asia, the result of labor appropriated in home and abroad;

with an increasing number of workers now numbering millions in factories, in the manufacturing, processing and construction sectors.

Consequently, there are propagation of ideas upholding exploiters’ interests, serving imperialist designs, entering into alliance with political forces equipped with medieval ideas, the shameful and despicable acts from the standpoint of the working class. The results of these acts are in the open: These “crusaders” find friends among oppositionists serving medieval-imperialist design while imperialism and medieval forces build up an axis of exploitation/intervention; all acts

of “opposition” appear “crusades for democracy”, with space given to medieval forces while ideas upholding working class interests are denied space. This, a forceful trend, is shamefully happening after the working class gained experiences over long years of struggle, and Marx, Lenin and their comrades scientifically theorized the struggles of the working class.

So, the labor educator writes: “[E]very entity seeking radical change must have an education component integral to its operation. Labor unions and peasant organizations need to set aside time and resources for this.”

Why no initiative for political education? A group of “union officers”, borrowing from Michael Yates, “fear an educated membership [...] might decide to replace them.”

Michael Yates mentions specifically: “Political parties and formations, Occupy Wall Street-types of movements, antiwar organizations, anti-racist and anti-patriarchy movements need education efforts as well, ones that become permanently built into their structures.”

The professor taking political classes for labor suggests:

“Planning actions, carrying them out, assessing successes and failures - all are vital subjects of education for members and participants.”

On the question of the education of workers, Kalinin’s words are worthy to recall. Kalinin, a factory worker turned communist revolutionary turned president of the Soviet Union, referred to their studies in underground circles: “[W]hile we studied the basic principles of Marxism we also covered a course of general education, beginning with the Russian classics - fiction writers, historians, critics - in a word, the whole range of knowledge to be found in books. While working in a plant, we at the same time got an all-round education in literature, science, etc.” (On Communist Education, Selected Speeches and Articles, Foreign Languages Publishing House, 1950, Moscow, erstwhile USSR, the speech was delivered in 1926) He suggested acquiring political knowledge “based on those branches of general education and knowledge that are considered the necessary attributes of every more or less developed person. This development, this knowledge, should not be ignored.” (ibid.)

The chapter, longest in the book, covers issues of relation between agriculture, peasants, farm workers, the environment, and class struggle around agriculture. It also discusses food. But, it again makes a statement, not endearing to slogan-mongers: “If unions mirror corporations in their structures, which all too many do, there isn’t much hope that they will confront capital. And this is all the more the case if they have entered into a compact with employers that views the two sides as cooperators interested primarily in the profitability of the owners’ businesses.”

Michael Yates writes: “Since it is unlikely that current leaders will seek to do either of these things, the only way forward is to get rid of the leadership.”

He informs about the US: There “have been frequent attempts by rank-and-file activists to take control of their unions and put them on a democratic and militant path.”

However, he writes, “[a] few have been successful, most have not. [...] Those in power seldom want to relinquish control, and they will be as ruthless as necessary to beat back rivals. Still, labor rebellions have been successful, at all levels of unions.”

The Niyogi-example, discussed in part 6 of this series, is there in India. There are similar examples in other countries. This fact demands dissec-

tion and analysis if similar future attempts are to be made successful.

Michael Yates emphasizes education if democratization of unions is to be achieved: “[E]ducation must be a priority. Compulsory classes should greet new members, teaching them about the union’s history and that of the labor movement as a whole. And regular short courses, summer schools, and longer learning experiences should be made available, with at least some courses required to maintain membership. In these classes, the construction of a broader array of principles and aspirations can be developed.”

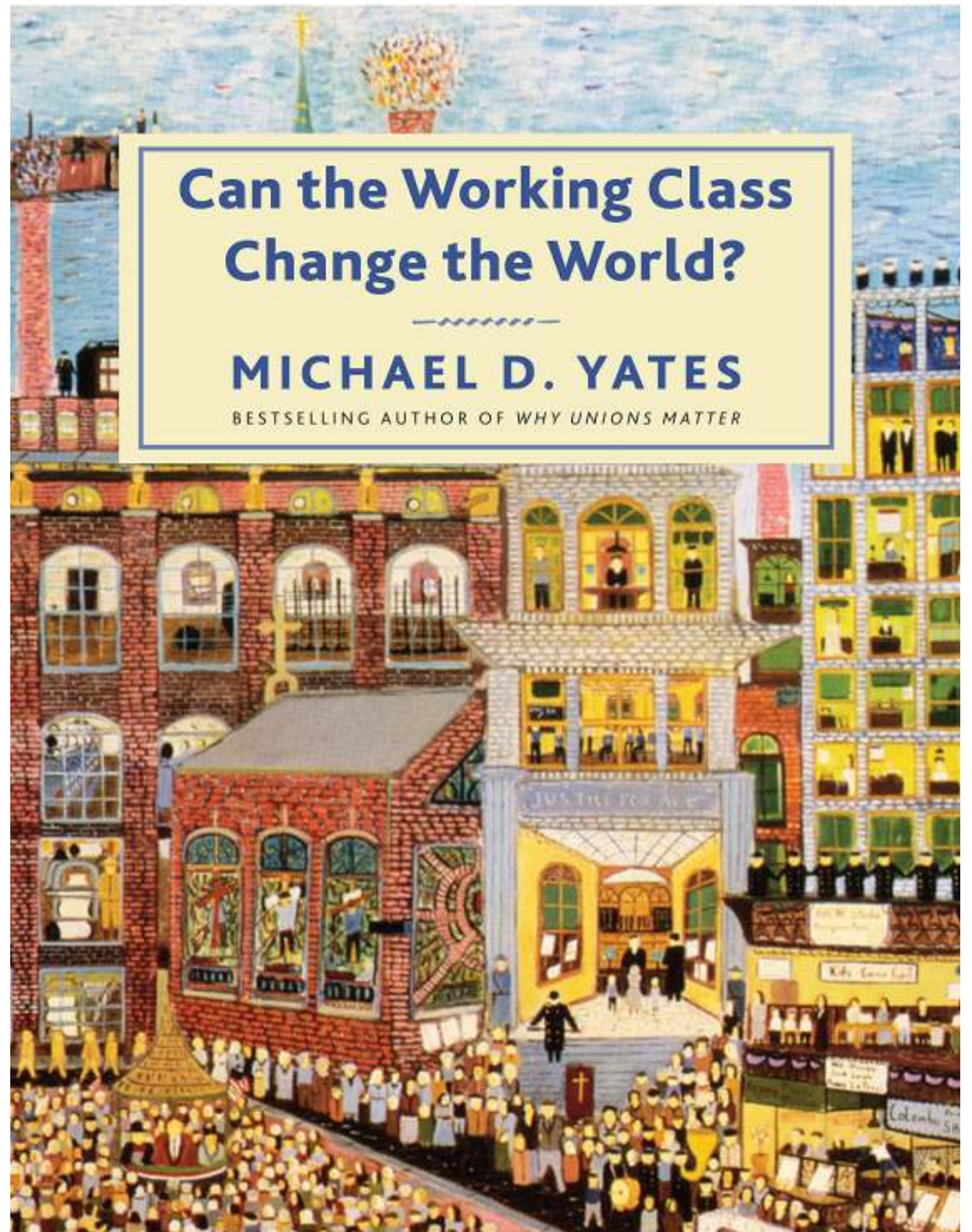
He mentions a few cases from the Global South, which the working class has to resolve:

“There, wage laborers need to consider the needs and actions of peasants. In Brazil, for example, unions felt they should lead the way in land reform issues, rather than the Landless Workers Movement. However, ‘Many in large Brazilian labor unions believed the fight for agrarian reform should take place within union ranks - but unions didn’t accept landless farmers as members.’ Even if one were to argue that this was shortsighted, it still didn’t preclude active union support for what the farmers and peasants were doing. In India, labor unions have failed to offer full-throated support for the Maoist rebellions in the countryside. A worker-peasant alliance is essential for the working class to change the world, and until wage laborers embrace it, such change will not happen.”

He brings to notice another aspect missing in many countries, but present in the US - union-like groups that take up the cause of the working class. He proposes: “[c]ooperation between unions and worker centers could be a strategy to rebuild labor movements.” Such cooperation not only broadens the scope for organizing struggle of the working class, but also unites allies, helps fight out bourgeois ideas and bad elements - ruffians, hoodlums, hirelings, and NGO- and capitalist-employees engaged to take away initiative from the revolutionary working class leadership in favor of capitalists.

On the question of labor and politics, Michael Yates, the economist with working class origin, says:

“What has been said about unions can be applied with equal force to labor’s political path, so just a few points can be made here. First, substantive equality must prevail in political entities, just as it must in labor unions. This means that social democratic parties will have to be replaced by democratic working-class parties. Here too, democracy is more than voting. Those in the party must run it. It must have radical principles and have radical goals. It must be built from the ground up, with those at the top responsible to those at the bottom. [...] Local assemblies seize the political initiative and then the assemblies begin to consolidate in larger geographical areas, culminating in a national party. These could then ally themselves with similar parties in other countries. At each level, the forming groups would commit to a set of principles. Second, working-class political parties can contend for state power, but in most cases this isn’t likely to result in electoral victory. Education could then be the modus operandi of the party. In any case, radical pressure on the existing state should be exerted at all times. If special circumstances allow electoral victory, radical goals should be enunciated and movement toward achieving them should begin immediately. The collective power of the working class should be the weapon employed to do this - mass demon-



strations and strikes, for example. The military must be challenged and most of its officers must be demobilized. There could be cases in which a party has a military wing, in parts of the Global South, for example, and then revolutionary warfare can be considered, as in Nepal in the early part of this century or in the Indian countryside, which has been happening over the past several decades. [...] [T]here is no reason for a working-class political project to exist unless its aim is the defeat of capital. Demands should be radical and principled, and they should be adhered to. Tactical compromise might sometimes be necessary, but this can never be a strategy.”

The paragraph cited above is significant, especially in terms of politics. It also challenges many existences with Red Flag.

As an example of political moves by the working class, Michael Yates cites Venezuela and the Richmond Progressive Alliance (RPA), a labor-community coalition in the city of Richmond, California.

The chapter makes significant statements challenging many ideas in vogue:

“It is an unworthy argument that says race and gender are mere identities, whereas class is a social relationship. [...] ‘Class is a social relationship that is structured by race, gender, sexuality, nationality, and a whole range of other determinations.’ [...] With respect to social policies, a narrow class-first approach will be similarly unable to dismantle racist and patriarchal structures.”

Michael Yates writes: “It takes boldness and courage to attack capital. But attack we must. [...]”

“If unions, peasant associations, and political entities are to work together to change the world, to bring an unalienated society into existence, then the motto of Brazil’s Landless Workers’ Movement must be the rallying cry for everyone: ‘Occupy, Resist, Produce.’ [...]”

“Rather than waste time voting for traditional political parties, believing that they can be pressured to the left, workers must confront the state directly. [...]”

“Occupation is a direct action that can take various forms, but it typically involves efforts to retake the commons or convert private property into common property.”

He says: “The unstated implication of everything said in this book is that the working class must change the world. There is really no choice. The long rule of capital has created profoundly alienated conditions for nearly all of humanity.” (emphasis in the original)

He calls on us to: “Fight landlords, disrupt classrooms, take on bosses, write, nothing is unimportant. And as we do this, remember that those who have suffered the most - workers and peasants in the Global South, minorities in the Global North, working-class women everywhere - are going to lead struggles or they are likely to fail.”

He cites Bhagat Singh, the revolutionary leader in India executed by the British colonialists in 1931 when he was twenty-three years old: “The real revolutionary armies are in the villages and in factories, the peasantry and the labourers.”

He says Bhagat Singh’s hope on the peasantry and laborers is still true today. Michael Yates concludes the book by saying: “With humility, I offer them my solidarity. I hope we all do.”

INVITATION

ITEC joins Nelson Mandela University in running a contest on innovative tech for community use

By Beatrice Philemon

STARTUPS with technology solutions addressing communities' challenges stand a chance to get mentorship and have their business ideas implemented if they join a competition organized by Innovative Technology and Energy Centre (ITEC) in collaboration with e3Empower.

ITEC which is based at Nelson Mandela Africa Institute for Science and Technology in Arusha and e3 Empower have organized the International Startup Mission for Art/Design, Responsibility and Technology (S.M.A.R.T) competition this year and will involve students from high learning institutions, graduates and startups.

Founder and Chief Executive Officer of e3Empower, Ji-Young Rhee said in Dar es Salaam over the weekend that those interested to participate should submit their entries online by April 30, 2019.

"This competition is also taking part in Seoul, South Korea whose winners will come to join their Tanzanian counterparts here at Nelson Mandela campus for an international competition," Rhee said.

She said individuals of groups of young entrepreneurs can take part in the competition whose objective is to mobilize startups design solutions for challenges facing communities.

"S.M.A.R.T competition will focus on technology focused startups which consider social challenges to solve them," she added noting that after the course, winners are expected to be icons of coming up with technological solutions to address problems facing consumers in the domestic market.

"We want to identify them, encourage them, train them on business skills and how to run international businesses successfully," the e3Empower CEO stated while inviting prospective startups to get application forms from the website: [HYPERLINK "http://www.smart-startup.org"](http://www.smart-startup.org) www.smart-startup.org.

The competition will enable winners acquire knowledge and skills to compete both locally and internationally through implementing technological solutions to serve markets with big demand for such solutions.

ITEC is a centre of convergence in technology and innovation with objectives to develop, educate and commercialize innovative appropriate technologies suitable for Tanzania and sub-Saharan Africa markets.

e3Empower is an international social development organization with offices in the USA, Korea and operates programs through international partnerships with public, private and academic institutions.

CALL

ICT expert advocates for more data centres in Africa

KIGALI

There is a need to increase capacity for Africa to be able to have more data centres and host more of its data, Didier Nkurikiyimfura, an expert in ICT has said.

Nkurikiyimfura is the Chief Technology and Innovation Officer at Smart Africa Secretariat, an alliance which aims at leading Africa into a knowledge economy through Information and Communications Technologies (ICT).

Today, only one percent of data centres are in Africa, while 99 percent of them are hosted outside the continent, he revealed, pointing out that most of the continent's data is stored abroad. A data center is a repository consisting of a large group of networked computer servers and other facilities including routers, network switches and firewalls, and it is used for the remote storage, processing, or distribution of large amounts of data.

He was speaking during a "Cloud and Security Summit" which concluded in Kigali on Fri-

day, and serves as a platform where IT leaders from both supply and demand side can meet and interact in order to take measures and provide response to cyber security threats.

The two-day regional conference is organized by the Ministry of ICT and Innovation (MINICT) through Rwanda Information Society Authority (RISA). He said that Africa needs to build its data capacity to catch up with other continents in the world.

Sometimes, he said, because the foreign companies keeping data for African government and private sector are subject to their own laws and regulations, it might result in improper access to data, which might intrude on privacy.

"So, that is why we would like to advocate to have competing capacity in Africa," he said. Power, internet [connectivity] buildings, as well as regulation, are some of the infrastructures that are needed to operate data centres.

As of now, he said, it is difficult for the continent to develop its data storage capacity as it does not have enough infrastructure in place.

"So, it's a movement in both sides. One way we need to work and make sure that we have more and more physical infrastructures in place, but on the other side we need to put in place regulation to ensure that we protect data that are hosted, and once that data protected, our consumers are protected," he observed.

Meanwhile, it emerged from the conference that hosting data in some parts of Africa is expensive as one pays like five to six times of what they should pay to host it in foreign data centres such as Microsoft.

On the high cost of data hosting in Africa, Nkurikiyimfura said, "the fundamental problem here is that we don't have economies of scale - the cost advantage experienced when the amount of produced goods or services increases." In countries like the US where there are large data centres managed is because they have been able to host data for billions of people in the world, he indicated. "We need to get a mechanism to make it (data hosting) more affordable," he said.



Dumisani Ndebele, Letshego's interim Group CEO speaks at a past event.

DEPARTURE

Letshego Group CEO resigns, no reason given

By Guardian Reporter

BOTSWANA based Letshego Group's CEO, Smit Crouse has resigned although no reason was given for his departure last Friday.

In a statement, the Botswana Stock Exchange listed company's Head of Group Corporate Affairs, Lauren Calie said Crouse resigned and that the

board picked Dumisani Ndebele as interim CEO.

"In accordance with the Botswana Stock Exchange equity listings requirements, the board of directors of the company hereby notifies its shareholders that Smit Crouse, Group Chief Executive and Executive Director of the Group board has resigned. Smit Crouse will step down

from his role with immediate effect," the statement stated.

It further said Ndebele who will report directly to the board, will commence his position following necessary approvals from relevant regulatory bodies. The interim CEO is currently the Letshego Group's Company Secretary.

Among his credentials, Ndebele

who is a Fellow Chartered Accountant of the Botswana Institute of Chartered Accountants and a Fellow Chartered Management Accountant (UK), holds a Bachelor of Accountancy Honours Degree from the University of Zimbabwe, and MBA from the University of Derby (UK).

The board also appointed Mashidiso Kimwaga as Group Company

Secretary.

Letshego has made significant progress towards achieving its ambition to be a leading pan-African inclusive finance provider, operating across 11 countries with six deposit taking licences. In the last financial year, Letshego recorded over one billion Botswana pula in profits before taxes.

"Letshego will continue to evolve

in supporting emerging consumers across Africa. By ensuring that our customers and employees come first, Letshego will thrive for many years to come. We thank Smit for his time at Letshego and are grateful to Dumisani Ndebele for assuming the role of Group CEO while we search for a successor," the statement added.

LEGALIZATION

South African dagga industry could be worth R27 billion within four years

JOHANNESBURG

By 2023, just four years from now, the South African domestic market for cannabis and related products - excluding consumer CBD products, will be worth around R27 billion, says pro-marijuana consultancy Prohibition Partners in a new report.

But how much of the export market SA, and the continent as a whole, manages to secure may depend on water and irrigation infrastructure, the pro-cannabis consultancy says in its African Cannabis Report.

By United Nations estimates the African continent as a whole already produces some 38,000 tonnes of cannabis per year despite it being illegal to grow and possess just about everywhere. Farmers in various regions, including South Africa, have the knowledge and skill to grow cannabis successfully, Prohibition Partners says. And as demand for tobacco declines, politicians will feel pressure to legalise growing while farmers will likely be attracted by a hardy crop with better cash yields than most others.

"With affordable land, low-cost labour and an experienced agricultural workforce, Africa offers enor-

mous opportunity to local startups and foreign companies looking to expand," the consultancy says.

S. Africa eyes green shoots in local cannabis industry

South Africa's first cannabis industry exhibition attracts scores of entrepreneurs and consumers, since the constitutional court ruled that private, personal cannabis use was legal.

Much of the current crop is already grown for export, albeit illegally. Yet the likes of South Africa could struggle in a new, formal and legalised export market, Prohibition Partners warns.

Without irrigation infrastructure and innovation, the consultancy says, "there is likely to be insufficient water to support mass scale operations in the region, particularly in newer cultivation methods such as hydroponics. As a result, Africa might be able to help supply demand, but is unlikely to be able to produce the quality cannabis that the maturing market will inevitably call for."

However, some countries such as neighbouring eSwatini, has an existing advantage when it comes to artisanal production with a story attached to it, much the same way well-aged whiskey or brandy have

market segments all to themselves.

"Similarly to the way in which alcohol is aged, the post-harvest processing of cannabis could tell a compelling story to the consumer that helps establish brand identity and command a price premium. In this way, Africa could play a key role in boosting the cost per gram of cannabis in the recreational market amongst cannabis connoisseurs," says Prohibition Partners.

That is in reference to the way the popular Malawi Gold and Swazi Gold cannabis is wrapped in banana leaves and buried to cure, adding a unique colour and flavour.

The R27 billion calculation for the South African cannabis market is based on growth in markets that have legalised marijuana for both medicinal and recreational use, such as Uruguay and Canada, and some American states. It excludes cannabidiol (CBD) because there is not yet enough data on sales to predict the size of the CBD market, Prohibition Partners says.

CBD is a non-psychoactive compound extracted from marijuana, and products from beer to doggy treats containing it are already widely available in SA, suggesting it could add significantly to the total cannabis industry.



South Africa's first dagger beer.

RESTORATION

NBC sponsored 'Tafakuri' forum promoting nationhood and patriotism launched

By Guardian Reporter

A forum aimed at mobilizing youths to be patriotic and love home produced goods as has been the case with President John Magufuli was launched in Dar es Salaam with National Bank of Commerce as sponsors.

Speaking during the launch during the weekend, Minister for Tourism and Natural Resources, Dr Hamisi Kigwangala called on youths to emulate President Magufuli and the country's funder father, Mwalimu Julius Nyerere whose patriotism is unquestionable.

Dr Kigwangala said Tafakuri which will feature a number of mobilization and sensitization activities involving youths, will assist to inculcate a culture of patriotism and preserve the virtues of nationalism.

"Our biggest legacy is patriotism and the sense of nationhood," he said adding that Tafakuri will go a long way towards inculcating an unshakable sense of love of one's country and things.

The year-long, multi-million shillings activities of Tafakuri are sponsored by

NBC which is one of the oldest commercial banks in the country having been formed during Mwalimu's era.

Speaking at the launch, founder of the forum, Ernest Sungura said the move was to fill the patriotism gap that currently exists in the country, especially among the youths.

Sungura said that the forum will draw inspiration from Mwalimu Nyerere and President Magufuli whose leadership styles centre around integrity, patriotism and hardwork.

"The Tafakuri forum aims to put Mwalimu Nyerere's legacy in perspective, and it will aim to contextualise the patriotic leaning of current President John Magufuli," he noted.

The forum will feature a number of high profile activities in various parts of Tanzania for a whole year, including debates, tour of various places with traces of Mwalimu's legacy and field visits by foreign students.

The forum's launching ceremony was attended by students from 24 universities, chief executives of companies, members of Mwalimu's family, among others.



President John Magufuli waves to the public soon after receiving Air Tanzania Company Limited's Airbus A220-300 last year. Reviving the defunct ATCL has been Dr Magufuli's priority since taking power in November 2015. File photo.

EXPANSION

Ghana's AfricaOnline to broaden core service

ACCRA

Ghanaian ISP AfricaOnline, a Gondwana International Networks (GIN) subsidiary, has appointed Foster Plender as its Managing Director.

In a statement the company said Plender, who was in a consulting capacity within GIN before his appointment, brings with him decades of telecommunications experience across both African and European markets.

Plender said, "I am excited to lead AfricaOnline as it continues to grow and develop as one of Africa's foremost internet and related connectivity services providers. Having celebrated 21 years in its pivotal role, AfricaOnline has established itself as a leading Ghanaian business and I look forward to growing and evolving its service offering."

According to Plender Ghana is showing signs of significant growth and is building itself into a key business hub for West Africa:

"We are seeing an uptake in global investment, infrastructure development and an increase in internet penetration. There is a definite uptake within vertical sectors as well as growth of last mile fibre and wireless technology, 4G mobile, and high throughput satellite deployments."

Internetworldstats.com states that as of December 2017 Ghana was home to 10,110,000 internet users, representing 34.3% internet penetration.

Recently, Mark Walker, Associate Vice President for Sub-Saharan Africa at IDC, said Ghana has sparked interest, and one of the markets that is relatively small but continues to experience growth, off a base of US\$2.6-billion.

Plender said that Ghana's role within the continent, and as a hub for West Africa, will see services launch into landlocked and neighbouring countries: "We see immense potential taking our internet and connectivity services to these markets. AfricaOnline will also look into moving beyond its core function of wireless, fibre optic and satellite services to address cyber security, cloud services and digitisation technologies such as the Internet of Things (IoT)."

Through its new Ka-Band satellite broadband service, JOLA, powered by Avanti, Plender added that remote communities will benefit from access to the internet and bring along with it such opportunities as distance learning and telemedicine services as examples.

Vertical market growth, according to Plender, will play an important role in the development of the Ghanaian economy. Transportation upgrades including rail, roads and the ports authority will immediately enable business to flow more freely.

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ing are other priorities, as well as oil, mining, and cocoa production: "There are several NGOs operating from within Ghana as well as many countries such as the United Kingdom, China, Germany and Japan to name a few, who are making significant investments in the country."

Mathew Welthagen, GIN CEO, said, "Foster brings years of telecommunications experience across many countries and regions to both AfricaOnline and the Group. We are excited to watch the Ghanaian business develop and grow under his leadership into a strong economic force within the African continent."



Deputy Minister for Local Governments and Regional Administrations in President's Office, Josephat Kandege speaking after receiving 50 desks, 802 pieces of iron sheets and six labour ward beds all valued at 35m/- donated by NMB Bank Plc to Kalambo and Sumbawanga districts at a ceremony held in Rukwa region last Friday. Photo: courtesy of NMB.

SAVINGS

Mozambique plans sovereign wealth fund to manage gas revenue

MAPUTO

Mozambique's government plans to establish a sovereign wealth fund to manage income from future gas production, President Filipe Nyusi said.

The state will also allocate a fixed portion of revenue to the state budget to fund infrastructure development, poverty reduction and economic diversification, Nyusi said in a speech on Wednesday in the capital, Maputo.

Companies including Eni SpA and Anadarko Petroleum Corp. are developing gas discovered nine years ago in deep waters off the coast of Mozambique, one of the world's poorest countries. The southeast African nation holds 100 trillion cubic feet of proven natural-gas reserves, the third-biggest in Africa, according to the Energy Information Administration.

"Savings will serve as a cushion when gas prices are low," Nyusi said. The state should manage the funds to avoid effects like Dutch Disease, he said, referring to the phenomenon in which a commodity boom makes a country's currency more expensive and its other goods less competitive.

Nyusi said it's estimated that the Rovuma basin, where Anadarko and other operators are present, may contain 270 trillion cubic feet of natural gas. If confirmed, the deposit would be the biggest in Africa.

Anadarko is planning to make a final investment decision on a \$20 billion project in Mozambique, including an onshore liquefied natural gas processing facility, by June. Exxon Mobil Corp. plans to make a decision on an even bigger LNG project in the same area by the end of the year.

New fuel taxes take petrol price to all-time high in SA

JOHANNESBURG

All grades of petrol and diesel will climb by up to R1.34c/l come Wednesday April 3, the department of energy announced late on Saturday. Motorists will be paying close to R15/l of petrol for the first time this year.

Energy Minister Jeff Radebe noted that April is an important month in the fuel price calendar to revise road and pipelines tariffs as well as fuel and Road Accident Fund levies, to be implemented into the price structures of petrol, diesel and illuminating paraffin (IP).

"Their total contributions to the fuel price increase is about 26.00c/l in Gauteng whilst the international factors amounted to about 106.00c/l on petrol and 56.00c/l on diesel and IP." South Africa's fuel prices are adjusted on a monthly basis, informed by international and local factors.

Domestically, the increase in the Fuel and Road Accident Fund Levies by 15.0cpl and 5.0cpl, respectively, as announced by the Finance Minister Tito Mboweni in his Budget Speech in February has been included in the new fuel price adjustment.



Mathew Welthagen, GIN CEO.

PROFITABILITY

EMEA smartphone market, digital transformation gives Huawei a boost

BEIJING

Europe, the Middle East and Africa (EMEA) generated CNY204,536-million (approximately US\$32-million) for Chinese multinational ICT and telecommunications firm Huawei.

This is according to the company's 2018 Annual Report released today, in which the company attributed the 24.5% year-on-year increase in EMEA revenue to growing sales of its high-end and mid-range smartphones, an increased share of the smartphone market, along with faster digital transformation of its enterprise business.

According to the report, the company's sales revenue rounded off at CNY721.2-billion, up 19.5% year-on-year; its net profit reached CNY59.3-billion, up 25.1% year-on-year. In

March 2019 the company unveiled its new P-Series smartphones, the P30 and P30 Pro, in Paris. They represent Huawei's latest flagship models, to follow the P20 and P20 Pro launched in 2018. The company has also attributed growth to its investment in R&D.

"In 2018, Huawei invested CNY101.5 billion (14.1% of its sales revenue) in R&D, ranking fifth globally in The 2018 EU Industrial R&D Investment Scoreboard. Over the last ten years, Huawei's R&D expenditure has reached more than CNY480 billion. According to official data released by the World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO), Huawei filed 5,405 patent applications to this organisation in 2018, ranking first among all companies globally," the company stated in its report.

Guo Ping, Huawei's Rotating Chairman, said, "Through



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heavy, consistent investment in 5G innovation, alongside large-scale commercial deployment, Huawei is committed to building the world's best network connections. Throughout this process, Huawei will continue to strictly comply with all relevant standards to build secure, trustworthy, and high-quality products. As we work towards this goal, we have been explicitly clear: cyber security and user privacy protection are at the absolute top of our agenda. We are confident that the companies that choose to work with Huawei will be the most competitive in the 5G era. And countries that choose to work with Huawei will gain an advantage for the next wave of growth in the digital economy."

Global scrutiny

The company has made global headlines, particularly because of the arrest of the founder's

daughter in Canada for extradition to the US, as well as international scrutiny of the company and its products, and security concerns related to its close ties to the Chinese government.

An ITWeb report noted that in August 2018, US president Donald Trump banned the US government use of equipment made by the Chinese company.

"The US is pushing allies to follow suit and keep Huawei out of planned 5G networks, and it seems to be working."

"Japan has already excluded Huawei from public procurement, and Australia and New Zealand effectively blocked Huawei from involvement in the rollout of their 5G network infrastructure. The UK, Canada, Germany, Poland, Norway and the Czech Republic are also assessing whether to exclude Huawei from forthcoming infrastructure rollouts," according to ITWeb.

FAULTY

Apple comes up with apology to MacBook owners who are still experiencing keyboard issues

NEW YORK

Customers that own Apple's MacBook laptops - specifically those with butterfly keyboard designs - have been experiencing issues ever since Apple decided to reinvent its keyboards to be thinner around 2015.

And on Wednesday, Apple finally released a statement apologizing to customers who are still affected.

"We are aware that a small number of users are having issues with their third-generation butterfly keyboard and for that we are sorry," an Apple spokesperson tells Business Insider. "The vast majority of Mac notebook customers are having a positive experience with the new keyboard."

The spokesperson added that people who are still having keyboard issues should get in contact with Apple Support, the company's customer service hotline. Apple's continuing keyboard issues were first spotlighted by the Wall Street Journal on Wednesday.

Apple has been trying to improve its keyboards ever since it released the 12-inch MacBook with the first butterfly keyboard in 2015. At first, people complained that keyboards were too thin, and not satisfying to type on. So Apple released a second-generation keyboard a year later, and put that new keyboard in the new MacBook Pro, but people continued to encounter issues. People would complain about the keyboard not registering, or over-registering, certain common keys, like "E" and "R."

Apple launched a repair program for MacBook and MacBook Pro computers in June 2018. The following month, Apple released a new MacBook Pro with a redesigned keyboard - the third design in three years, mind you - that would apparently fix the issues. The new MacBook Air from late last year has the same keyboard.

Unfortunately for Apple, some of these keyboard issues, like repeating or missing keys, appear to be persisting among a handful of customers with the third-generation designs, including The Wall Street Journal's Joanna Stern. For what it's worth, there are multiple class-action lawsuits being filed against Apple for these keyboards that are "prone to failure," as one complaint put it. Over 35,000 people have also signed a Change.org petition asking for Apple to recall its defective keyboards.

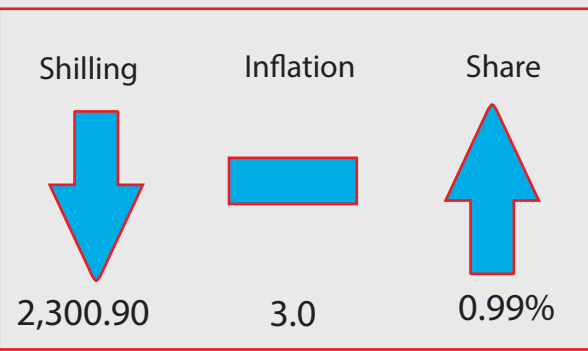
While this may be Apple's first apology about the third-generation keyboards, and how they don't appear to solve some of the problems that plague the butterfly keyboard design, it will be interesting to see how Apple proceeds.

The company keeps saying only a "small number" of people are affected, but lots of people are buying Apple's latest MacBook Pro and MacBook Air laptops, and lots of people appear to be complaining about them. Hopefully there's a proper hardware fix for these computers (aside from buying cans of compressed air and hoping for the best), and that Apple considers another hardware iteration for future keyboards.



An Apple MacBook laptop.

ITV PGM SCHEDULE WK 13 2019			
MONDAY 25 March			
5:30	Uwanja wa Mazoezi	14:00	Huduma ya kwanza
6:00	Habari	14:15	Telenovela: Destiny (Destino) rpt:
6:40	Kumekucha	14:55	Habari za saa
7:30	HABARI	15:00	Meza Huru
8:00	Kumekucha Michezo	16:30	Watoto wetu
8:55	Habari za saa	17:00	The Base
9:00	Kumekucha Kishindo	18:00	Jiji Letu
9:30	Isidingo	18:15	Korean drama rpt: The Great Queen Seonduk
9:55	Habari za saa	19:00	Jarida la wanawake
10:00	Watoto wetu	19:30	Isidingo
10:30	Igizo: Hatua	20:00	Habari
10:55	Habari za saa	21:00	Kipindi maalum
11:00	Kimya Milele	22:15	Telenovela: Destiny (Destino)
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12:00	Al Jazeera	23:30	The Base
12:30	Jungu kuu rpt	00:30	CNN International
12:55	Habari za saa	WEDNESDAY 27 March	
13:00	Mjue Zaidi	5:30	Uwanja wa Mazoezi
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18:10	Aibu yako rpt	9:55	Habari za saa
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18:30	Kesho Leo	10:30	Shamba shape up
19:00	Afya ya Jamii	10:55	Habari za saa
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8:00	Kumekucha Michezo	18:00	Jiji Letu
8:55	Habari za saa	18:15	Mapishi rpt
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10:00	Watoto wetu	20:00	Habari
10:30	Hawavumi lakini wamo	21:00	Aibu Yako! Hata wewe?
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Total Market Capitalization

TZS 19,858.80 bln (USD 8,712.24 mn)

Indices March 29, 2019

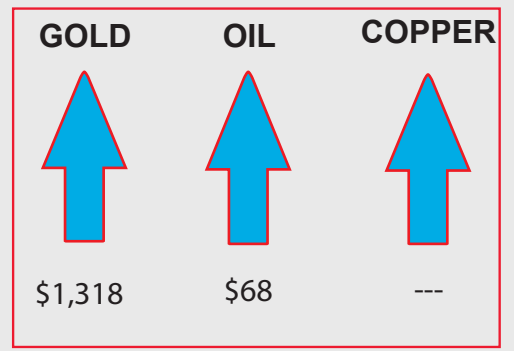
TSI	3,482.87	+5.48
DSEI	2,060.29	-2.63

AVERAGE PRICES FOR FOOD CROPS TSH/100KG

Maize	52620.00	Finger Millet	144052.63
Rice	183125.00	Wheat	130066.67
Sorghum	80857.14	Beans	176041.67
Bulrush Millet	84000.00	Round potatoes	71041.67

Exchange Rates (DSE)

Currency	Buying	Selling
EUR	2,591.28	2,617.65
USD	2,268.07	2,290.76
KES	22.38	22.56
GBP	2,947.82	2,977.52



Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange

Date: Mar 29, 2019

Company	Closing	Prev	Chg (%)
ACA	5,950	6,000	-0.83
CRDB	125	125	+0.00
DCB	340	340	+0.00
DSE	1,300	1,300	+0.00
EABL	4,690	4,680	+0.21
JHL	9,300	9,650	-3.63
KA	115	115	+0.00
KCB	1,000	1,000	+0.00
MBP	490	490	+0.00
MCB	500	500	+0.00
MKCB	800	800	+0.00
MUCOB	400	400	+0.00
NICO	165	165	+0.00
NMB	2,340	2,340	+0.00
NMG	1,380	1,380	+0.00
PAL	400	400	+0.00
SWALA	490	490	+0.00
SWIS	1,700	1,700	+0.00
TBL	11,400	11,400	+0.00
TCC	17,000	17,000	+0.00
TCCL	600	600	+0.00
TICL	385	385	+0.00
TOL	660	660	+0.00
TPCC	2,100	2,020	+3.96
TTP	120	120	+0.00
USL	10	15	-33.33
VODA	800	800	+0.00
YETU	600	600	+0.00

DSE MARKET SUMMARY

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TRADING STATS

Market Cap (bln)	19,858.77
Equity Turnover	63,918,250.00
Total Volume	126,350
Total Deals	18

TOP MOVERS

CRDB	125	96,170
TPCC	2,100	21,000
NICO	165	6,800

GAINERS & LOSERS

Company	Price	Change
JHL	9,300	-3.63%
ACA	5,950	-0.83%
USL	10	-33.33%
EABL	4,690	+0.21%
TPCC	2,100	+3.96%

Interbank Foreign Exchange Market (IFEM)

Date	Amount Traded (Mn USD)	High	Low	Weighted Average
29/Mar/2019	2.00	2,313.00	2,298.50	2,300.87
28/Mar/2019	2.75	2,320.00	2,298.50	2,300.89
27/Mar/2019	3.10	2,313.75	2,298.50	2,300.90
26/Mar/2019	3.00	2,313.00	2,298.55	2,300.92
25/Mar/2019	2.50	2,310.00	2,298.60	2,300.89
22/Mar/2019	3.20	2,315.00	2,298.65	2,300.91
21/Mar/2019	2.25	2,318.50	2,298.70	2,300.92

Inter-bank Local Money Markets

Date	Volume (million-TZS)	High	Low	Weighted Average Rate (WAR)
29/Mar/2019	32,100	6.50	5.00	5.19
28/Mar/2019	55,000	6.00	5.00	5.15
27/Mar/2019	57,000	5.50	5.00	5.07
26/Mar/2019	35,000	6.00	5.00	5.21
26/Mar/2019	35,000	6.00	5.00	5.21

Tanzania Shilling On Average bases

The USD/TZS traded at 2,335.0000 on Wednesday March 27. Historically, the Tanzania Shilling reached an all time high of 2360 in March of 2019 and a record low of 1014.30 in December of 2004.

Gold faces worst month since Aug; palladium eyes biggest weekly dip in 3 yrs

* Gold on course for 2nd straight quarterly rise
* Silver touches lowest since end-Dec at \$14.94/oz
* Market eyes U.S.-China trade talks

LONDON, March 29 (Reuters) - Gold slipped on Friday and was headed for its worst month since August 2018 on a stronger dollar and equities, while palladium rose after three straight sessions of sharp declines, but was on course for its biggest weekly fall in more than three years.

Spot gold was down 0.1 percent at \$1,288.56 per ounce by 0804 GMT, after declining about 1.5 percent in the previous session, the most in over seven months.

The metal is set for its first weekly fall in four and has lost about 1.9 percent this month. But on a quarterly basis, gold is en route to a second straight rise, due to a dovish U.S. Federal Reserve and concerns about a global economic slowdown.

U.S. gold futures were down 0.2 percent at \$1,287.40 an ounce.

The dollar was poised for its strongest monthly gain in five, while Asian shares rose on hopes that Washington and Beijing are making progress in trade talks.

The world's two largest economies started the new round of talks on Thursday to end the year-long tit-for-tat tariffs war.

"If we have a positive outcome from the trade talks, gold will be under pressure as investors will rotate out into more risk seeking assets," said Jeffrey Halley, a senior market analyst with OANDA.

"But, if we have disappointing outcome then stocks will go down and people will move into safe-haven assets like gold. The market is very much in a wait and see mode."

White House economic adviser Larry Kudlow said on Thursday the United States could lift some tariffs on China, while leaving others in place as part of an enforcement mechanism on a trade deal.

Meanwhile, spot palladium rose 1 percent to \$1,361.26 an ounce on Friday, after touching a two-month low in the previous session.

The metal, used in the making of catalytic converters in vehicles, slid 6.6 percent on Thursday, the most since January 2017.

On a monthly basis, it was headed for its biggest drop since end-2016.

"Palladium rallied on tight supply concerns and it was a very speculative rally. (However) it fell (this week) as signs of (a slowdown in) global growth has sparked demand worries," said Jigar Trivedi, a commodities analyst at Mumbai-based Anand Rathi Shares & Stock Brokers.

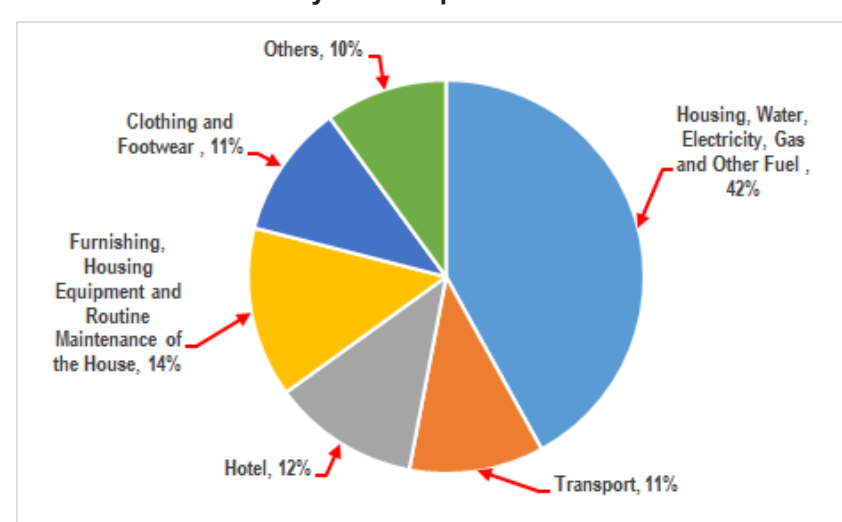
Elswhere, silver was up 0.1 percent at \$15.02 an ounce, after touching its lowest since late December 2018 at \$14.94 earlier in the session, while platinum rose about 0.8 percent to \$843.50 an ounce.

All Share Index :29 March 2019

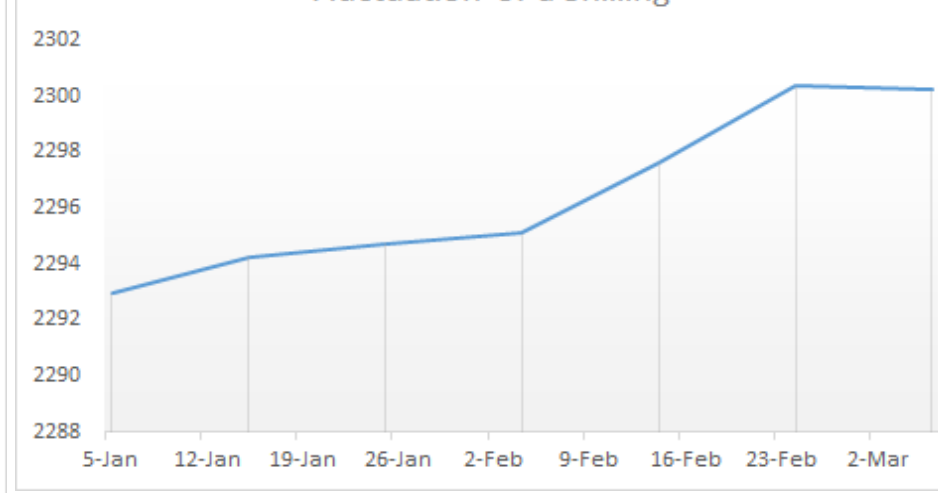
Africa	Actual	Change	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Yearly
NSE-All Share	30958	125	0.40%	-0.98%	-3.12%	-24.53%
JALSH-All Share	56496	436	0.78%	0.43%	0.26%	2.70%
FTSE/JSE TOP 40	50310	407	0.82%	1.01%	0.91%	4.39%
Egypt EGX 30	14,666	111.15	0.76%	-0.79%	-1.04%	-15.96%
Casablanca CFG 25	11,093	0.00	0.00%	-0.47%	-0.63%	-15.08%
NSE All Share	156	0.45	-0.29%	-3.18%	1.92%	-18.50%
Nairobi 20	2,835	5.39	-0.19%	-0.71%	-2.77%	-26.26%
DSEI	2,063	3.97	-0.19%	-0.41%	-0.92%	-14.37%
TUN	6,855	73.96	-1.07%	0.34%	-4.05%	-4.02%
GGSECI	2,382	30.36	-1.26%	-0.66%	-2.40%	-29.26%
Gaborone	7,886	0.00	0.00%	0.10%	0.13%	-8.20%
NSX Overall	1315	10	0.79%	0.29%	-4.60%	-3.85%
SEMDEX	2165	3	-0.13%	-0.33%	-1.91%	-5.32%
Zimbabwe Index	402.1	0.03	0.01%	-4.25%	-18.83%	38.18%

DSEI decreased 2 points or 0.10% to 2063 on Thursday March 28 from 2067 in the previous trading session. Historically, the Tanzania All Share Index DSEI reached an all time high of 3686.97 in January of 2019 and a record low of 1161.30 in December of 2010.

Inflation 3.0% - February 2019: Top Movers



Fluctuation of a Shilling



Oil set for biggest quarterly rise since 2009 amid OPEC cuts, sanctions

LONDON 29 (Reuters) - Oil prices rose on Friday amid OPEC-led supply cuts and U.S. sanctions against Iran and Venezuela, putting crude markets on track for their biggest quarterly rise since 2009.

Brent crude oil futures were up 75 cents at \$68.57 a barrel by 1150 GMT, set for a gain of more than 27 percent in the first quarter.

U.S. West Texas Intermediate (WTI) futures were at \$60.15 per barrel, up 85 cents, and on track for a rise of more than 32 percent over the January-March period.

For the two futures contracts, January-March 2019 is the best-performing quarter since the second quarter of 2009, when both gained about 40 percent.

Graphic: Crude futures quarterly performance - tm-snr.rs/2HSqll7

Oil prices have been supported for much of this year by an agreement between the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries and allies such as Russia to cut output by around 1.2 million barrels per day.

"Production cuts from the OPEC+ group of producers have been the main reason for the dramatic recovery since the 38 percent price slump seen during the final quarter of last year," said Ole Hansen, head of commodity strategy at Saxo Bank.

Barclays bank said on Friday oil prices "are likely to move still higher in Q2 and average \$73 per barrel

Fuel Wef. Wednesday, 6th Mar 2019

Town	Petrol (TZS/Litre)	Diesel (TZS/Litre)	Kerosene (TZS/Litre)
Dar es Salaam	2,098	2,131	2,096
Arusha	2,191	2,195	2,286
Pwani	2,102	2,135	2,101
Dodoma	2,157	2,189	2,155
Geita	2,263	2,296	2,262
Iringa	2,162	2,195	2,161
Kagera (Bukoba)	2,313	2,346	2,312
Katavi (Mpanda)	2,306	2,339	2,304
Kigoma	2,329	2,362	2,328
Moshi	2,181	2,185	2,276
Lindi	2,141	2,236	2,155
Manyara	2,225	2,229	2,320
Mara	2,276	2,309	2,275
Mbeya	2,205	2,238	2,204
Morogoro	2,123	2,156	2,121
Mtwara	2,127	2,222	2,169
Mwanza	2,248	2,281	2,247
Njombe	2,190	2,223	2,189
Rukwa (S'wanga)	2,271	2,304	2,269
Ruvuma (Songea)	2,213	2,308	2,220
Shinyanga	2,227	2,260	2,225
Singida	2,188	2,221	2,187
Songwe (Vwawa)	2,214	2,247	2,213
Tabora	2,252	2,285	2,251

Foreign Exchange- Mar 29

	Actual	Chg	%Chg
EURUSD	1.12321	0.00121	0.11 %
GBPUSD	1.30945	0.00515	0.39 %
AUDUSD	0.70976	0.00226	0.32 %
NZDUSD	0.68045	0.00295	0.44 %
USDJPY	110.80	0.18	0.17 %
USDCNY	6.71797	0.02053	-0.30 %
USDCHF	0.99572	0.00022	0.02 %
USDCAD	1.33521	0.00849	-0.63 %
USDMXN	19.2870	0.048	-0.25 %
USDINR	69.1550	0.0100	-0.01 %
USDBRL	3.9012	0.0007	0.02 %
USDRUB	64.8498	0.0952	-0.15 %
US Dollar	97.10	0.1	-0.11 %
BTCUSD	4,081.21	69	1.72%

Exchange Rates for 29 / March /2019

Currency in 100 Units	Spot	Buying	Spot	Selling
EAST AFRICAN CURRENCIES				
Kenya SHS	2,264.52		2,282.63	
Uganda SHS	57.64		61.69	
Rwandan Franc	252.09		255.10	
Burundi Franc	218.12		219.76	
OTHER SELECTED CURRENCIES				
USD	227,810.89		230,089.00	
Pound STG	298,796.76		301,876.77	
EURO	255,740.51		258,389.95	
Canadian \$	169,830.69		171,477.87	
Switz. Franc	228,771.73		230,966.67	
Japanese YEN	2,061.26		2,081.31	
Swedish Kronor	24,427.50		24,663.84	
Norweg. Kronor	26,289.71		26,543.42	
Danish Kronor	34,263.98		34,601.41	
Australian \$	161,335.67		163,064.07	
Indian RPS	3,289.50		3,320.81	
Pakistan RPS	1,544.21		1,631.84	
Zambian Kwacha	18,562.37		18,859.75	
Malawian Kwacha	290.49		311.14	
Mozambique-MET	3,593.23		3,623.45	
Zimbabwe \$	42.63		43.49	
SDR	316,957.85		320,127.43	
Gold (T/O)	295,936,143.39		298,978,589.96	
S. African Rand	15,537.19		15,660.52	
UAE Dirham	62,026.49		62,634.82	
Singapore \$	167,903.07		169,569.61	
Hong Kong \$	29,020.87		29,310.70	
Saud Arabian Rial	60,744.71		61,350.52	
Kuwait Dinar	749,599.85		756,821.92	
Botswana Pula	20,981.38		21,375.27	
Chinese Yuan	33,811.88		34,140.87	
Malaysia Ringgit	55,890.80		56,394.36	
South Korea Won	200.24		201.80	
Newzealand	154,888.62		156,529.55	

World Commodities (\$) 29 March 2019

Energy	Price	Day	Weekly	Monthly	Yearly
Crude Oil	60.5058	2.09%	2.43%	8.38%	-7.23%
Silver	68.786	1.37%	2.51%	5.60%	1.58%
Natural gas	2.6957	-0.41%	-2.04%	-5.87%	0.52%
Gasoline	1.9153	1.71%	-0.56%	10.68%	-2.59%
Heating oil	1.9947	0.95%	1.38%	-0.40%	0.65%
Ethanol	1.3603	-1.45%	-4.14%	1.67%	-3.53%
Naphtha	532.9	-0.17%	-0.35%	4.06%	-6.75%
Propane	0.67	-0.06%	-0.57%	-0.46%	-15.72%
Uranium	25.05	-1.76%	-3.84%	-10.70%	19.29%

CROPS, PRICE PER 100KG MARCH 29, 2019

What now for Britain's troubled Brexit?

LONDON

BRITISH Prime Minister Theresa May's Brexit deal is all but dead, after lawmakers voted to reject it for a third time on Friday – the day Britain had long been scheduled to leave the European Union.

The UK now faces a deadline of April 12 to present the EU with a new plan, or crash out of the bloc without an agreement.

Here's a look at what could happen next:

NO DEAL

The EU has given Britain until April 12 – two weeks away – to decide whether it wants to ask for another postponement to Brexit. The bloc has called an emergency Brexit summit for April 10 to deal with a British request, or prepare for a no-deal Brexit.

Without a deal, Britain will leave the bloc at 11 pm UK time (6 pm EDT) on April 12 without a divorce agreement to smooth the way. Most politicians, economists and business groups think

such a no-deal scenario would be disastrous, erecting customs checks, tariffs and other barriers between Britain and its biggest trading partner.

Parliament has voted repeatedly to rule out a no-deal Brexit – but it remains the default position unless a deal is approved, Brexit is canceled or the EU grants Britain another extension.

DELAY AND SOFTEN

The alternative to “no-deal” is to delay Brexit for at least several months while Britain tries to sort out the mess.

The bloc is reluctant to have a departing Britain participate in European Parliament elections in late May, as it would have to do if Brexit is delayed.

But EU Council President Donald Tusk has urged the bloc to give Britain the extension if it plans to change course and seek a softer Brexit that keeps close economic ties between Britain and the bloc.

This week lawmakers held a series



A Brexit supporter holds an England flag at Parliament Square in Westminster, London, on Friday. (AP)

of “indicative votes” on alternatives to May's deal. The exercise did not provide clarity – all eight options on offer were defeated. But it did hint at a po-

tential compromise. The measure that came closest to a majority called for Britain to remain in a customs union with the EU after it leaves.

Trump cuts aid to Central American countries as migrant crisis deepens

WASHINGTON/EL PASO, Texas

THE U.S. government cut aid to El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras on Saturday after President Donald Trump blasted the Central American countries for sending migrants to the United States and threatened to shutter the U.S.-Mexico border.

A surge of asylum seekers from the three countries have sought to enter the United States across the southern border in recent days. On Friday, Trump accused the nations of having “set up” migrant caravans and sent them north.

Trump said there was a “very good likelihood” he would close the border this week if Mexico did not stop immigrants from reaching the United States. Frequent crossers of the border, including workers and students, worried about the disruption to their lives the president's threatened shutdown could cause.

At a rally on the border in El Paso, Texas, Democratic presidential hopeful Beto O'Rourke denounced Trump's immigration policies as the politics of “fear and division.”

A State Department spokesman said in a statement it was carrying out Trump's directive by ending aid programs to the three Central American nations, known as the Northern Triangle.

The department said it would “engage Congress in the process,” an apparent acknowledgement that it will need lawmakers' approval to end funding that a Congressional aide estimated would total about \$700 million.

New Jersey Senator Bob Menendez, the top Democrat on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, called Trump's order a “reckless announcement” and urged Democrats and Republicans alike to reject it.

Trump told reporters at his Mar-a-Lago resort in Florida on Friday that the United States was paying the three countries “tremendous amounts of money,” but received nothing in return.

Mario Garcia, a 45-year-old bricklayer in El Sal-



vador, said he was setting off for the United States regardless of the president's threat to close the frontier.

“There is no work here and we want to improve (our lives), to get ahead for our families, for our children. I don't give a damn (what Trump says), I'm determined,” Garcia said.

Garcia was one of a group of at least 90 people who left the capital San Salvador over the weekend on buses heading north, in what locals said was the tenth so-called caravan to depart for the United States since October.

The government of El Salvador has said it has tried to stem the flow of migrants.

The Honduran Foreign Ministry on Saturday called the U.S. policies “contradictory” but stressed that its relationship with the United States was “solid, close and positive.”

Trump, who launched his presidential campaign in 2015 with a promise to build a border wall and crack down on illegal immigration, has repeatedly threatened to close the frontier during his two years in office but has not followed through.

This time, Homeland Security Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen and other U.S. officials say border patrol officers have been overwhelmed by a sharp increase in asylum seekers, many of them children and families who arrive in groups, fleeing violence and economic hardship in the Northern Triangle.

March is on track for 100,000 border apprehensions, Homeland Security officials said, which would be the highest monthly number in more than a decade. Most of those people can remain in the United States while their asylum claims are processed, which can take years because of ballooning immigration court backlogs.

Nielsen warned Congress on Thursday that the government faces a “system-wide meltdown” as it tries to care for more than 1,200 unaccompanied children and 6,600 migrant families in its custody.

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Israel reopens Gaza commercial crossing in sign of easing tensions

GAZA

ISRAEL reopened its commercial crossing with the Gaza Strip yesterday but kept military reinforcements deployed on the volatile frontier, a day after a smaller than expected Palestinian protest along the border.

Gaza medical officials said four Palestinians were killed by Israeli fire during demonstrations on Saturday marking the first anniversary of the “Great March of Return” protests.

Around 200 Gazans have been killed by Israeli troops since the protests started on March 30 last year, according to Palestinian Health Ministry figures. An Israeli soldier was also killed by a Palestinian sniper in July.

But while around 40,000 protesters, some hurling grenades and explosives, turned out on Saturday, according to the Israeli military, several signs pointed to pullback from wider confrontation amid Egyptian efforts to reach a long-term ceasefire that would also ease blockaded Gaza's economic plight.

An Israeli military spokesman



Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu

noted that there had been “significantly less violence” during Saturday's protest, which organizers had billed a “million person march”, than in past weekly demonstrations.

In addition, hundreds of Palestinian men, some from Gaza's ruling Hamas group, were deployed in bright orange vests to deter people from going near Israel's border

fence, a frequent flashpoint.

A Hamas official said Egyptian mediators were expected to hold talks in Israel to try to finalize a deal.

Israel, which considers Hamas to be a terrorist group, has maintained an official silence about any pending agreement, a week before a closely contested election in which rocket strikes from Gaza on Israeli border towns have become a main issue.

Trucks carrying food and fuel rolled into Gaza through the reopened Kerem Shalom crossing on Sunday despite the firing of several rockets at southern Israel overnight and Israeli tank fire on Hamas positions in response. No injuries were reported on either side of the border.

FLARE-UP

The crossing had been closed on Monday after a rocket that wounded seven Israelis north of Tel Aviv touched off a two-day surge in cross-border violence.

Israel launched a wave of air strikes and ramped up its forces at the border after the rocket strike, as Egypt stepped up its mediation.

A prospective deal, according to three Palestinian officials close to the talks, would include steady Qatari-funded fuel supplies for Gaza, job creation projects and expansion of the territory's fishing zone off the Mediterranean coast.

For their part, militant groups in Gaza agreed before Saturday's protest to keep demonstrators from the border fence and stop the launching of incendiary balloons that have burned farmland in southern Israel, the officials said.

“Days separate us from achieving our demands. We are patient and the enemy is under a test,” Khalil al-Hayya, Hamas's deputy Gaza chief, told the group's Aqsa TV.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, accused by far-right rivals of being too soft on Hamas, said yesterday he ordered Israeli forces to remain at “full strength” along the Gaza frontier.

But in public remarks on Thursday, he said Israel would undertake a broad military campaign in Gaza - Hamas and Israel last fought a war in 2014 - only after exhausting all other options.

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Uganda hosts run to popularize Belt and Road Initiative

KAMPALA

HUNDREDS of people on Saturday took part in a run in Uganda's capital Kampala aimed at popularizing China's proposed Belt and Road Initiative (BRI).

China in 2013 proposed the BRI which refers to the Silk Road Economic Belt and the 21st Century Maritime Silk Road, and aims to build a trade and infrastructure network connecting Asia with Europe and Africa through the ancient trade routes of the Silk Road.

Zheng Zhuqiang, Chinese ambassador to Uganda flagged off the run, which has already been held in 22 countries and regions within the BRI area.

By May, the run would have taken place in 44 countries and regions.

“We are committed to contributing to the economic development of this country and we shall continue demonstrating this through channeling investments, supporting infrastructure and socio-economic developments,” Zheng said shortly before flag off.

He thanked Standard Chartered Bank, the organizers of the run, for facilitating and maintaining “a cordial and warm relationship with the Chinese community in Uganda.”

“You have facilitated trade between China and Uganda and supported Chinese businesses

to grow and thrive in this country and for that we are grateful,” Zheng said.

Standard Chartered Bank selected eight staff athletes who are traversing the 44 countries, running 10km in each country they visit. The athletes were selected from Uganda, Hong Kong, China, Egypt, Malaysia, Singapore, the United States and Britain.

Serena Leung, the athlete from Hong Kong, said she was happy to be part of the Belt and Road relay as she was meeting new and interesting people.

“I will be getting the precious time of meeting local communities for first-hand cultural exchanges,” she said.

Herman Kambugo from Uganda said, “Each market along the Belt and Road has its unique culture, people, terrain, weather conditions and challenges. I can't wait to experience all of them.”

Henry Li from China said he was excited about running in Africa. “I know Africa is an important part of the BRI, and many Chinese companies have invested in the region,” he said.

Some of the BRI-related projects in Uganda include the just launched Chinese constructed Isimba Hydropower Plant, ongoing construction of Karuma Hydropower Plant, Kampala-Entebbe Expressway among others.

Xinhua

No request for phone call with Putin from US yet - Kremlin

MOSCOW

THE Kremlin has not yet received any requests for a phone call with Russian President Vladimir Putin from the Trump administration, Presidential Spokesman Dmitry Peskov (pictured) said when asked by TASS to comment on the US president's statement on the possibility of discussing the situation in Venezuela with his Russian counterpart.

“No, there have been no such requests [for a phone call with Putin from US representatives] yet,” he said.

On Friday, US National Security Adviser John Bolton said that Trump so far had no plans to hold phone calls with the Russian leader.

Meanwhile, the US president himself admitted that he could discuss the situation in Venezuela with Putin and Chinese President Xi Jinping in the near



future. The situation in Venezuela was one of the issues discussed

at Putin's meeting with the permanent members of the Russian Security Council on Friday.

The participants in the meeting stressed that statements on plans to meddle in Venezuela's domestic affairs made by some countries hindered efforts aimed at overcoming the crisis in the Latin American country.

Juan Guaido, Venezuelan opposition leader and parliament speaker, whose appointment to that position had been cancelled by the country's Supreme Court, declared himself interim president at a rally in the country's

capital of Caracas on January 23.

Several countries, including the United States, Lima Group members (excluding Mexico), as well as the Organization of American States, recognized him as president. In contrast, Russia, Belarus, Bolivia, Iran, China, Cuba, Nicaragua, El Salvador, Syria and Turkey voiced support for Maduro.

Commenting on reports on Russian military servicemen's presence in Venezuela, Russian

Foreign Ministry Spokeswoman Maria Zakharova said in a statement on March 26 that Russian specialists had arrived in Venezuela in strict compliance with that Latin American country's Constitution.

The diplomat stressed that their presence in Venezuela was stipulated by the 2001 agreement on military-technical cooperation reached by the Russian and Venezuelan governments.



Coca-Cola Kwanza's Area Sales Manager, Beatrice Nchimbi (L) hands over a TV set to a resident of Kinondoni, Daniel Mollie during a handover ceremony for announcing winners of Coca-Cola's ongoing campaign, dubbed 'Kunywaah na Ushinde', held at the plant in Dar es Salaam over the weekend. The campaign, which is in line with this year's Coke Studio season, aims at rewarding loyal Coca-Cola consumers who will walk away with prizes, including cash, TVs and Coca-Cola products. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

LeBron James to sit out last 6 games of Lakers' season

LOS ANGELES

LeBron James' first season with the Los Angeles Lakers is over.

James will sit out the final six games of the Lakers' sixth consecutive losing season, the team announced Saturday. In a statement, President of Basketball Operations Magic Johnson and General Manager Rob Pelinka claimed the decision will provide James with a head start on offseason healing for a three-month-old groin strain, the first significant injury of his career.

"After consulting with our team doctors and medical staff, we have decided to hold LeBron out of games for the remainder of the season," the statement said. "This decision will allow his groin to fully heal, and is best for the future success of both LeBron and the Lakers."

James is the NBA's fifth-leading scorer at 27.4 points per game, and he averaged 8.5 rebounds and 8.3 assists in his first season on the West Coast. He will accompany the Lakers on their upcoming trip to New Orleans and Oklahoma City, but the 16-year NBA veteran won't play again in his first non-playoff season since 2005, his second year in the league.

James appeared in the past eight NBA Finals with Miami

and Cleveland, but he will finish this year playing in a career-low 55 games and a career-low 35.2 minutes per game for the Lakers. Despite James' ballyhooed arrival along with Rajon Rondo and JaVale McGee to lead the Lakers' talented young core, Los Angeles failed to overcome several major injuries and a midseason crisis of team confidence when the Lakers attempted to land superstar Anthony Davis in a multi-player trade.

"It's challenging, but I kind of knew what I was getting myself into," James said earlier this month.

Los Angeles is 34-42 after beating Charlotte 129-115 on Friday night, with James scoring 27 points in what turned out to be his final appearance.

The Lakers have won three of four since being eliminated from playoff contention last week with a loss to Brooklyn, their 10th in 11 games and their 28th in 42 games since Christmas.

Los Angeles entered Saturday's games with the NBA's 10th-worst record. While a strong finish to the season could be a boost for the future, it could also damage the Lakers' hopes of landing an elite talent in the draft.

"We picked a hell of a time to have a great rhythm," James said after the Lakers

beat the Hornets. "We're having fun. We're playing the way we wanted to play all year, but obviously because of injuries, multiple lineup changes and things of that nature, that would affect it. But we've kind of known who's going to be in the lineup over these last few games, and it's allowed us to have our rotations down, and guys have been playing well."

Although James' first season with Los Angeles was a failure, it showed promise before injuries changed everything.

The Lakers were 20-14 and in fourth place in the Western Conference when James strained his groin during a stunning 26-point road victory over Golden State on Christmas. He sat out their next 17 games in the longest injury absence of his career.

James returned to the lineup for good in early February, but the injury-plagued Lakers were unable to recover and make the playoffs.

Along with James, the Lakers are finishing the season without three key players in their young core. Brandon Ingram has been out since March 2 due to a blood clotting issue, while Lonzo Ball hasn't played since Jan. 19 because of an ankle injury, and Josh Hart was ruled out for the season this week with a knee injury.

Giniki: My victory in Tigo Kili Half Marathon is dedicated to all Tanzanians



Athlete Emmanuel Giniki touches the finish line in 21 kilometers race, popularly known as Tigo Kili Half Marathon, while receiving hype from the crowd shortly before he was declared a winner of the race in Moshi, Kilimanjaro last month. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

By Guardian Correspondent

FOR the past four years, Tigo Company has been the patron of the 21km race in the annual Kilimanjaro Marathon.

The race, popularly known as the Tigo Kili Half Marathon, covers 21km stretch that meanders through the scenic slopes Mt. Kilimanjaro, Africa's tallest peak.

As it is customary, this year's Tigo Kili Half Marathon was held in Moshi, the northern Tanzania city that lies strategically on the slopes of the mountain that is an epitome of legends, myths and folklore among the locals.

It offers the enthusiasts the rare opportunity of savouring the snow-capped tip with all its majesty, splendour and glory.

In this year's race, Tanzania's Emmanuel Giniki won the home crowd applause at the Tigo Kili Half Marathon 2019 held in Moshi after many years of being dominated by foreigners particularly Kenyans.

Giniki swept out competent Kenyans to win the Tigo Kilimanjaro Half Marathon men's category, while in the women's discipline, Tanzanian Failuna Matanga crossed the finishing point at Moshi Cooperation University (MoCU) ground in second

place.

Thousands of runners from different countries competed in the prestigious event, sanctioned by the International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF).

Giniki won a heroic welcome at fully-packed finish ground, after recording one hour, three minutes and 34 seconds to win the gold medal as nine Kenyans followed him.

"I feel proud of my home victory, it was a tough race. The last 100 meters before the finish line was the hardest to me because my opponents were closely running after me, but I pulled up to make sure that I beat them all," Giniki who also won the 2017 Tigo Kili Half Marathon, said.

Commenting further on his victory, Giniki, who is an athlete from Tanzania People's Defense Forces (TPDF), said that it was through exercise and solid commitment to win that he made it.

"It was not easy, I trained very hard and I said to myself - I must win and I indeed won the race. If you are doing something with serious commitment and you direct all your efforts towards it, the chances of doing well are higher," Giniki said with a light smile on his face.

His victory, according to him, is dedicated to all Tanzanians as they gave him the strength he needed to

proceed even at the time when he was too tired.

He said: "For those who were at the Ushirika grounds, they can recall the encouragement I received from Tanzanians when I was about to finish and the joy they had when I finished first."

This is why I say, this is victory for all Tanzanians."

In the race's women's discipline, Grace Kimanzi of Kenya continued her prowess, winning the race for the fourth time in a row since 2015. She clocked at 01:11:45 to bag home gold medal.

She said: "I trained very hard while in Kenya, thank God I made it again."

"My coach, Paul Muthui, always tells me to aim high for medals and that is what I did," the athlete from Machakos Club disclosed.

Failuna clocked at 01:14:01 to win the second place but was bemoaned down at the starting point that denied her full strength to win the first spot.

Now in its 17th year, the Kilimanjaro Marathon, has gradually evolved over years, morphing into the global sporting behemoth that it is today, gathering thousands of local, regional and international participants and enthusiasts, who through the venue for the grand annual sports extravaganza.

Recognized by the Runners' World Magazine as the Second Wonder of the World Marathons and by the famous Forbes Magazine as the Best International Adventure Marathon.

Tanzania's most renowned athletics meet has today acquired a life of its own, drawing over 9000 participants from across the world every year.

Ranging from a 5km family fun run, the 21km road race, and the actual 42km race whose course meanders through the picturesque view of Mt. Kilimanjaro - Africa's highest peak, the Kilimanjaro Marathon climaxes into the ultimate test for Tanzania's and indeed the East African Region's top athletes with world-class times being posted by talented runners.

According to Aidan Komba, the Tigo Acting Director for Northern Zone, the company's quest to sponsor the race is mainly driven by its commitment to support various departments of the government in showcasing Tanzania's unique offering in terms of tourism attractions and the country's diverse cultural orientation.

Komba added: "Tigo's support is geared towards supporting the sports sector in identifying and developing young talents as well as ensuring that Tanzanians live a healthy lifestyle by participating in sports, especially athletics."

Indeed, the Tigo Kili Half Marathon has over the years proved to be a breeding ground for local talent, with the most notable alumni of the race being last year's London Marathon third place finisher Alphonse Simbu who also markedly crossed the finish line in fifth place at the Rio Olympics.

A host of other alumni in Tigo Kili Half Marathon are also set to represent East Africa nations in this year's Commonwealth Games.

"Tigo is keen on being among other sponsors, partners and stakeholders who are determined to boost healthy lifestyle and the wellbeing of the marathon enthusiasts, making the event a memorable and sustainable undertaking," Komba noted.

He mentioned the booming of small businesses such as foodstuffs outlets, hotel and accommodation services, local transport, recreation services, access to telecom services and products and others as the trickle-down effect benefits that will be brought by the marathon that gathers, under one umbrella, participants from more than 40 countries worldwide.



General Manager of CRDB Insurance Company, Arthur Moshia (R), hands over hands over 1m/- cheque to the first winner of the CRDB Bima Marathon in the women category, Sara Hiiti, of Rift Valley Club shortly after the completion of the race held in Dar es Salaam over the weekend. Photo: GUARDIAN CORRESPONDENT



The Russian cultural center...does it again!

Only weeks after hosting a highly successful concert from two young Russian musicians, on Wednesday, the centre had another magical evening performance for music lovers as beautiful soprano, Daria Davidova, charmed the audience with her versatile performance and glorious

rendition of masterpieces from the world of classical music. Accompanied by pianist extraordinaire, Aleksandr Zlatin, who also held the audience spell bound with his dynamics on the piano, it was a rare combination of talent after the duo had only

one rehearsal together for the concert. The performers rightly received a standing ovation from the packed auditorium, who look forward to the next treat from Dar es Salaam's favourite cultural venue. PHOTO: COURTESY OF RUSSIAN CULTURAL CENTER

Aguero fitness could be key to Man City's quadruple bid

LONDON

ANYONE seeking definitive clues as to the destination of this season's Premier League title could probably have taken the afternoon off, for Manchester City will not enjoy a more comfortable assignment than their 2-0 win vs. Fulham over the next six weeks.

Had the mood taken them on a sun-drenched day by the River Thames, they could have added handsomely to their goal difference, but it was hardly an occasion on which to operate at full throttle. What matters is that, with the season's final lap underway, Pep Guardiola's side are back in the driving seat, one point clear of Liverpool at the top.

If there is a flicker of concern, it will stem from the fact Sergio Aguero, who put the game beyond Fulham with City's second goal in the 27th minute, left the pitch before an hour had been played.

"He said he felt something but not injured," Guardiola said. "For precaution he decided not to continue. We will see tomorrow."

With Aguero's track record of sustaining muscle injuries, those of a City persuasion can be excused a few jitters amid hope that it was a safety-first measure on the Argentine striker's part. Wednesday's match against Cardiff should be the kind in which Gabriel Jesus comfortably deputises, ahead of tougher tests later in April.

Aguero (and Guardiola) will be well attuned to the fact that next weekend's FA Cup semifinal with Brighton holds no guarantees and is followed three days later a Champions League quarterfinal first leg away to Tottenham. At 30, he knows his body well enough to minimise the risk of adding to the eight games he has missed in all competitions this term.

His goal, clipped inside the far



Manchester City striker Sergio Aguero shooting over Fulham goalkeeper Sergio Rico to score their second goal on Saturday. (Agencies)

post sublimely from a tight angle after Fulham's Joe Bryan had gifted possession, was a reminder that Aguero turns half-chances into clear openings and it is a fact City will require against sterner opposition than Scott Parker's relegation-bound Fulham.

If questions remain about City's title bid then there is also the debate about whether, in all honesty, games such as this are good for anyone. From the moment Guardiola's men went 2-0 in front, it was played with the pace and intent of a preseason friendly.

City had no need to go all out, given their battle on three fronts and inevitable post-international break ring rust, while Fulham, who continue to give an object lesson in how not to go about a Premier League season after earning promotion, were simply unequipped to lay a glove on their

visitors.

Even the home fans' protest against high admission prices – a small demonstration took place in the 55th minute to match the day's cheapest adult ticket of £55 (\$71) – seemed muted, although it is hard to see how anyone got value for money.

The loudest cheers erupted upon moments of mild farce, like the series of passes Fulham managed to string together around the quarter-hour mark after barely completing one before then and the shot that City's Nicolas Otamendi skied over the Putney End in the 53rd minute.

City were ruthless in exploiting mistakes early and Fulham's near-constant concessions of the ball around their own penalty area beggared belief; Bernardo Silva's low, inch-perfect curler in the fifth minute arrived after sloppy

play from Timothy Fosu-Mensah and the undercooked ball from Bryan that set Aguero away was also entirely characteristic of their display.

Fulham did not register a shot on target in a home fixture for the first time in nine years, couple that with Bournemouth's failure to have any kind of goal attempt against City when they met at the Vitality Stadium earlier this month and it is not a good look for the league, even if Guardiola's men can hardly be blamed for that.

The Aguero concern aside, City's only other regret on such a serene day might be that they could not add further gloss to the scoreline. Kyle Walker struck the post late on while Raheem Sterling, so clinical of late for club and country, was off-key with his finishing and had one of his less efficient days.

"The game was under control, that is the truth," Guardiola said. "We missed maybe one more goal, but that's OK. [It was the] international break and people told me they were tired. I'm sure in the next game our pace will be a little bit better."

If that is the case, Cardiff should surely be brushed aside at the Etihad during what is, effectively, City's game in hand.

"We have to win every game," Guardiola said. "We have tough opponents; that is the challenge."

City's only real opponents on Saturday were themselves and, with the hurdle duly cleared, attention turns to Anfield. For Liverpool, who will surely be tested more by Tottenham than were City by Fulham, the pressure has been ratcheted up further before their own run-in has begun.

(AGENCIES)

Messi hits 40-goal mark for 10th straight season

BARCELONA

LIONEL Messi scored twice to earn Barcelona a 2-0 derby win over Espanyol and keep them 10 points clear at the top of La Liga on Saturday.

A dull match was decided by Barcelona's No. 10, who lofted home a free kick after 71 minutes and slotted in from substitute Malcom's cross towards the end.

Messi, who now has 40 goals in all competitions this season, suffered criticism in his native Argentina after withdrawing from a friendly against Morocco because of a groin problem, but was hailed by Barcelona fans after taking them one step closer to retaining the title.

"The important thing is that [Messi's] on our side, he scored a great free kick and without doubt having him is always an advantage for us," said midfielder Sergio Busquets.

"Espanyol were ultra-defensive and it made it hard to find spaces. We had opportunities but they didn't go in.

"We had to work for it but in the end, we took our chances and the result was justice for what happened in the game."

Ernesto Valverde started Messi along with Luis Suarez, who had recovered

from an ankle sprain.

But the duo and Philippe Coutinho were kept quiet in a tight first half, with Espanyol's five-man defence not giving the South American trio any space.

With Malcom's introduction in the final half hour, the game began to open up.

The Brazilian winger had a cross-shot tipped wide by Diego Lopez, with Coutinho firing over the bar as Barcelona pushed for a winner.

The Catalans were short on inspiration until Messi produced a cheeky dinked free kick, which midfielder Victor Sanchez could not keep out on the goal-line, before tucking home his second on the break.

Barcelona were far below their fluid best but two moments of skill from talisman Messi secured three points from an otherwise forgettable game.

"I advise you to enjoy Messi while he's here, he's such a unique player," Espanyol coach Rubi said.

"When he's not there, you really notice it. He's very good and that's that. I had the luck to see him for a year in training (in 2013 at Barca under Tito Vilanova)."

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Zidane talks up interest in United star Pogba

MADRID

REAL Madrid coach Zinedine Zidane has said he likes Paul Pogba "a lot" and suggested the midfielder could move to the Bernabeu when he leaves Manchester United.

Speaking at a news conference ahead of Sunday's home game against Huesca, Zidane said Pogba was a "different" player and had few equals.

France international Pogba said earlier this month that "all players dream of playing for Real Madrid," sparking speculation about a potential move.

"I like him a lot – that is nothing new," Zidane said. "I know him personally. He is a truly different player – few players can do what he can. He is a midfielder who can defend, attack, do everything."

"But he is not my player, he is at Manchester. He has always said that, after Manchester, Madrid has always interested him. So when his experience at Manchester ends, why not come here to Madrid?"

Zidane was asked whether any player could be worth the €280 million mooted as the price for Paris Saint-Germain's France forward Kylian Mbappe.

"You cannot say these days what a player is worth – €100m, €20m, €300m," he said. "It is up to the clubs."

"When I came here they said the price of €72 million was crazy, and in the end look what happened. We know the player that he is. He is not my player, so I will not speak out of respect for him and his club PSG, and above all respect for my own players."

Since returning to Madrid, Zidane has talked about "changes" in the summer,

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Kean, 19, scores again as Juventus edge Empoli

TURIN

TEENAGE Moise Kean scored three minutes after coming on as a substitute to give Juventus a 1-0 win over lowly Empoli after the runaway Serie A leaders had been jeered off at half-time on Saturday.

The 19-year-old continued an impressive run of form which has seen him score three goals in five Serie A appearances this season and in both of Italy's Euro 2020 qualifiers this month, against Finland and Liechtenstein.

Juventus, missing Cristiano Ronaldo after he suffered a thigh injury in Portugal's 1-1 draw with Serbia on Monday and Paulo Dybala after he pulled up during the warm-up, struggled to break down the visitors until Kean struck in the 72nd minute.

Giorgio Chiellini played a long ball out of his own half and Mario Mandzukic headed it into the path of Kean who fired past Bartolmiej Dragowski.

Juventus have 78 points, 18 clear of second-placed Napoli who visit AS Roma on Sunday. Empoli are 17th with 25 points, one point and one place above the relegation zone.

Juventus coach Massimiliano Allegri tried to keep Kean's feet firmly on the ground.

"Kean has quality but he has to im-

prove in lots of areas and his willingness to make sacrifices will make the difference," Allegri said. "So many players have lost their way along the road."

He added that Kean was not ready to start the match after his week with the national team.

"He scored two goals for Italy in as many games and having all that attention uses up a lot of energy both physically and mentally," he said. "He returned from the international break and looked like he barely knew where he was."

Empoli had enjoyed the better of the first half, angering the home crowd, and Rade Krunic was twice close to giving them a shock lead.

"The crowd were right because we didn't play well," said Allegri, referring to the fans' reaction.

Juventus, who lost their unbeaten league record in their previous outing when they were beaten 2-0 at Genoa, showed more signs of life after halftime as Federico Bernardeschi crashed an acrobatic volley against the crossbar.

Kean's entrance in the 69th minute got the biggest cheer of the evening up to that point and he could have had a second goal when he got clear of the Empoli defence but was foiled by Dragowski.

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Solskjaer: Man Utd 'almost in driving seat' for top four

MANCHESTER, ENGLAND

OLE Gunnar Solskjaer said Manchester United had got away with a sloppy display against Watford to put themselves "almost in the driving seat" to finish in the top four.

Goals from Marcus Rashford and Anthony Martial earned a 2-1 win over impressive Watford at Old Trafford. The result moved Solskjaer's side up to fourth with seven games remaining, level on points with third-placed Tottenham.

"The first 20 minutes were so slow and sloppy. You could see we have had players out with injuries and, with the international break, not been able to train them," Solskjaer told a news conference.

"It is one of them first games after international break that you know could be a potential banana skin. We came away with a win, that is great, but I think everyone knows we can perform better.

Three points, you can't get more.

"There are four very good teams



Watford's Ben Foster in action with Manchester United's Marcus Rashford during their Premier League match at Old Trafford in Manchester, Britain on Saturday. REUTERS

are challenging for two places [in the top four]. We are almost in the driving seat. We have given ourselves a good chance."

Watford ended the game having had 20 shots at David De Gea's goal – 12 more shots than United managed – but only Abdoulaye Doucoure's late consolation to show for it.

Solskjaer described the FA Cup defeat to Wolves before the international break as the worst performance of his reign, but suggested it had been trumped by what he saw against Watford.

"After PSG, that was a mental challenge after the high of that," he said. "We went to Arsenal, played really well and lost, and then we had the chance to get to the semifinal. That was a poorer performance than when we lost to Wolves."

One highlight for Solskjaer was the performance of Luke Shaw, who set up Rashford's goal with a wonderful pass through the Watford defence.

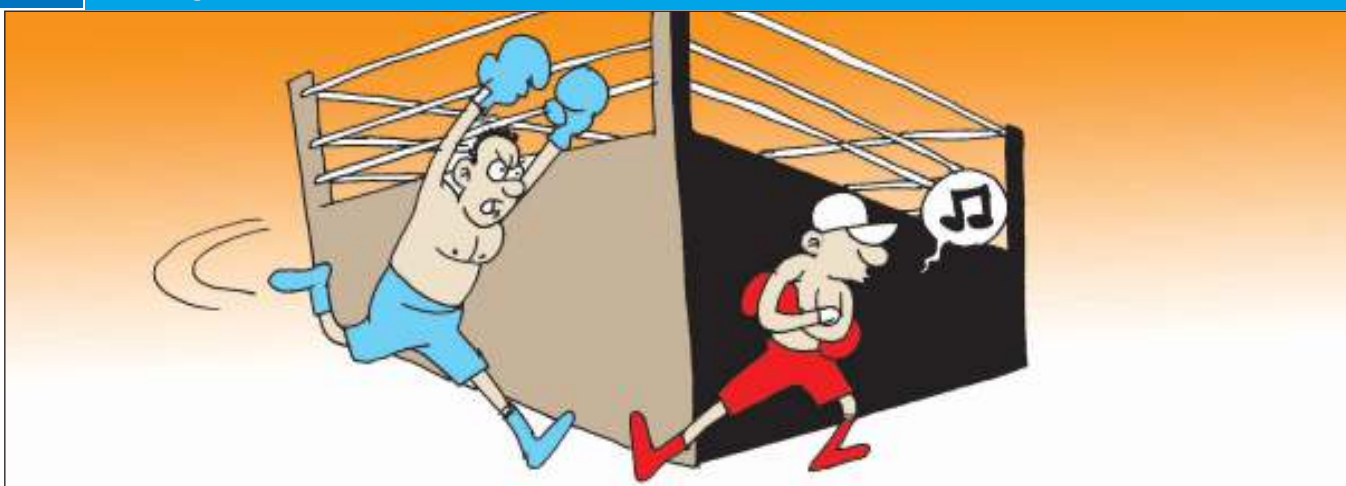
But it was not a productive afternoon for Paul Pogba, and Solskjaer said he may have made a mistake by deploying the France international in a deeper role.

"Luke has got so much in his locker," the manager said. "He is exceptional going forward and I can't wait to see him blossom. I thought he was total class today until he got cramp."

"Paul is important for us, but we couldn't keep the ball today. We had 50-50 possession at home, you are a bit disappointed with that. "Paul has been away, played two games with France. He was a bit deeper, so that is something we may have to think about, to get him more involved."

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Gwiji by David Chikoko



SPORT

**Aguero fitness could be key
to Man City's quadruple bid**

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Clatous Chama of Zambia (R) is challenged by Dynamo Fredericks of Namibia during the 2018 COSAFA match, which took place at Peter Mokaba Stadium, Polokwane in South Africa on June 2. PHOTO: COURTESY OF SAMUEL SHIVAMBU

Amin wins Vaisakhi Rally 2019

By Guardian Reporter

AFTER the highly anticipate Scoda Fabia car had failed to make it for the Vaisakhi Kilimanjaro Rally, a Subaru took over the lead in the event which was held in Hai District in Kilimanjaro on yesterday.

Driver, Tufail Amin, who was co-driven by Imranali Chandu, has emerged the winner of the Kilimanjaro Vaisakhi Rally 2019, having used one hour, 10 minutes and 25 seconds, using a Subaru GC8 representing the Tufail Rally team.

The 124 kilometers long race, taking place in Hai District over the weekend, saw Randeep Singh and Zubary Piredina finish the second position with a Mitsubishi Evolution IX from Birdi team after covering the distance in one hour, 10 minutes and 38 seconds.

Gurpal Singh and Dave Sihoka were third in their AESL team riding in another Mitsubishi Evo, having used one hour, 14 minutes and 17 seconds.

On the fourth position drove in a car by Emmanuel Lyimo and Mustafa Ally with Subaru N10 listed under Angata Racing team.

A total of 12 vehicles participated in the Vaisakhi Rally 2019 but seven of the cars failed to complete the race for various reasons, including mechanical failures.

Said Khamis and Aman Lyimo finished in the 5th position driving Subaru GC8.

Meanwhile, the highly-anticipated motor rally vehicle, which should have been the first to cruise the country terrains during the next weekend motor rally in Kilimanjaro, and causing major interest across East Africa failed to make it in time for the event.

For the first time, ever, a Scoda Fabia rally car was going to be used in the Vaisakhi motor rallying in Hai District of Kilimanjaro, but delayed shipment caused the car to be scrapped off the listing until further notice.

Imported here by the Hari Singh Rally Team of Kilimanjaro, the Evolve's Scoda Fabia Proto was for the first time going to cruise the country during the Vaisakhi Rally 2019 covering the landscape of Siha District, in Kilimanjaro.

The Information Officer of the Kilimanjaro Motor Sports Club (KMSC) Somjo Athuman, disclosed the one and only Scoda Rally vehicle was to be driven by Gurjit Singh, the last year's winner in the event which had earlier on been billed to involve more than 20 vehicles.

Gurjit Singh, who was going to drive the new and maiden Scoda, happens to be the defending champion of the Vaisakhi Rally, having won the race in the 2018 event, then driving a Subaru GVB 2015.



Tufail Amin

COSAFA 2019 senior championship venue undecided

PRETORIA

THE venue for the 2019 edition of the COSAFA Senior tournament, scheduled for May 25 to June 8, remains undecided, organizers have revealed.

Zimbabwe Football Association (ZIFA) is now in breach of their hosting agreement, signed by the federation late in January 2019, and returned to COSAFA.

Following a board meeting convened on March 9 in Zimbabwe, ZIFA reconfirmed their commitment to host the tournament in Zimbabwe, irrespective of whether they received government funding and guarantees.

ZIFA management committed to presenting to COSAFA written confirmation of this decision no later than March 25th 2019.

Unfortunately they failed to deliver on the nominated deadline which has left COSAFA with no recourse other than to enforce their disciplinary procedures which process calls for ZIFA to attend a disciplinary hearing scheduled for April 4 in Johannesburg.

The hearing will be handled by COSAFA's independent judicial body, and the outcome and punitive action will be handed down within 48 hours of the hearing.

COSAFA is particularly disturbed by the management of the process by ZIFA by 2019 is a critically pivotal year for football in the Sub Saharan region.

For the first time in 21 years, five COSAFA member countries have qualified to participate in the continental showpiece, including Zimbabwe's celebrated Warriors.

The COSAFA Senior Tournament has consistently proved to be a vibrant platform of opportunity for all competing countries.

In 2019 has become a key factor in pre-AFCON preparation for the successful qualifiers, with coaches and team management planning to use the COSAFA tournament to fine tune their training prior to the AFCON June 21 kick off.

COSAFA remain hopeful that ZIFA will remedy the current situation prior to the disciplinary committee hearing on April 4.

Super Kings at Chepauk, a mighty test for misfiring Rajasthan Royals

CHENNAI

IT must be tough being Rajasthan Royals right now. Two defeats in two matches in IPL 2019 so far, when they could have won both with better luck and cool-headed execution.

If the batting crumbled against Kings XI Punjab with the total within reach, the bowling fumbled against Sunrisers Hyderabad with 198 to defend.

These losses will sting more because Royals need to stack up wins in the first half of the IPL more than others, as they'll be losing most of their star overseas contingent in the second half.

They need a turnaround fast because three losses in a row could become crippling, but they face possibly the toughest match to do that: Chennai Super Kings in Chennai.

Expertly marshalled by MS Dhoni, Super Kings haven't even felt the need to play their full quota of overseas players in their two matches so far.

They have now lost David Willey too, after Lungi Ngidi went out with an injury earlier, but seem to be going along fine.

They will be reinforced by Scott Kugeleijn next week, but in the meantime, they have the option of including Mitchell Santner, whose

left-arm spin and organised batting could be very useful on a spin-friendly surface - though why change a winning combination?

Rajasthan might consider bringing in someone like Mahipal Lomror, who offers a left-arm spin option, in place of Rahul Tripathi, given the conditions.

Alternately, they could drop one of Jaydev Unadkat or Dhawal Kulkarni, and bring in a leggie, one of S Midhun or Riyan Parag.

The pitch is going to be in focus for this game, given what transpired in the opening match, with both Dhoni and Virat Kohli not quite happy with the track that didn't let balls come on

to the bat.

There will be a different surface used, but Chennai has traditionally been friendly to spin anyway.

The ground staff tried to mitigate against that, with a tent-like structure covering the pitch from Wednesday to Friday so that it's not baked too much by the harsh sun. **AGENCIES**

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