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TPDC refloating pipeline tenders

By Guardian Reporter, Dodoma

TENDERS for the East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) construction project are back to the drawing board.

Prof James Mataragio, director general of the Tanzania Petroleum Development Corporation (TPDC), said here on Monday that logistical obstacles emerged after the project was suspended last year.

This compels the process to start afresh the wake of the flagging off of the project after the Tanzania and Uganda governments signed a pact to build the 1,443 kilometre heated crude oil pipeline from the northern Uganda Hoima oilfields to Tanga Port in Tanzania.

Several companies had already won tenders and were in various stages of finalizing their procurement processes, he stated.

"Now, following the project's suspension things changed, and then came the Covid-19 pandemic, where earlier costs also changed. So what we shall now do is to re-advertise the tender bidding process," he said.

The EACOP project was suspended in November last year after the lead developer, French oil giant Total E&P, stopped works and laid off staff after a tax dispute with the host government.

Firms that had won tenders earlier will be asked to amend various items as some costs have gone up and others gone down, he stated.

There is a pending agreement to be signed by the pipeline investing parties, and smaller agreements on the construction work to

be completed by the end of the year, he elaborated. "When all these agreements are in place, the decision to invest in the project will be given and TPDC will start looking for funds to initiate the construction process as shareholders, owning a stake in ECOP on behalf of the government," he specified.

"We have talked about the project's many benefits and these are in three areas - benefits from pipeline construction work such as jobs, land procurement, and our firms will get work to transport pipes. All in all we expect to employ 10,000 people," the director noted.

There will be benefits from operations whereby 10,000 will be employed who will in turn create opportunities for another 70,000 people as well as revenues for the government, he said.

Construction work is expected to begin next year, taking three years to complete, while at the moment compensation of land for people where the pipeline will pass is now being worked upon, he further stated.

Last week, President John Magufuli and his Uganda counterpart Yoweri Museveni witnessed the signing of the agreement for the project's implementation.

The two leaders inked a joint declaration that directed implementation of the 1,445km pipeline project whereby in Tanzania the pipeline traverses eight regions with 280 villages.

When completed, the pipeline will have the capacity to transport 216,000 barrels of crude oil per day and in the next 25 years, Tanzania will earn 7.5tr/-, project documents show.



Dr John Magufuli, CCM's candidate for the Tanzanian Presidency in the forthcoming General Election, waves to Itigi residents shortly after addressing a campaign rally in Manyoni District, Singida Region, yesterday. Photo: State House

Dr Mwinyi promises to empower widows

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

CCM's candidate for the Zanzibar Presidency, Dr Hussein Mwinyi yesterday conversed with representatives of the Zanzibar Widows Community and pledged to formally recognize and register the members with the social security scheme to enable them to access loans so as to start businesses.

Dr Mwinyi (pictured) told the widows community that if elected he will recognize various civic associations representing vulnerable groups in society, including people with disabilities, elders and widows to enhance their chances in taking up economic opportunities.

These groups will be provided with free interest loans and the government will meet the responsibility of interest payment.

Dr Mwinyi said he will also look at improving legislation relating to Gender Based Violence (GBV) and alleviating the plight of divorced women left with the burden of caring for the children.

Zanzibar Widows Community chairperson Tabia Makame said time is ripe for vulnerable groups like widows to be recognized and participate in shaping decisions or legislation concerning their



welfare. She said widows are faced with many challenges including being left with children and other family members to look after, providing education and other basic needs.

Mgeni Hassan Juma, the chairperson of the board of directors of the Zanzibar Widows Community and Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives, said they established the institution in order to rescue its members from poverty arising from their burdens in life.

This is among issues that voters will bear in mind on October 28 when they vote for a Union president, president of Zanzibar, members of Parliament and of the House of Representatives, plus ward councilors.

Along with Dr Mwinyi, there are 14 candidates in the race, namely Said Soud (AAFP), Juma Ali Khatib (Ada Tadea), Hamad Rashid Muhammad (ADC), Mfaume Khamis (NLD), Ali Juma (Chaumma), Issa Muhammed Zonga (SAU), Ameri Said Ameri (Demokrasia Makini) and Hamad Muhammed Ibrahim (UPDP).

Others are Hussein Juma Salim of the Tanzania Labour Party (TLP), Mohamed Omar Baharia (Union for Multiparty Democracy-UMD), Shafiq Hassan Suleiman (Democratic Party), Khamis Faki Mgau (NRA), Seif Sharif Hamad (ACT Wazalendo) and Othman Rashid Khamis (CCK).

JPM eyes Singida for zonal economic hub

By Henry Mwangonde, Singida

CCM presidential candidate Dr John Magufuli has promised massive development projects for Singida Region, including roads to link it up to other regions aimed at making it an economic hub in the central zone.

Speaking at Police Square, Itigi in Singida region, Dr Magufuli said he has a lot planned for the region and the country at large in the next five years, urging the residents to elect him for the development of the area.

He said in the last five years a lot has been done in Singida, while some projects are uncompleted. He thus needs another five years to finalize the work, he emphasized.

"I want to transform this region into something special. In the next five years we want to finalize the electrification of remaining villages here at Itigi so that social services are at your door steps,"



At the rally, the president promoted Itigi health centre to a full district hospital, saying more services will be added to the hospital

he said. On infrastructure, he said the government intends to build the road from Itigi to Makongolosi in Mbeya Region "which upon completion will be an important business route."

In the last five years the government spent 4.7bn/- funding free education in Itigi alone while 8.7bn/- was spent on water provision, he said.

At the rally, the president promoted Itigi health centre to a full district hospital, saying more services will be added to the hospital.

He tasked the Tanzania National Roads Agency (Tanroads) to set out a tender for constructing a 10 kilometre road from the Mwanza highway to Itigi town.

He said the government has spent 470bn/- implementing various development projects

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Chadema in discomfort, NEC forecloses appeals

By Beauty Mwakatobe, TUDARCO

THE opposition Chadema yesterday expressed disappointment over the ending of the hearing of appeals by the national polls management body, foreclosing hundreds of requests for reversal lodged by the party's aspirants for the upcoming General Election.

Chadema director of elections Reginald Munisi told reporters in Dar es Salaam that the National Electoral Commission (NEC) had not formally



NEC Director of Elections Dr Wilson Mahera

communicated to them with regard to the fate of thousands of appeals its aspirants lodged, objecting their disqualification from the race.

NEC announced on Friday last week that it had concluded reviewing and analyzing appeals and objections submitted by aspirants from various political parties ahead of next month's polls.

"Our 15 parliamentary aspirants and over 300 who sought councillorship have been barred to contest and NEC has not told us the outcome of their appeals," he said.

The official said the election management body should have told the aspirants the outcome even if they lost, the same way it did with those who were successful.

Munisi said: "I and my party's election team

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Robert Kisinini, the opposition NCCR Mageuzi's candidate for the Iringa Urban parliamentary seat in the upcoming General Election, addresses a recent campaign rally at an open mixed-goods market - with a cart drawn by donkeys serving as the podium. Photo: Correspondent Friday Simbaya

'Unruly behaviour' by CCM members is unacceptable - VP

By Guardian Correspondent, Kyela

VICE President Samia Suluhu has warned members of the ruling party (CCM) in Kyela District, Mbeya Region, attempting to instigate chaos that the party will not spare them.

Samia, who is President Magufuli's running mate, made the remarks here yesterday when addressing a public rally as part of the ongoing election campaigns.

The Vice President said that while on her way to Kyela District, she was informed on the presence of some few people who have been making unnecessary statements with intentions to instigate chaos within the party.

"What I have witnessed here is totally different from what I expected, because I heard a lot of nasty words about this area, but I am happy that you received us well, so those who have been speaking nonsense should stop. Let us now promote unity and work together in pushing the district's development," she said.

Samia said Kyela has no bad record with the ruling party so hypocrisy behaviour should not ruin this year's polls. She called upon the residents to stand together and exercise their rights by voting for President John Magufuli as well as CMM parliamentarians and councilors for their development.

She added that the government has prepared a lot of plans to be implemented in Kyela District but if the constituency will be taken over by all opposition, the residents will take years to realize the development plans.

"If you will make a mistake and do otherwise, then expect nothing in development, I am saying this very clearly, we will not give our policies and priorities to the opposition, so make sure that you vote for CCM candidates," she said.

The outgoing MP for Kyela constituency Dr Harrison Mwakembe

said that majority crooks in the area spend a lot of time stimulating conflicts.

"It is better that all these hypocrite people be given farms so that they can spend their time there, we all know that our candidate here is Ally Mlaghila, so we have to ensure that we work collaboratively to make him win," he said.

Dr Mwakembe, who doubles as Minister for Information, Culture, Arts and sports, said that Kyela has huge debt to President Magufuli due to various multibillions development projects which he has implemented here.

"We have to repay him by giving countless votes in the forthcoming general election. This man is patriotic, he loves Tanzanians that's why he has been spending his time to bring development to his people," he added.

He said that the government under President John Magufuli approved the construction of the Kikusya-Matema road at a cost of 67bn/-. The fourth phase government rejected the construction of the road claiming that it had no impacts in development.

"Let us vote for President Magufuli and other CCM candidates. We should also be patient and have faith because the government is really mullied to transform the country and alleviate poverty among Tanzanians," Dr Mwakembe added.



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have tried very hard to calm our members down but as the electoral commission remains silent, our people may run out of patience."

He affirmed that they have written a number of letters to NEC seeking response with regard to the appeals but in vain, "and that is why the party decided to speak publicly about it and

let Tanzania and the world know what is going on."

The official said the earlier NEC sorted out appeals the better since there is a short time left for campaigns ahead of the voting, October 28.

He asked aspirants who filed appeals but had not yet received a response from NEC to speak to the public on the matter.

One such appellant, Nzega Rural

parliamentary aspirant Monica Saro faulted the electoral commission for announcing that CCM candidate Dr Hamisi Kigwangalla has won unopposed.

She said it was required that other candidates are formally approved to square it out with the cabinet minister like in other constituencies. About 20 ruling party candidates were confirmed by the commission to have

sailed unopposed.

NEC Director of Elections Dr Wilson Mahera said in a statement last week that NEC received a total of 616 appeals, of which 160 relate to constituency votes and 456 for councillorship contests.

The national electoral body also received 25 objections while 44 were repetitive appeals, the director intoned.

Reesearchers: Tanzania still doing poorly in cashewnut sub-sector despite capacity

By Guardian Correspondent, Morogoro

TANZANIA is still lagging behind in cashewnut cultivation despite having all the potentials, according to experts from the Tanzania Agricultural Research Institute (TARI).

Senior researcher from TARI - Naliende, Kasiga Ngila said this yesterday when speaking at a training for cashew nut farmers from Kilosa and Gairo districts in Morogoro Region. He said experts from Tanzania trained cashew nut farmers in Nigeria and Ivory Coast, and have now become among the largest producers of the crop in Africa.

He said latest data shows that Tanzania is the fourth country in Africa for cashew nut production behind Nigeria and Ivory Coast. He said that Nigeria produces 900,000 tonnes while Ivory Coast produces 600,000 tonnes.

Ngila said that Guinea Bissau ranks third in cashew nut production in Africa producing 300,000 tonnes per year.

"We feel so bad to behind Guinea Bissau, Nigeria and Ivory Coast since we are the ones who trained them on how to cultivate the crop; this is why we have embarked on training our farmers on modern cashew nut farming methods", he said.

According to Ngila, Vietnam is the number one cashew nut producer in the world producing 1.2 million tonnes, followed by Naigeria, India and Ivory Coast.

Researcher and Crop Protection Scientist, Dr Wilson Nene linked poor production of the crop with lack of quality cashew nut seeds. He said that most of the farmers use traditional seeds which are cannot produce enough and quality nuts.

Dr Nene noted that most cashew nut farmers in the country do not know how to use the pesticides, adding they sometimes poorly apply the pesticides

hence affecting production of the nuts.

He said they have now started to educate farmers on how they can properly take care of their cashew nut trees as well as the use modern approved seeds which are produced by TARI. The institute has so far produced 54 improved cashew nut seed varieties.

With the new seed varieties, a single cashew nut tree can produce 20 kilograms of nuts compared to 11 kilograms that are produced from traditional trees.

A crop coordinator from TARI Naliende, Dr Geradina Mzena, said they have come up with a number of strategies to enhance cashew nut production from the current 315,000 tonnes to 1 million tonnes.

She said the new seed varieties will be distributed to farmers in 17 regions engaging in cashew nut production.



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Mustafa About Jumbe (2nd-L), Permanent Secretary for Zanzibar's Communication and Transport ministry, has a quick word with Permanent Secretary of Tanzania's Works, Transport and Communications ministry, Dr Zainab Chaula. This was shortly after they signed an agreement in Zanzibar yesterday on national fibre services between the Zanzibar Information Communication Technology Infrastructure Agency and Tanzania Telecommunications Corporation Ltd. Photo: Rahma Suleiman

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in Singida Region during the last five years, with water and rural electrification projects featuring highly. The candidate promised thousands

of residents at the grounds that upon his reelection, he will put in place new ways to ensure the region was benefiting from crops grown predominantly in the region, namely sunflower and onions.

Iramba West parliamentary candidate (CCM), Dr Mwigulu Nchemba said in his remarks that it has never happened countrywide that as many health centres are built in a five year period.

"Dr Magufuli has Tanzanians at heart," he told the crowd. The president spent over 30bn/- in addressing water challenges in Singida alone, the reelection aspirant added.



Agriculture minister Japhet Hasunga (3rd-R) cuts a ribbon in Dar es Salaam yesterday to launch the issuance of loans for the purchase of farm implements under a partnership between CRDB Bank Plc on the one hand and ETC Agro, LoanAgro and Agricom, all three companies dealing in the sale of tractors. To his right is CRDB Bank Plc managing director and group CEO Abdulmajid Nsekele. Photo: Selemani Mpochi

17 crop storage schemes being implemented in different parts of Tanzania to cut harvest loss

By Guardian Reporter

TANZANIA is implementing 17 crop storage schemes that will hold over 80,000 tonnes in ten different points countrywide in order to reduce a post-harvest losses estimated to cost the country 3.92bn/- (US\$1.8million).

In this public-private venture, Tanzania Agricultural Development Bank (TADB) represents the Tanzania government, according to a document on the massive projects seen in Dar es Salaam yesterday. The document says some five silos and 12 warehouses are currently being built. Out of the 80,000 tonnes, 34,000 tonnes of maize will be stored in the proposed structures.

According to the document, expert estimates show that an astonishing 30 to 40 percent of cereals and an even higher percentage for perishable foodstuffs is recorded as post-harvest losses.

Experts define post-harvest losses as measurable quantitative and qualitative food loss in the post-harvest system. The document gives background to the venture saying: "These losses incur at different points

of the value chain where the supply chain is less mechanized, larger losses are incurred during drying, storage and processing. There remains a critical gap pertaining to farmer's access to modern post-harvest management technologies (silos), a situation which calls for joint stakeholders' efforts to attract investment in this important segment of agricultural chains."

The document reveals that the annual value of post-harvest losses for grains alone exceeds four billion US dollars, adding that more resources have been channelled to the maize industry because maize is not only Tanzania's staple food but it also suffers the greatest losses.

"TADB is proud to be a conduit for the reduction of such losses within Tanzania's esteemed agricultural sector that currently contributes 40% of GDP and 58% of labour force," TADB Managing Director Japhet Justine said, adding that the bank joined stakeholders to build the structures because its mission is to improve productivity, support and strengthen value chains and transform the agricultural sector.

'25.3billion/- spent on renovating feeder road network in Musoma municipality'

By Guardian Reporter

PRIME Minister Kassim Majaliwa has said that a total of 25.3bn/- has been used to renovate feeder road infrastructures in Musoma municipality, Mara Region as part of implementation of the ruling party (CCM) election manifesto.

Majaliwa who is also the member of the party's central committee made the remarks on Monday when addressing a public rally at Musoma as part of the ongoing election campaign.

He said that CCM has implemented well its 2015-2020 manifesto by making sure that all the priorities are executed to bring development to the people.

"Among them, 18.7bn/- has been spent on the construction of 14-km of tarmac roads and traffic light through Urban Local Government Strengthening Program (ULGSP) in Musoma Municipality and the project has been completed. We want the traffic lights to work during day and night bringing relief to the road users," he said.

He said through the Road Fund (Maintenance) another amount 6.6bn/- was spent on opening new roads, carrying out routine repairs and maintenance of rough and spot areas and all projects have been completed.

The Premier who is in Mara region to

ask people vote for the CCM Presidential candidate John Magufuli used the opportunity also to request for votes for the parliamentary candidate for Musoma Urban constituency, Vedasto Manyinyi, Nyamatara ward councilor candidate, Masumbuko Mageza and other councilors of the municipality.

"I urge Musoma people to put your votes to the right people, so please vote for Magufuli even if you are a supporter of another political party because he is the one who has brought development and addressed a number of challenges in the country," he said.

Explaining some of the measures implemented under the Manifesto,

Majaliwa said the government helped to address water challenges in various parts of the country, something which has brought relief to women who were walking long distances to search for water.

"To improve water supply services in Musoma town, 46bn/- was dished out to implement a mega clean water project here and majority of residents are now enjoying from reliable access of the precious liquid."

He further said that 18bn/- has been allocated for a water supply project in Musoma Municipality and three villages of Musoma Rural and Butiama. The work involves construction

of a three million litres water tank; construction of a booster station as well as installation of water pipes to transport water from the source to the tank.

For his part, the former Minister of the fourth Phase Government, Stephen Wassira urged residents of Musoma Municipality to vote for CCM candidates for their development.

"Do not go on election day just to cast your vote, no, wake up and vote for CCM candidates, because they are the ones who will transform your lives, fight poverty and bring development," he said.

Citing the hard work of President

Magufuli in Mara Region, Wassira said he has brought a number of developments in the area by accomplishing his promises.

"He has completed the construction of Kwangwa hospital within three years, a construction which stalled for more than 40 years. The decision to construct the hospital was initiated by the TANU declaration of 1974 and was approved by the TANU general assembly in 1974. There was no construction budget. So, we started with a donation of soda, this is why its construction has taken so long to complete, but President Magufuli has accomplished it," he explained.

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

ZANZIBAR'S ACT-Wazalendo presidential candidate Seif Sharif Hamad 'Maalim Seif' has said elected he would strengthen the tourism sector as it has a great contribution to the Isles economic growth and as a provider of jobs.

Seif was speaking at a campaign rally at Mwanakombo grounds in Zanzibar North Region seeking for votes.

He said he will bring about great revolution in the sector to make it become a prime source for economic growth for the benefit of all Zanzibaris.

He noted that there were many obstacles within the Zanzibar's tourism sector and that if elected he will remove all of them and will also create a new special emblem that will be used to identify Zanzibar's tourism just like it is for India.

"We are fortunate to have a good name for attracting visitors. You must agree to invest and incur expenses in improving tourism business, without investing and advertising tourist attractions all over the world, we will remain at lower rungs in the world's tourism ladder.

If elected, I will strengthen the tourism sector - Hamad

Seif also pledged to provide agricultural and livestock training for the youth to enable them employ themselves so as to reduce the pangs of joblessness.

He said agricultural pays, and also profitable, as it was the only sector that can employ many people of all ages.

"We shall also ensure to have reliable markets for our farmers' crops," he said and added that he will establish food processing factories including juice factories.

He further said he will establish horticultural farming to enable Zanzibar export horticultural products.

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1	Toyota Hilux P/ UP Single Cabin	3 L Diesel Engine	2005	Not paid
1	Toyota Rav4 Station Wagon	1AZ Diesel Engine	2002	Paid
1	Nissan Almera Saloon	Petrol Engine	2013	Paid
1	Nissan P/up Hard Body Single cabin	QD32 Diesel Engine	2013	Not paid
1	Nissan Terrano Station Wagon	Diesel engine	2003	Not paid
1	Nissan Serena Min Bus	DBA-C25 Petrol engine	2009	Paid
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We shall also ensure to have reliable markets for our farmers' crops

Tanzania reassured on Germany's continued cooperation support

By Guardian Correspondent, Dodoma

THE Head of Germany's international cooperation in Tanzania with Tanzania Dr Kartin Bornemann has said his country will continue to cooperate with Tanzania to enable it to reach its development goals.

Bornemann was speaking here on Monday when introducing his new team on development cooperation from the German Embassy that arrived in the country to take over from the former team whose tenure ended recently.

He said Germany began development cooperation with Tanzania since 1961 and by 2012 it contributed a total of Euro 229 million for various development projects.

"Germany has been sponsoring various development projects through GTZ and KfW in water, infrastructure, solar energy, natural resources and agricultural sectors, as well as projects in the country's national parks," he said.

He mentioned other projects as including infrastructures in refugees' camps in Kigoma Region, natural resources protection and infrastructures thereof, good governance infrastructures, job creation via technical training, health sector and the East African Community.

"Personally I am so happy and I had always loved to work in a good country like Tanzania, and when I eventually got that chance, I reported at once," he said.

He added: "The new team is ready to closely work together with its Tanzania counterpart in order to increase the pace of development. I ask you to feel free and use well the opportunity, as we are collaborators of your development," Bornemann added.

The new Zonal Head of cooperation for the East African Community (EAC) at the German embassy dealing with health issues, Johannes Serrfechter said in regard to the cooperation between the two countries, the health sector was given priority, especially in maternity health.

Serrfechter said in the last five years their projects have contributed in reducing child and mother deaths and that Germany was ready to continue cooperating with Tanzania to improve the lives of Tanzanians.

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Christopher Duoniz, chairman of the Dodoma-based Tusumuke Entrepreneurs Youth Group, inspects the group's strawberry garden at Mbabala in Dodoma Region at the weekend. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Pupils with special needs urged to strive for quality education

By Guardian Correspondent, Chalinze

PUPILS with special needs at Chalinze primary school in Coast Region has been encouraged to take their education seriously in order to shape their future while challenged to always strive to be the best in their studies and in everything they do.

The motivational call was made early this week by the National Bank of Commerce (NBC) Samora branch manager, Zubeider Haroun when she was handing 75 bags of cement to the school being the bank's move to improve facilities at the school particularly building a toilet for students with special needs.

Further, the donation was the lender's support of an initiative by Institute of Finance Management Students' Organisation (IFMSO) in a campaign to contribute towards the needy.

Zubeider told the young learners that education could take them afar and make their dreams come true, hence the need for them to take it seriously and study hard. She implored pupils to work an extra mile and take all the responsibility towards learning, saying they should never give up even if they meet difficulties along the way.

"So I urge you to stand up and strive for excellence. Put all your effort to your studies to shape your future and you should always think positively that you will manage. Education is the key that unlocks the door to all that life has to offer," she stressed.

She further highlighted NBC's will to support Educational development and especially to those with special needs so that education can be inclusive.

"As a bank, we are fully committed to supporting the construction of toilets due to the lack of such infrastructure at this school. We have seen unique needs in this school so it became a need for us to contribute to the community through the construction of such infrastructures to improve access to education," she said.

Also, Zubeider called for other institutions and individuals to benevolently contribute to schools and educational facilities as an important pillar towards economical and societal deliberation.

Receiving the donation Aufemia Ngweta, the assistant headteacher thanked NBC for the donation and will to support educational growth in the District. She also appealed to more stakeholders to help develop the school.

"Here at the school, there are children with different disabilities, there are those with cerebral palsy who need a lot of equipment to stimulate their brains so that they can learn various things like crafting and other skills for their future development. So more efforts are needed to ensure we effectively instill education unto them," Ngweta enthused.

She also thanked her for motivating the pupils, saying she was optimistic that they would change their mindset and appreciate that people with special needs could survive and excel in life with formal education.

The pupils of Chalinze Primary School were equally thankful upon receiving the donation and pointed out the importance of having good facilities to their development and academic growth while at school.

I will establish universities in Pemba if I win - Kombo

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

ZANZIBAR'S Civic United Front (CUF) presidential candidate Mussa Haji Kombo says if elected he will strengthen the education sector and establish universities in Pemba.

Kombo gave the pledge when launching his party's election campaign at Tibirinzi grounds in Pemba.

He called on the people in Pemba to unite and abandon discrimination to develop the Isles; hence they should vote for him to attain that goal.

The party's Union presidential candidate Prof Ibrahim Lipumba said the party will continue to stand by its policies that calls for justice and equality for all.

He said the one thing his party succeeded was the amendment to the constitution that called for the government of national unity in Zanzibar.

He appealed to all Zanzibaris not to listen to inciting statements by some politicians that could spur chaos and violence.

He also called on the Zanzibar Electoral Commission (ZEC).

There are 15 Zanzibar presidential aspirants who have picked up nomination forms from the Zanzibar Electoral Commission (ZEC). They are Dr Hussein Mwinyi (CCM), Said Soud (AAFP), Juma Ali Khatib (ADA TADEA), Hamad Rashid (ADC), Mfaume Khamis (NLD), Ali Juma (CHAUMA), Issa Muhammed Zonga (SAU), Ameri Said Ameri from Demokrasia Makini and Hamad Muhammed Ibrahim of UPDP.

Others are Hussein Juma Salim from Tanzania Labour Party (TLP), Mohamed Omar Baharia from the Union for Multiparty Democracy (UMD), Shafii Hassan Suleiman (Democratic Party), Khamis Faki Mgau (NRA), Maalim Seif Sharif Hamad (ACT Wazalendo) and Othman Rashid Khamis from CCK.

The election for Zanzibar President, House of Representatives' members and councilors are scheduled for October 28, 2020.

The commission has allocated four days-October 28 through October 31-for vote counting and result announcement. This is the sixth general elections since the reintroduction of multiparty politics in 1992.



He appealed to all Zanzibaris not to listen to inciting statements by some politicians that could spur chaos and violence



Liwale district commissioner Sarah Chiwamba views items made by entrepreneurs. She was on a visit to an exhibition held at the weekend. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Church challenges party nominees against propagating false promises

By Correspondent Valentine Oforo,

Dodoma

POLITICAL party nominees who are vying for diverse posts in the forthcoming general election have been urged to embrace God's fearing hearts in order to shun away from propagating false promises to Tanzanians in their ongoing campaigns.

In order to propel for key socioeconomic development, priests

at Kanisa Halisi la Mungu Baba have reminded the aspirants that peace, national harmony and truths are paramount important features to be embraced in their campaign speeches.

Speaking in an interview tailored to air the church's opinions pertaining to observations of this year's International Day of Peace, priest Moja Halisi said peace cannot prevail in any nation in absence of human rights.

"And in order to attain right and justice, each leader and citizens in a

whole perspective must put God first in their daily living and executives", he pleaded.

The priest said the party's nominees should let their past good working track records and dignity defend them to the public instead of giving out promises that they will not be able to fulfill when elected.

"Tanzania has successfully managed to advance to a middle income status due to prevailing of peace and harmony in the country, but also a good habit

of President John Magufuli to put God forward in his regime, we should all glue together to ensure such a rarely blessing of peace not by any chances escape the country", he challenged.

However, he urged the youth in Tanzania not to be taken by negative political emotions, and instead, they must use their days soberly by engaging into key economic activities in order to produce for tomorrows as well as for the entire development of the nation.

He noted that the vital philosophy

of the church was to preach peace, unconditional love and production of wealth.

He added: "The Godfather needs all of us to live a happier life by worshipping daily and giving him good fruits (offerings) so that he may bless us even more. Thus, without generating wealth, means we cannot fulfill the Godfather directives", he observed.

Each year the International Day of Peace is observed around the world on 21 September. The UN General

Assembly has declared this as a day devoted to strengthening the ideals of peace, through observing 24 hours of non-violence and cease-fire.

The International Day of Peace was established in 1981 by the United Nations General Assembly. Two decades later, in 2001, the General Assembly unanimously voted to designate the Day as a period of non-violence and cease-fire. The 2020 theme for the International Day of Peace is "Shaping Peace Together



Dar es Salaam Water and Sanitation workers deploy a boat yesterday in the course of removing solid waste accumulated in sewers at Vingunguti in Dar es Salaam. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Stakeholders, farmers concerned over sudden decline in price of pigeon peas

By Guardian Reporter

PIGEON peas farmers in the country are decrying over the sudden fall in price of the produce following low pace of buying the dried legume by exporting companies registered in the country.

Reports show that in the week that ended on September 4, 2020, the Dar es Salaam buying price of pigeon peas-Arusha variety was at 1000/- per kilo whereas the Mtwara variety of the same amount traded at 850/-.

Shockingly, in the week that dawned on Monday, September 7, 2020, pigeon peas took a huge slide to 550/- a kilo.

A press statement from Tanzania Pulses Network (TPN) signed by Board Chairman, Cosma Bulala said the situation has affected a number of farmers with others counting losses in their harvests.

Bulala said the organisation is working closely with the government to ensure that farmers sell the produce at fair prices.

He admitted that in the past two weeks, Tanzanian farmers like the rest of the world have suffered market shock on the price of pigeon peas due to slow down of buying the produce by exporting companies.

"On farm gate price, in the past two weeks for instance, pigeon peas at a Cooperative Union in

Lindi were sold at 750/- a kilo before slumping to 300/- a kilo this Monday," he said.

He said that TPN being a member based organisation has received so many calls from its members and other stakeholders who were to get to know the genesis of this problem and a way forward.

Bulala said that in April, 2020 of 400,000 tonnes the government of India issued an importation quota on pigeon peas which is expected to expire in October, 2020. As per India's modus operandi, the government issues importation licenses to companies which are involved in processing only.

"As of now, a number of processors (millers) have already applied for import licenses and expected to get them by the month of August. What has brought about all this delay is a decision by the Indian government to send inspectors to verify applicants if they actually had the stated mills," he said.

The global pulses industry is inclined towards India as it is the world's largest consumer of the commodities and the leading importer of the same as it imported 16.9 percent last year followed by China with 8.7 percent global importation share.

The entire Tanzania's exports the biggest chunk of it goes to India. Of last year's pigeon peas exports (94,537 tonnes) equivalent to 99.1 percent found its ways to India.

Bulala assured traders that they will soon start selling their produce at a reasonable price.

He said: "Based on the information collected by TPN's market intelligence department from well-established sources within India that, it's anticipated that any time from October the government's inspection exercise will be done and importers will start ordering consignments from all over the world including Tanzania."

He said that in 2017 after India experienced a bumper harvest of major pulses commodities decided to unilaterally impose an import ban to all countries in the world with an exception to few countries like Mozambique that had a Memorandum of Understanding which gave a permanent quota of 150,000 tonnes annually from 2016 to 2021.

TPN is the member based organisation with a mandate over the pulses sector in Tanzania.

Pulses include; dry beans, chick peas, green grams, pigeon peas, and cow peas. Its members are farmers, traders, processors and service providers. Roles done by TPN include; market linkages, market information provision, capacity building and policy advocacy.

TPN is also a member of Global Pulses Confederation (GPC), which has been instrumental in linking our exporters with global importers and relaying vital information on the pulses market situation in the world.

Villagers near Ruaha National Park talk of need for conservation education to minimise human-wildlife 'rows'

By Correspondent Aisia Rweyemamu, Mbeya

VILLAGERS surrounding the Ruaha National Park have suggested for the government and stakeholders to continue providing wildlife conservation education to enhance animal protection and reduce human-wildlife conflicts.

Villages surrounding the park include Igava, Vikawe, Igunda, Mawindi, Itipingi, Madabila and Iwalanje.

They raised the matter when speaking to a team of journalists under the umbrella of the Association of Journalists Environment Tanzania (JET) who recently visited the area. The visit was supported by USAID Promotion Tanzania's Environment, Conservation and Tourism (PROTECT) project.

The villagers were concerned that broader awareness on conservation matters will also address human-wildlife existing conflicts.

Lucas Mtimwa from Mawindi village said: "Majority of people here have limited education on conservation issues, this contributes in failure to address wildlife and conservation challenges including conflicts."

Mtimwa noted that at times villagers have been avoiding meeting with game rangers and conservationists over unknown fears.

Itipingi Village Chairman Alphonse Delile said that once the villagers are fully educated on the importance of conservation and its benefits there will be no more conflicts.

Delile said: "There have been several cases of wild animals invading the villages, destroying crops and sometimes causing deaths."

Mawindi Ward Executive Officer, Hamo Gaudai, called upon the conservation authority to visit each of the villages to educate people on the importance of conservation.

"There are some villagers who have been reached with the education, but we still have many people in the villages who are not aware of conservation issues. Leaving them uneducated threatens wildlife conservation in the Ruaha National Park," he said.

Igava Village Executive Officer, Ibrahim Mwakisopile said that villagers do not know how to deal with the wild animals when they invade the villages. He said there are several cases of elephants destroying farms whereas authorities have promised to ensure compensation to the villagers.

"More than 50 acres of various crops

were destroyed by elephants in the last farming season; to date, no villager has been compensated," said Mwakisopile.

One of the villagers, Yassim Aloyce from Igava village said they are still unaware of the procedures required in seeking compensation. She said they have only been reporting the incidences to local leaders.

Assistant Commissioner for Conservation from the Tanzania National Parks (TANAPA) in the Southern regions, Pius Mzimbe, said the authority has a special neighborhood unit whereas its officials have been providing conservation education to villagers surrounding the park.

He added: "We are planning to visit all the villages, we are optimistic that ending the wildlife-human conflicts will further strengthen relationship between the park and the villagers."

According to Mzimbe, the wildlife-human conflicts are associated with increased human activities including agriculture which have blocked the animal's migration corridors.

Mbarali District Commissioner, Reuben Mfunu, said the district council has been working closely with Tanapa in providing conservation education. He said a good number of people have been reached, and that efforts are ongoing to reach people in all the villages.

"We have been bringing conservation experts to provide education to the people around the protected areas," he said.

Ruaha National Park is located in Iringa Region, with the size of 20,226 km², making it the largest protected area in Tanzania and East Africa.

The park is one of the Tanzania birds' paradise with more than 571 species and some of them are known to be migrants from within and outside Africa.

Ruaha is believed to have a higher concentration of elephants than any National Park in East Africa. It is also a place where magnificent mammals like Kudu, Sable and Roan antelopes can easily be spotted in Miombo woodland.

The park is also a habitat for endangered wild dogs. Other animals in the park include lions, leopards, cheetah, giraffes, zebras, elands, impala, bat eared foxes and Jackals.

"Majority of people here have limited education on conservation issues, this contributes in failure to address wildlife and conservation challenges including conflicts."

By Guardian Correspondent, Kigoma

Civic United Front's (CUF) Presidential running mate Hamida Abdalah Huweish has said if the party is elected to power it will invest in the youth by providing them with employment to benefit from the country's vast natural resources in building up human development economy.

Hamida made the remarks when asking for votes for the party's presidential candidate, parliamentary and Councillorship candidates during campaign rallies in Uvinza District, Kigoma Region.

She said many leaders have forgotten to invest in the youth who are the main victims of the employment issues and instead they have been investing in material development instead of human development.

"The CUF government will return the economy to the people and invest in the youth, who will own their economy instead of the government doing so," she added.

He said her government will restore the currency circulation to the people and create a friendly environment for business people that will strengthen their own currency circulation and be able to build better markets infrastructures.

Speaking about salary increases for civil servants, Hamida said if elected to power, the party will make sure it changes their lives by regular salary increases.

On medical treatment to elders, she said that CUF's policy was to

CUF: We will invest in the youth

ensure a person of sixty years and above has an ID card to enable him receive free medical treatment.

CUF's Secretary General, Magdalena Sakaya said business activities were hard to conduct especially for small traders who are

charged money to get IDs.


"If you fail to plan, then you opt to fail, there are small traders whose capital is less than 10,000/0, but you ask him to pay 20,000/- for the ID, this is unfair," Sakaya added.

Sakaya, who is also the party's

parliamentary candidate for Kaliyu Constituency said the government has been bragging of building factories while there are no jobs, and added that CUF's Manifesto is to improve the lives of Tanzanians to enable them lead better lives.



Reginald Munisi, the opposition Chadema's director of elections, addresses journalists in Dar es Salaam yesterday in connection with what he said was the National Electoral Commission's decision to halt the hearing of petitions some candidates are reported to have submitted to the commission. Photo: Correspondent Mirajai Msala



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The role of elevators and escalator in today's building

Elevators and escalators are a great addition to any building. They provide added convenience in a safe and efficient way. Installing an escalator or elevator can be a major undertaking. But the result is a visually appealing and simplistic transportation device. However, elevators and escalators are complicated pieces of equipment. Taking care of these machines is important. With the right care and upkeep, an elevator or escalator will last longer and continue to function properly. It is also essential to keep these machines in good condition to make sure that they are working safely for all who use them.

Continuous Use of Lifts
These machines are generally safe but they are not fail-proof. One reason is the frequency of use they experience. In most buildings that have an elevator or escalator, people will be riding on them continuously throughout the day. Owners of a building may be reluctant to practice good care and maintenance because it would require shutting down the elevator or escalator, and cause people inconvenience. However, taking the time to do these period check-ups and care practices is vital to the good condition of the machine.

In the long run, it is worth the extra wait time, or a temporary shutdown, in order to make sure the machines are functioning properly. Another factor in care is the size and complexity of elevators and escalators. They are big machines with many working parts. Care of an elevator or escalator is not simple. Although it can be done quickly in most cases, it is very important for an experienced professional to complete the task, as it is a very big undertaking. The companies who install elevators or escalators have professional employees and should clearly establish a maintenance schedule.

Even if excellent care and maintenance is practiced, problems cannot be avoided entirely. Lifts and escalators, like other machines, do inevitably breakdown from time to time. Fortunately, these breakdowns are usually harmless. Safety is not a major concern with escalators and is rarely a concern with elevators. The biggest side-effect of a breakdown is usually wait time or inability to use the machine temporarily. However, to ensure maximum safety it is crucial to make

sure the elevator or escalator is working properly before resuming use.

Working with Professionals

The professionals who complete the tasks of maintenance or repair can perform checks and upkeep on various parts of the machine. For an escalator, the multiple gears and tracks need to be kept lubricated and aligned. For a lift, it is important to check the cables that run the elevator and make sure they are strong and without flaws. This is of particular concern for an elevator to make sure that people do not get stuck in the middle of an elevator ride, which can result in many more complications than an escalator breakdown. Performing these tasks will be the best method of ensuring the good function of any elevator or escalator. If the professional lift maintenance companies comply the designated care schedule, the elevator or escalator should continue running smoothly and efficiently. When they are working as they are intended to work, everyone can enjoy the comfort and convenience of riding the elevator or escalator.

Factors to consider when installing lifts and escalator

Lifts and escalators are arguably the spine of any building, and along with providing structural support, they ensure the building offers access and transportation.

Lifts and escalators technology has evolved from simple traction system to hydraulics systems, providing Elevators and Escalators Services including after Sales Maintenance Service also points out that the technology has moved from simple relay systems to PCB electronics to energy saving and enhancement in lift safety through the introduction of additional safety equipment

Due to the rapid growth in infrastructure, notes that development in most African countries, sufficient urban land has become scarce and therefore buildings of more than one storey have become a necessity, this in turn has necessitated the installation of elevators and escalators in these buildings.

Despite improvement in technology, the multinationals still hold the market firmly. The South African independent and progressive elevator company provides a wide variety of products and services, including maintenance, repairs, upgrades and new installations.

Safety

One of the most important elements to consider when planning a lift installation is safety. Careful planning is essential when installing a new lift, as it not only needs to be functional, but also needs to be safe. Safety, being the major aspect of lift installing will have a major impact on the design and shaft requirements.

When it comes to onsite safety, the use of correct equipment, access shafts, proper storage of equipment and installing the equipment as per the manufacturer's guidelines, is very important from setting out the site until final commissioning and maintenance.

It is advisable for one to install heavy duty escalators in Airports, adequate Robust cars in hospitals, and do a traffic analysis for the most required transportation flow in high rise towers and well protected equipment in industrial areas such as power station, IP rated electrical devices in respect of the safety procedures for installation.

Lift Design

While safety is paramount when planning to install a lift, a good installation should also focus on the aesthetic aspects of the lift. If your lift is being installed in a new, modern office or another more refined environment, it is important that it ties in with the overall design and décor of the building. Knowing what the lift is going to be used for will determine the design and the environment it will be operated in.

Glass Lifts encompass the same maintenance schedule as a similar lift that would have been installed in a brick shaft. The difference comes in when designing the shaft, and when choosing the specs on the drive system as the added weight of the glass will need to be considered.

Capacity

Before any type of planning can begin, you will need to know the expected capacity of your building along with expected passenger waiting times, as these factors will impact your overall lift requirements. There must be guidelines to refer to in order to calculate this, which take into consideration the building's function, the amount of employees and how they are distributed throughout the building. Primarily, the lift should be able to bear the weight of people

when at maximum capacity. You will need also to calculate the number of floors the building has, the occupancy and the usage hours/time the lift might be used. The more dense the population, the more elevators needed.

In the building of four to eight floors, a separate services elevator should be considered. Over nine floors, a service elevator is virtually required. Consider a reliable efficient, time saving elevators/ lift to cater for all the passengers' destination quick and safe in and out of the building.

Environment

The environment that your lift is going to be installed will need to be assessed to help your installer decide on the best way not only to fit your lift, but which design will suit your requirements best. Aspects ranging from how many floors the lift must cover to how much weight it has to bear will all play a factor when evaluating the proposed space. The developers or building owners must also keep in mind their local regulations in terms of maintaining lift and escalator installations.

If you are planning to incorporate a staff restaurant for instance, café or canteen in your building, you will need to consider where you are going to place it. A restaurant on the first floor may cause serious congestion during the lunchtime rush, and your lift will not travel much further than the first floor because it will be transporting hungry passengers. Similarly, you could experience this problem in the morning as people stop to get their breakfast and morning coffee.

Quality

Quality is embedded in everything, escalators and elevators are not excluded as manufacturers strive to deliver the best for the customer. Strong competence and processes in the maintenance of all lifts and escalators is very important as it affects the quality, safety and efficient running of the equipment. Eco-efficient solutions are a must in combating climate change and responsible consumption for quality lifts, this is to say using materials from top companies is a boost in getting the best proportional quality output.

Elevators Maintenance

The lift industry famously takes health

and safety very seriously, which explains why lifts are the unheralded but undoubtedly safest form of mechanical transportation. Best practice and the key to perfecting lift maintenance are planned regular servicing to maintain safety standards, prolong the life of elevators and reduce downtime.

Lift rules and regulations are continually evolving to improve the lift industry and its maintenance practices. The strict but effective guidelines allow facilities managers to maintain safe lift systems. It is important that a facilities manager is able to rely on the lift service provider and trust it implicitly.

As with nearly every aspect of facilities management, one of the most important steps to take in keeping elevators in top condition is to inspect them regularly. Not many people realize that lift maintenance is not mandatory; the only compulsory practice is that an insurance inspector should review a lift system once every six months so the owners are covered legally. This is the bare minimum of work that should be undertaken, but recommended practice is to have a lift system serviced every month. Neglected lifts can result in long delays while waiting for repairs, lead to premature aging, create huge financial expense and, worse still, become a danger to both passengers and service personnel.

Planning Maintenance

Facilities managers should always have a planned preventative maintenance schedule in place with their chosen lift service provider. This takes into account issues such as elevator-system peak times, impossible dates for servicing and so on. A mobilization plan should also be crafted to cover any risk assessments, method statements and health and safety procedures in relation to lift maintenance.

The age of a lift system and size of the building are both factors that need to be taken into consideration when planning maintenance, as older systems with more floors to cover may require a more thorough service, which will take more time. Also, the amount of footfall a lift endures may mean the system wears faster, so there will need to be a discussion about the level of predicted lift use with the service provider.

Modernization

Technological advancements in the lift industry are vastly improving health and safety for both passengers and engineers. Facilities managers should embrace fast-changing trends to take advantage of the many benefits. Modernizing a lift system will result in a faster lift with a smoother ride, reduce overall costs and make a lift more reliable and less prone to breakdowns.

New thermal-imaging technology, for example, provides engineers with the ability to locate, troubleshoot and fix impending issues to prevent costly shutdowns. Furthermore, there are several technological developments that can drastically reduce a lift system's energy consumption. It is vital that service providers notify clients of changing environmental legislation and offer advice on product innovation and environmentally efficient technologies during the term of their contract.

For lift maintenance specifically, customer-management portals (new online tools growing in popularity with many elevator servicing companies) offer a bespoke and reliable service, which both reduces downtime and improves communication between clients and servicers. Online systems deliver clients detailed lift-portfolio information, including real-time updates, electronic exchange of orders and proactive maintenance reporting. The booking of engineers for maintenance, viewing of arrival times and specific work undertaken is now easily accessible, allowing facilities managers to plan lift maintenance well in advance and alert people using the lifts.

Provide Education

It goes without saying that, despite a facilities manager's best efforts, accidents can still occasionally happen. For passengers, a common hazard is being struck by closing lift doors, and, although it is essential to ensure your lift system's detection system is updated, this type of accident is largely the result of user error – for instance, a passenger may attempt to run for a lift and stick his or her hand or arm between the doors to prevent them from closing. An early education for lift passengers, by providing visible signs and aids detailing lift best practices, is a facilities manager's best hope for the prevention of accidents such as this

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The Company operates as an affiliated Company of MerihAsansor which is the best Elevator Manufacturing Company in Turkey giving into account of MerihAsansor's slogan "The brand that gives important to details" and with its European standard ISO:9001 EN 81.1-2 Quality System Certificate, Metatron Lift Company Ltd has emerged to be a sole distributor of its products in East, Central and West Africa.

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Africa can win the battle for better nutrition outcomes

MALNUTRITION is a condition that results from eating a diet in which one or more nutrients are either not enough or are too much such that the diet causes health problems. It may involve calories, protein, carbohydrates, fat, vitamins or minerals. Not enough nutrients is called undernutrition or undernourishment while too much is called overnutrition. Malnutrition is often used to specifically refer to undernutrition where an individual is not getting enough calories, protein, or micronutrients. Extreme undernourishment, known as starvation, may have symptoms that include: a short height, thin body, very poor energy levels, and swollen legs and abdomen. People also often get infections and are frequently cold.

Undernourishment is most often due to not enough high-quality food being available to eat. This is often related to high food prices and poverty. A lack of breastfeeding may contribute, as may a number of infectious diseases such as: gastroenteritis, pneumonia, malaria, and measles, which increase nutrient requirements. There were 821 million undernourished people in the world in 2018.

The 2020 Global Nutrition Report has called on African governments, businesses and civil society to step up efforts to address malnutrition in all its forms by tackling injustices in food and health systems is now more urgent than ever.

The Report provides updated data and analysis on the state of malnutrition globally, including Africa, and highlights significant challenges faced by countries in the region, as well as progress made towards tackling them.

Some progress has been made both in

Africa and globally, but this remains too slow. The region has made considerable effort to reduce the prevalence of stunting among children under 5 years of age.

However, Africa remains the region by far the hardest hit by overlapping forms of malnutrition. Of 37 countries that struggle with three forms of malnutrition - childhood stunting, anaemia in women of reproductive age and overweight among women - 27 were in Africa.

Obesity and overweight levels are also on the rise across the continent. Despite these figures, countries are often unprepared to face the global nutrition crisis. Strong government nutrition coordination is often lacking; lower income countries tend to deprioritise overweight, obesity and other diet-related chronic diseases.

Financial commitments also don't match the scale and nature of the issue: increases in domestic resources for nutrition have been marginal at best and nearly impossible in fragile states, while obesity and overweight have been largely ignored in aid allocations.

Africa has seen significant progress to tackle malnutrition in Africa, but the Covid-19 pandemic could reverse these gains. Covid-19 is expected to increase this disparity, which means that now is the time to scale up our efforts and support communities and people most affected.

Global and national patterns hide significant inequalities within countries and populations, with vulnerable groups being the most affected. The Report found clear links between levels of malnutrition and population characteristics like location, age, sex, education and wealth, while conflict and other forms of fragility compound the problem.

Sign language is a right for All! We should leave no one behind

INTERNATIONAL Day of Sign Languages is celebrated annually across the world on 23 September every year along with International Week of the Deaf. The choice of 23 September is the same date that the World Federation of the Deaf was established in 1951.

Hearing loss is a partial or total inability to hear. Hearing loss may be present at birth or acquired at any time afterwards. Hearing loss may occur in one or both ears. In children, hearing problems can affect the ability to learn spoken language, and in adults it can create difficulties with social interaction and at work. Hearing loss can be temporary or permanent. Hearing loss related to age usually affects both ears and is due to cochlear hair cell loss. In some people, particularly older people, hearing loss can result in loneliness. Deaf people usually have little to no hearing.

Hearing loss may be caused by a number of factors, including: genetics, ageing, exposure to noise, some infections, birth complications, trauma to the ear, and certain medications or toxins. A common condition that results in hearing loss is chronic ear infections. Certain infections during pregnancy, such as cytomegalovirus, syphilis and rubella, may also cause hearing loss in the child. Hearing loss is diagnosed when hearing testing finds that a person is unable to hear 25 decibels in at least one ear. Testing for poor hearing is recommended for all newborns. There are three main types of hearing loss: conductive hearing loss, sensorineural hearing loss, and mixed hearing loss.

About half of hearing loss globally is preventable through public health measures. Such practices include immunization, proper care around pregnancy, avoiding loud noise, and avoiding certain medications. The World Health Organisation recommends that young people limit exposure to loud sounds and the use of personal audio players to an hour a day in an effort to limit exposure to

noise. Early identification and support are particularly important in children. For many, hearing aids, sign language, cochlear implants and subtitles are useful. Lip reading is another useful skill some develop. Access to hearing aids, however, is limited in many areas of the world. As of 2013 hearing loss affects about 1.1 billion people to some degree.

According to the World Federation of the Deaf, there are around 72 million deaf people across the world. Put together, they use around 300 different sign languages. This day recognises the importance of sign language in the growth and development of the deaf and seeks to preserve it for the benefit of the deaf community.

According to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, António Guterres, "This International Day recognises the importance of sign languages for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals and fulfilling its core promise of leaving no one behind. It also offers an opportunity to support and protect the linguistic identity and cultural diversity of all sign language users."

The Day is observed on 23rd September to commemorate the date of establishment of the World Federation of the Deaf, a non-profit and non-governmental organisation of over 130 national associations of deaf people.

The World Federation of the Deaf works to ensure deaf people across the globe are equipped with the knowledge, tools and strategies to advocate for, achieve and defend their rights.

Around seven Tanzanian sign languages were developed independently among deaf students in separate Tanzanian schools for the deaf starting in 1963, though use of several are forbidden by their schools. In 1984, a standardized Tanzanian Sign Language was proposed by the Tanzania Association for the Deaf, using common or similar signs where these exist in the schools which allowed research, but it has not been officially implemented, and there remains little influence between the languages.

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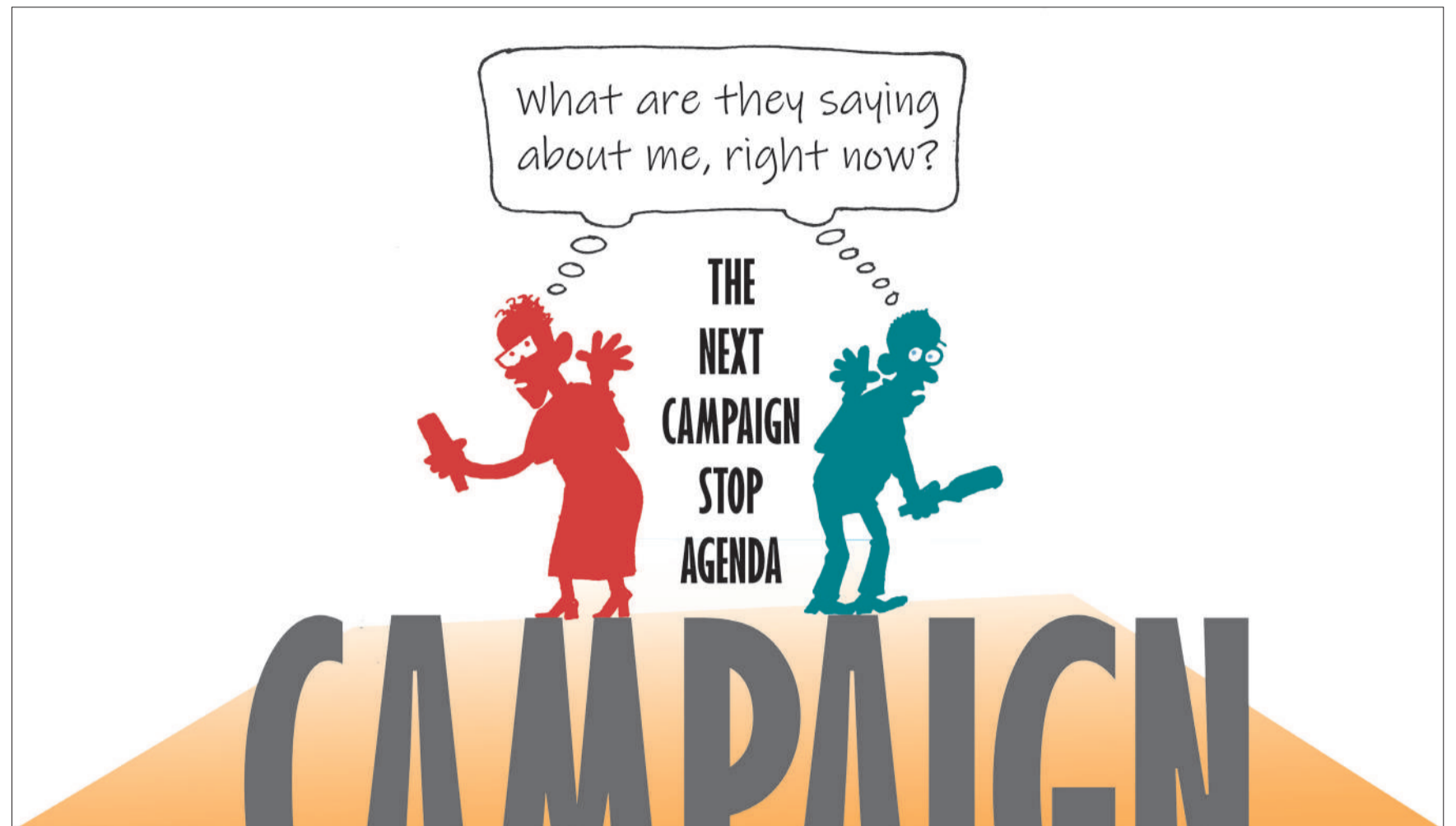
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Culture of Peace: Let's change our world for the better in these times of COVID-19

By Nihal Saad

LAST year, we paid tribute to the 20th Anniversary of the 1999 Declaration of the Programme of Action on a Culture of Peace. Today, we need to ask ourselves if we had genuinely carried out our moral responsibilities to transition from a culture of hatred and violence to a culture of tolerance and peace.

Did we live up to the commitment we made in 1999 that every one of us needs to consciously make peace and nonviolence a part of our daily existence? I think not.

Given today's global context, the COVID 19 pandemic has laid bare the world's vulnerabilities, divisions, falsehoods and brutal inequalities. The ugly truth is that there is no such thing as "we are in the same boat".

Theoretically, or virtually, maybe we are. But in real life this is a myth or as the UN Secretary General put it few months ago "while we are all floating on the same sea, it's clear that some of us are in superyachts while others are clinging to the floating debris."

Since this global human crisis took its toll on all of us - the forces of division and hate too have been exacerbating the lives of vulnerable communities including religious and ethnic minorities, migrants, women, children and youth.

Even old people and those with disabilities were not spared. It is especially appalling to witness a surge in hate speech, xenophobia, racism and despicable forms of discrimination. These evil forces sow fissures and holes in the fabric of our societies triggering a vicious circle of violence.

However, there is always a reason to be optimistic. Last December, the General Assembly adopted 3 resolutions on the Culture of Peace. Res A/74/476 emphasized the importance of fostering interreligious and inter-cultural dialogue.

This powerful tool, which has been often overlooked, is at the core of the work of the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations which is particularly committed to promoting inter-religious and inter-cultural dialogue as a soft power tool for combating intolerance, negative stereotyping, and incitement to violence against persons based on religion or belief.

In this context, today provides an opportunity not only to renew our commitment to the Declaration and the program of action on a culture of peace, but also to commit to taking results-oriented action towards uprooting all forms of discrimination and eliminating inequalities through



promoting diversity and broadening the space for intercultural and interreligious dialogue.

In this context, I would like to give a quick overview of the work of the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations : 1. As per the mandate received by the Secretary-General in the aftermath of the attacks against mosques that took place in March 2019 in Christchurch, New Zealand, UNAOC elaborated the United Nations Plan of Action to Safeguard Religious Sites: In Unity and Solidarity for Safe and Peaceful Worship, which was launched by the Secretary-General on 12 September 2019. The Plan is anchored in relevant United Nations General Assembly, Security Council and Human Rights Council resolutions, as well as key religious sources. It provides a framework for action with specific recommendations addressed to all relevant stakeholders to better prevent, prepare and respond to possible attacks against religious sites. More importantly, the Plan emphasizes the need to foster intercultural and interreligious dialogue to build inclusive and resilient societies.

A Global Communications Campaign, aimed at underscoring the role of individuals, particularly youth and the global faith community, in the protection of religious sites, will be launched soon.

2. Over the past year and since the pandemic started, we broadened our outreach to the religious leaders and faith-based organizations heeding the call of the UN Secretary General on religious leaders to support the UN actions in addressing the challenges posed by the pandemic through promoting solidarity unity and compassion. The High-Representative for UNAOC and the Special Advisor for the Prevention of Genocide issued a joint call for "Solidarity, Unity and Compassion" re-affirming the need to strengthen interfaith and intercultural dialogue as well as standing up against

stigma and polarization.

3. In our capacity as rotating co-Chair of the United Nations Interagency Task Force on Religion and Development, a statement was issued on 18 April by the IATF with the endorsement of the forty members comprising the IATF Multi-Faith Advisory Council calling on religious leaders and FBO to extend their support and - within their respective spheres of influence and authority - promote and advocate with Member States and other stakeholders for the Global Humanitarian Response Plan for COVID-19 and to help implement the Plan so that essential humanitarian relief operations can reach populations in the most fragile and vulnerable contexts.

4. In support of the document on Human Fraternity co-signed by His Holiness Pope Francis and His Eminence the Grand Imam of Al Azhar Sheikh Ahmed el Tayeb in Feb 2019, we co-organized and supported the initiative "Prayer for Humanity" on 14 May 2020 spearheaded by HH Pope Francis and HE the Grand Imam of Al-Azhar and the UN Secretary General. Many eminent religious figures across the faith spectrum as well as prominent politicians joined the initiative.

5. Adhering to a whole-of-society approach that includes support to grassroots and youth-led organizations through our multiple programs such as the Intercultural Innovation Award (IIA), a flagship project with BMW Group which supports the development of innovative and impactful projects by grassroots organizations that encourage intercultural dialogue and contribute to peace, prosperity and building more inclusive societies. Those projects ranged from Sri Lanka and Myanmar to Canada, Latin America and the MENA region.

6. Under our Young Peacebuilders programme, a training and advocacy program, we have successfully trained young women and men from MENA and Europe and

enhanced their competencies on conflict transformation and conflict resolution, mediation, promotion of non-violent activism, overcoming negative stereotypes, prejudices and polarization as drivers of violent extremism conducive to terrorism. The tailor-made blended curriculum allowed programme participants to work on specific issues related to peacebuilding and prevention of conflict and radicalization in their respective communities.

Moreover, we are very pleased to be joining forces with other leading UN entities such as UNESCO, the UN Office on Counter Terrorism and UNCT in a number of projects.

With UNESCO and UNCT we are gearing up to launching the project Intercultural dialogue and socio-emotional competencies for peacebuilding" (a Videogames Project) that supports young people in designing concrete game-based methodologies that develop relevant competencies for intercultural dialogue and social and emotional learning to prevent violent extremism in selected countries in South Asia.

Under the aegis of #YouthWagingPeace, UNESCO MGIEP, UNAOC and the Sri Lanka Commission for the UNESCO brought together and built the social and emotional, critical media and project management skills of 35 young leaders from South Asia (India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Afghanistan and Myanmar), who are working on the ground to prevent violent extremism through education. The young civil society leaders designed 30 community-wide activities to be implemented in 6 countries directly impacting over 1,000 community level stakeholders.

Under the Youth Solidarity Fund, UNAOC selected and provided seed funding to five youth-led organizations, whose projects focus on: Promoting religious pluralism, cultural diversity and peaceful coexistence in Africa

UNAOC continued to encourage exchanges and collaboration between young civil society leaders from different cultures and faiths under its Fellowship Programme. Concluding, it is never too late to reverse course. Fulfilling goal 16 of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development "building peaceful, just and inclusive societies," is more imperative now than ever before. Allow me to re-iterate that words like dialogue, tolerance, diversity and respect mean little if not supported by concrete broad range of actions under an international umbrella of sincere cooperation from state and non-state actors.

Momcare project supports health centres to deliver quality healthcare

By Correspondent James Kandoya

Poor healthcare quality in low and middle-income countries leads to millions of preventable deaths each year.

In order to establish health systems that can be trusted, institutions are needed to improve and incentivize healthcare quality provided by healthcare providers.

In Tanzania for instance, the government is working hard in collaboration with health stakeholders to ensure health facilities provide quality services to the patients.

Through the Momcare project, more than 12 health facilities in Babati District have drastically improved quality access and delivery of maternal and child health services after being supported with some medical equipment hence improved its capacity of stocking medicine and medical supplies needed to meet the demand of patients

MomCare “Safari Salama ya Mama Mjamzito” is a digital enabled pregnancy journey support project implemented by PharmAccess International-Tanzania office from 2019 in Babati District Council, Manyara Region and Siha district in Kilimanjaro region.

The project uses digital technology to track quality reproductive health services to mothers from early months of pregnancy which are accessed and delivered to reduce maternal and perinatal related mortalities.

MomCare Project Manager Johnson Yokoyana says the project as a digital quality based financing system has progressively helped facilities improve the quality of health services offered promising for better maternal outcomes.

He says before health facilities are recruited in the project, assessment is conducted based on different pre-set eligibility criteria including quality improvement, infrastructural and population of pregnant women attending antenatal and other maternal, newborn, and child health (MNCH).

With safecare standards, healthcare providers gain insight in identifying gaps and challenges then can and plan stepwise approaches towards higher quality.

Furthermore, it motivates them

to engage in improvement activities, make performance data available to facility and health care managers on a real time basis and enable benchmarking achievements across a network of facilities.

In his views, Dr Yokoyana says initially the MNCH services were financed using a supply side financing model through basket funds rather than utilisation of services per period of time in a given facility.

Momcare financing model advocating demand side financing that triggers proper utilisation of services and timely financing and delivery of services.

“In improving quality through safecare, selected facilities receive some support in upgrading their quality, ensuring the availability of drugs, equipment, refurbishment and also training to staff,” he says.

For her part, Emanuela Joseph (22), a resident of Airport in Arusha region travels about 172 kilometres to Magugu health centre in Babati Rural, Manyara region in every arranged visit.

Joseph admits that the health services offered at Magugu health centre had improved compared to the previous years.

Although she lived very far from the healthcare centre, Joseph chose the centre because the staff are caring and more attentive to patients coming at the centre.

Joseph joins the majority of women benefitting from the quality reproductive health services through the Momcare project implemented by the PharmaAccess-International-Tanzania in collaboration with the government.

Medical Officer in Charge at Magugu Health Centre Dr Costa Ndunguru notes that the project has contributed to an increase in medicines and medical supplies.

He says as a result all the facilities conduct all necessary healthcare services being referrals or normal occurring at the facility.

“Our facilities are now able to conduct necessary laboratory investigations to support diagnosis of problems contrary to how it was before where the facility used to refer some of the cases unnecessarily,” he says.

Moreover, the project has enabled the facility to procure oxygen concentrators, delivery sets and caesarean sets to improve healthcare services all the time.



A resident of Airport in Arusha Region is attended to by a Nurse Incharge at Magugu Health Centre in Babati Rural, Manyara Region.

“Our staff are motivated through incentives and bonuses especially those in charge of maternal care and therefore attracted more women to attend clinics, to seek quality services,” he said.

Elaborating more, Dr Ndunguru says that his facility serves clients from six wards including Magugu, Matufa, Salama and Mapeya and those referred from 10 dispensaries.

He admits that free services to mothers and children contributed a lot to an increase in the number of patients attending the centre per day.

According to him, the facility management was looking further to ensure medicine and medical supplies are available in the facilities.

“Indeed, the project is the real life saving aimed at improving reproductive health by improving the quality of health services offered by the health facilities,” said Dr Madange Hosea, the Babati District Medical Officer (DMO) when interviewed recently in his office.

He says through safecare standards, the programme helped the healthcare providers to

know the actual demand of health facilities in order to deliver good services.

Dr Hosea adds that “the project has also built the capacity of our health centres by motivating staff as they receive incentives depending on the number of customers attended per day.” According to him, the programme also further seeks to train more staff to use the digital system to fast-track health services deliveries.

The project as the financing based project has successfully increased the quality of healthcare services in all health centres registered in the programme.

Who’s most at risk in the Covid-19 mental health crisis?

By Yasmin Tayag

It doesn’t take a scientific study to know that the coronavirus pandemic is taking a tremendous toll on the mental health of people around the world. Maybe you’re feeling it yourself, your brain and body buckling under unprecedented levels of prolonged stress.

But scientific research is capturing the scale of the mental health crisis in numbers, helping reveal its full scope and the factors underlying it. This information is crucial for public health experts to develop a public mental health response to the pandemic.

A paper published in the journal *Science* late last week shows the link between psychological symptoms and the Covid-19 pandemic between March and April in the US.

The University of California, Irvine, researchers note that empirical studies on the mental health effects of Covid-19 are rare - making up just 3 per cent of the published literature on the coronavirus.

Between March 18 and April 18 this year, which the authors describe as an “escalating period of illness and death in the United States”, acute stress and depressive symptoms significantly increased among Americans.

The researchers based their analysis on survey data from a nationally representative group of 6,514 people who were asked not only about their experience of stress and depression during the pandemic but also about coronavirus-related job loss, social media exposure, and personal loss.

In addition to showing evidence for the link between worsening mental health and the worsening pandemic, the study identifies the people who are most likely to experience worsening mental health. The survey data allowed the researchers to identify “predictors” - that is, factors that suggest that someone is more likely to suffer mental health issues owing to Covid-19.

People who have preexisting mental or physical health conditions, for example, are more likely to have both acute stress and depressive symptoms related to the coronavirus.



In particular, having a preexisting psychiatric condition is the strongest predictor of depressive symptoms. Prior victimisation, like being bullied, was also linked with the emotional responses of young adults during the pandemic.

Another strong predictor of acute stress and depression is losing one’s job or wages and experiencing shortages of necessities. And a particularly eye-opening finding is that one of the strongest predictors of pandemic-related acute stress is extensive exposure to Covid-19-related media - which includes exposure to conflicting information in the news.

The survey data also revealed that more young people experienced acute stress and

depression related to the coronavirus; that psychological symptoms didn’t abate after lockdown; and, interestingly, that people who continued to work during the early part of the pandemic were less depressed than people who didn’t, even though they were at higher risk of getting Covid-19.

One explanation for the latter observation might be that people who lost their jobs were more depressed, but an alternative explanation is that people who continued working in “essential” services had found renewed meaning in their jobs.

So, how can this information help? The researchers write that public health officials can use these findings to target the people who are

most at risk and support them accordingly.

Clearly, people with preexisting mental and physical health conditions must be a priority when allocating mental health services.

Those who have lost their jobs or are struggling to make ends meet are likewise in crucial need of mental health support, as well as help mitigating their economic losses so that they don’t enter a “loss spiral” in which their financial stress causes psychological distress.

And public health messaging needs to be crystal clear - no more flip-flopping guidance on whether to wear masks, for example; though, you should definitely wear a mask. Young people, facing uncertainty, are also in need of mental health support.

One factor that this study doesn’t specifically look into is the role of race, although the data the researchers used are meant to be a representative snapshot of the entire US population.

People of colour, especially Black Americans, have been hit especially hard by the coronavirus; Black, Hispanic and other people of colour are not only dying at higher rates than white Americans but are also experiencing disproportionate job loss.

A few studies have shown that their mental health is disproportionately suffering, too. Public health officials must also take these people into account by when deciding whose mental health to prioritise.

As early as April, my colleague Alexandra Sifferlin argued that the US needed a national mental health response to Covid-19. To “adequately address the mental health impacts of the coronavirus”, she wrote in *Elemental*, “the nation needs a call-to-action to provide the resources and expertise for the treatment of Americans affected by the pandemic, with particular attention paid to healthcare workers”.

There has been no such response from the Trump administration. The World Health Organisation in Europe, in contrast, has responded to the pandemic by launching an initiative last month to reprioritise mental health by increasing access to mental health services and relocating mental health care away from institutions and towards community services.

The spread of Covid-19 should end with the development and distribution of a vaccine, if all goes accordingly. But it’s high time that our leaders understood that the psychological trauma of living through the pandemic - especially for the vulnerable people identified by this study and others - may continue far into the future if nothing is done to help them now.

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Overview of women peace and security agenda in Tanzania

By Eliud Kabamanya

PEACE and security are prerequisites for human life and prosperity. The meaning of peace and security overrides the absence of conflict and violence. It means the availability of human basic needs that are food, shelter, clothes, and free from diseases. The absence of the basic needs and uneven distribution of resources perpetuate conflicts and total breach of peace. Unfortunately, the world tends to define peace and security in a militaristic way meaning the absence of violent conflict and war. In a militaristic conception of peace and security, the United Nations in 1981 declared September 21 as an International Day of Peace to remember and celebrate progress in the field of peace and security. Later 2001 the UN General Assembly declared September 21 as a day for non-violence and ceasefire. This day is important because it provides room for the global community to reflect and assess the progress and promotion of non-violence and ceasefire. In recognition of an inclusive and shared responsibility for peace and security, the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) adopted resolution 1325 (2000) and nine other subsequent resolutions on Women Peace and Security. These resolutions talk about the role and experience of women in conflicts and post conflicts situations. They emphasize participation, prevention, protection from all acts of violence including SGBV, as well as relief and recovery.

In 2004, the UN Secretary-General calls upon the UN member states to develop the National Action Plan to implement UNSCR 1325. Some of the UN member states and regional organizations have adopted UNSCR 1325 NAP. In Africa, 25 countries and 5 regional bodies have adopted UNSCR 1325 NAP. Five EAC member states have formulated the plan except Tanzania which is in its initial stages of developing UNSCR 1325 NAP. The central question here is how the country is implementing the agenda if it has no UNSCR 1325 NAP. This is a very pertinent question in context. The answers to this question require a systematic analysis of the historical narratives and experience of Tanzania in the field of peace and security. In this article, I will present an overview of WPS and brief arguments as to why Tanzania should implement UNSCR 1325 NAP.

Since its independence 1961 Tanzania has been an Island of peace and unity across the world. Peace and Unity culture positions the country

as the home for gender equity and equality. This culture borrows much from the philosophy of Ubuntu which emphasise the idea of collectiveness and wellbeing of the community. The premise for the Ubuntu philosophy is that I am because We are, therefore We are I am. Therefore, man is responsible to do good to others for him/her to exist within others. Therefore, Ubuntu means humanity which is the foundation of pre-colonial African living. The ujamaa ideology builds on the same philosophy emphasizing togetherness, brotherhood, and familyhood. Through the Arusha Declaration, Tanzania declares the equality of man and the indivisibility of humanity. It is against this philosophical background peace, unity, and togetherness of Tanzanians come from. The people of Tanzania see each other as relative and equal regardless of race, sex, ethnic background, and religion.

Looking at the Women Peace and Security pillars that are; participation, prevention, protection, relief and recovery, Tanzania has done great work. However, the country still faces some challenges of child abuse, wealth, property ownership, and SGBV to both men and women. There are various media reports showing an increase in SGBV and child abuse. Nevertheless, efforts to maintain equality, justice, and peace remain paramount in Tanzania. There is an indication that the community is struggling to restore the power, position, and role of women in Tanzania. The constitution of the United Republic of Tanzania and the Constitution of Zanzibar contains clauses for gender equality and justice for all. Starting with women in the parliament, the constitution of Tanzania and Zanzibar provides 30% women quota in the parliament and a room to contest along with men. This legal arrangement supports the idea of increasing the number of women and promoting meaningful participation in decision making organs. Up to 2019 Women in the parliament were around 138 out of 393 parliamentary seats. The country has also 4 full ministers and about 11 deputy ministers with the woman heading the office of Vice President which is the second-highest political office in the country. There are also women serving in various administrative positions including permanent secretary, directors, principal officers, regional, and district administrators as well as local government positions.

Considering participation in peacekeeping, Tanzania is among the largest contributor of peacekeepers in UN and AU peacekeeping missions, ranking 13th globally and 7th in Africa.



There is no discrimination between men and women in the deployment of peacekeepers. Currently Tanzania has deployed peacekeepers in Liberia (ECOMOG), DR Congo (MUNOSCO), Lebanon (UNIFL), Darfur (UNAMID), and others. The deployment of women is as equal as men although the balance may not be on 1/1 ratio. Likewise, the recruitment of candidates into the Tanzania Police Force and TPDF considers the principles of equality for all. This is also an opportunity to increase the number of women into the Tanzania Police Force and Tanzania People's Defense Forces.

Tanzania Women participates in conflict resolutions and peace negotiations in various parts of Africa and beyond. For example, they were involved in the Burundi peace process, South Sudan, and Kenya peace process which ended the 2007 election

conflicts in Kenya.

Furthermore, Tanzania has policies and legislations that prohibit acts of structural violence, economic marginalization, and patriarchy traditions inherited from colonial domination. These policies include; the National Gender Policy (1992), National Strategy for Gender and Development (2008), Gender Policy of Zanzibar (2016-2020), as well as the National Plan of Action to End Violence Against Women and Children (2017/18 - 2021/22).

However, Tanzania needs UNSCR 1325 NAP as a framework for accountability, monitoring, evaluations, and resolving unresolved issues on Women Peace and Security. This article presents the arguments as to why Tanzania should implement UNSCR 1325 NAP. One is that Tanzania is a member

of the United Nations therefore the implementation of UNSCR 1325 NAP the country complies with international commitments and responsibility. Second, Tanzania needs UNSCR 1325 NAP to consolidate and spread its culture of peace and leadership in peacebuilding. Third, the country contributes troops and personnel in the UN and AU peacekeeping missions.

Fourth, adopting UNSCR 1325 NAP will motivate women and girls to participate in the political, social, economic, and cultural life of the community at the national and international levels.

It will break the iceberg of the historical belief that peace and security activities are a reservoir of the male members of society. Fifth, the country has received and hosts a considerable number of refugees from its neighbor-

ing states. Sixth, EAC member states have adopted UNSCR 1325 NAP except Tanzania this undermines the idea of regional integration and unity. Seventh, Tanzania women engage in African networks of women mediators and promoting women leadership.

The adoption of UNSCR 1325 NAP will help the country address all national and international issues of Women Peace and Security, sustaining its international obligations, consolidate its peace-loving history and recognition of women's role in peace and security.

It is important for every stakeholder including government, civil society organisations, women organisations, individuals, and diplomatic groups support the process of development of a Tanzania Women Peace and Security National Action Plan.

Last in, first out: Female pilots bear brunt of airline job cuts

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WHEN Megyn Thompson landed her dream job as a commercial pilot last year, she was one of thousands being recruited globally to boost the number of women in the cockpit and meet record pilot demand.

Now an industry-wide campaign to recruit more female aviators is under threat, dealing a blow to efforts to overhaul the male-dominated airline sector as the coronavirus crisis transforms a shortage into a pilot surplus.

In the United States alone, the top two airlines are set to furlough more than 3,000 pilots when government stimulus expires this month, and a disproportionate number of those are women.

Under layoff agreements between airlines and unions, junior pilots lose their jobs before senior ones, regardless of gender, race or age.

These "Last In, First Out" labour deals at many Western airlines mean the most recent hires are the first to go.

And those new hires include a higher percentage of women than in the past, the International Society of Women Airline Pilots (ISWAP) said.

Thompson, who flies with a regional carrier owned by American Airlines, is among at least 600 female pilots in the United States who will be furloughed on Oct. 1 unless there is more government payroll aid or last-minute union deals.

Thompson, 32, said her low seniority ranking puts her "smack-dab in the middle" of a furlough at American's PSA affiliate, which expects to cut about 35% of its pilots.

"If you go back 40 years ago it was a man's world through and through, so there are not a lot of women at the top who are protected from this furlough," said Thompson, who decided not to have biological children as she built flying hours for her license. "PSA is not letting (me) Megyn go because they don't like her. It's zero to do with that and 100% to do with, if you're the last in, you're the first out."

Now the mother of three adopted children is applying for jobs at Amazon, Kellogg and PepsiCo.

CAMPAIGN ON HOLD

Before the crisis, global air travel was growing at a record 5% a year, generating a need for 804,000 pilots over the next 20 years, based on Boeing Co estimates. The need for more pilots had pushed female recruitment to the top of the agenda.

But a shattered post-COVID industry does not expect traffic to regain 2019 levels and start growing again before 2024.

"This year we were meant to launch a great big campaign which we



PSA pilot Megyn Thompson in the cockpit of a Bombardier CRJ jet near Washington, U.S. September 26, 2019. File photo

have just put on hold because of what has happened," said Australian pilot Davida Forshaw, who heads education and outreach at ISWAP.

Despite the female recruitment campaign, just 5.3% of airline pilots globally were women before the coronavirus crisis, ISWAP data shows. That percentage is set to drop again as airlines carry out furlough plans, the group predicts.

At American and Delta Air Lines,

women make up around 5.2% of the combined pilot population of about 27,800 and 6.7% of the 3,645 pilots whom those airlines expect to furlough, according to numbers provided by their main pilot unions.

American Airlines declined to comment directly on the issue, but a spokesman said the union data implied that the proportion of female pilots would slip post-furloughs to 4.9% from 5.1%. Delta said it was in discus-

sions with unions on pilot departures but did not give a breakdown by gender.

INDUSTRY SETBACK

The shakeout is potentially damaging for an industry already struggling to improve its diversity credentials, with an even tinier fraction of top management jobs held by women.

Boosting female pilot employment has become a key goal after the industry was criticised last year by airline executives

of paying "lip-service" to diversity. (reuters/3cizNaQ)

The drive has also been at the leading edge of social change in countries such as India, which has the highest proportion of female commercial pilots in the world at 12%, despite a society that typically frowns on women in such jobs.

Aside from female pilots being furloughed, many others have decided to take early retirement or lost jobs as airlines went bust.

Australia's first-ever female commercial pilot, Captain Deborah Lawrie, who broke through the glass ceiling at Ansett in 1980, was one of 220 pilots laid off in April when budget airline Tigerair Australia closed.

Only one-quarter of female pilots globally are captains, according to ISWAP data.

Tammie Jo Shults, hailed as a hero after she calmly landed a stricken Southwest Airlines flight in 2018, is among the female captains taking early retirement.

The need to balance family and work in a profession with frequent absences from home has already made it a challenge to attract female pilots. Shults said the more uncertain career prospects because of COVID will make it more difficult.

Still, Shults, who served as one of the first female fighter pilots in the U.S. Navy, urged women to consider alternatives like becoming firefighting pilots before giving up on aviation.

"You can't always follow your passion, but don't leave it behind," she said.

Zimbabwe to officially reopen its borders for international tourism after COVID lockdown

HARARE

THE government of Zimbabwe held a cabinet meeting on September 8 and made the decision to reopen international airports and resume inbound tourism on October 1, 2020.

Domestic flights within the country have already resumed as of September 10th, jump-starting local tourism a few weeks early.

The Zimbabwean government declared the Covid-19 crisis a "national disaster" on March 27 and began a nationwide lockdown on March 30 that lasted for months. The closures have resulted in a devastating blow to the local economy, seeing as they had just reached an all-time high of 2.6 million tourists in 2018.

With Zimbabwe's goal of having tourism equate to some \$5 billion dollars by 2025, they are very eager to restart tourism as quickly, yet as safely, as they can.

Below we will go over all the information currently available about Zimbabwe's reopening for tourism, including entry require-

ments, countries permitted to visit, and all other travel rules you'll need to know about.

All arrivals, regardless if they are nationals returning home or foreign tourists, will need to bring a negative PCR test with them, taken no longer than 48 hours before the time of flight departure.

Quarantine's for arrivals after October 1st are not mandatory if the above PCR test requirement has been fulfilled.

Any arrival that does not fulfill the PCR test requirement will be subject to quarantine for 14-21 days.

Zimbabwe has not yet published a list of approved countries, nor a "traffic light" system, which may suggest they will be open to all nations with testing. We will update if more news becomes available on this.

The government made wearing a mask in all public spaces a legal requirement on May 4

In a recent press statement by N. Ndhlovu, the Minister of Environment, Climate, Tourism and Hospitality, stated that he was "pleased to announce that following cabi-



net approval, all tourism activities can now resume operations." Zimbabwe's reopening comes with a trend starting in the region. South Africa also just

announced their reopening for October 1st and Zambia already reopened back in July. While Zimbabwe's other neighbors, Botswana and Mozambique

are not yet open for tourism; they are expected to soon follow as more African nations gear to reopen safely.

Siha project supports organic agriculture among small farmers

By Correspondent James Lanka, Siha

THE Kilimanjaro Women against HIV/Aids organisation (KIWAKUKU) has embarked on a special project aimed at strengthening food security and fighting poverty by promoting and supporting organic farming among peasants in the region.

Dubbed "Rural Initiative for Participatory Agricultural Transformation project (RIPAT)", the project aims to reach thousands of farmers in Siha District with essential skills

and knowledge on organic farming and support them to produce nutritious crops.

Speaking during the launch of the project at Sanya Juu area in Siha District, KIWAKUKU project coordinator, Egla Matechi said that apart from alleviating hunger and poverty among residents, the project also aims at producing nutritious crops which is also highly needed by the people living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHAS) in the area.

She added that the project is not only helping the communities

to get rid of the poverty line but it also enables Siha district residents to use the same method and approach to employ themselves.

"RIPAT project which means Rural Initiative for Participatory Agricultural Transformation is instrumental in bringing a variety of technologies to rural farmers and thus enabling them to produce value-added harvests and generate income," Matechi said.

She also called on farmers to be an inspiration for others who are not in the project so that they can

use the technique to increase productivity which is in alignment with the government's plan to reach the middle class economy by 2025 through industrialization which also relies on agricultural raw materials. Matechi emphasized that the industry revolution in Tanzania depends on farmers' efforts which include production of high quality crops.

She also urged them to observe good agricultural practices and production methods to add value to their products which will help

them earn high income in the market. Some of the beneficiaries of the previous RIPAT project in Moshi in Rombo Districts recounted how challenging the early days of the project were when many people around them laughed, especially when they saw them digging holes to plant banana plants that were produced using bottles.

"Today, all stakeholders are witnessing the tremendous successes experienced by farmers. There are many things that we had learned from the farmers showing that

they have really understood and not just memorized the things this project had taught them and we believe that they will continue to benefit from the RIPAT project through applying the knowledge in their farming operations even the day when the project will come to an end," said Agnes Tairo, a beneficiary farmer of RIPAT project from Rombo District.

Rural Initiative for Participatory Agricultural Transformation) is a programme that mulls to reduce poverty, hunger and undernutri-

tion among smallholder farmers by improving agriculture and animal husbandry through the application of the principle of "help to self-help".

Through practical and theoretical training conducted on a common field, groups of farmers are introduced to a variety of crops and agricultural technologies with the potential to improve their agricultural production. Each farmer can then choose which crops and methods he/she wishes to adopt in his/her own farming practice.

WFP needs \$ 4.7 million to assist internally displaced people in northern Mozambique

MAPUTO

THE United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) has raised concerns on the escalating conflict and deteriorating food security situation in Cabo Delgado, Mozambique where over 300,000 people have fled their homes.

The villagers have abandoned their crops making them completely reliant on humanitarian assistance.

WFP representative for Mozambique Antonella D'Aprile said: "We are deeply concerned about the unfolding humanitarian situation in Cabo Delgado where conflict and violence have left people without access to food and livelihoods. The growing insecurity and poor infrastructure have meant that reaching out to people in need has become harder and now with the Covid-19 crisis."

Growing violence and insecurity have increased the threat of hunger in the northern province of Cabo Delgado as communities have lost access to food and income sources.

Latest findings from famine early warning system FEWSNET indicate that communities will continue to face 'crisis' levels of food insecurity (IPC Phase 3) into early 2021.

The situation is even more worrisome given that Cabo Delgado has the second highest rate of chronic malnutrition in the country with more than half of children under 5 chronically malnourished. Any additional shocks could rapidly worsen the situation, especially for women and children.

WFP urgently requires US \$ 4.7 million per month to assist those internally displaced in northern Mozambique. Without additional funding WFP will be forced to reduce food rations as early as December.

Thousands of refugees have crossed into neighboring Tanzania, deepening concerns among the international community about the regionalization of the conflict.

With Cabo Delgado currently recording the second-highest number of COVID-19 cases in Mozambique, population dis-

placements have the potential to accelerate the spread of the virus.

Despite significant operational challenges, WFP, in collaboration with the Government, plans to reach 310,000 people each month in the provinces of Cabo Delgado, Nampula, and Niassa with food, vouchers and nutrition support.

Since 2017, Cabo Delgado has been experiencing attacks by Non-State Armed Groups that have gradually displaced communities who are now seeking refuge in other provinces, such as Nampula and Niassa.

These attacks have led to the loss of lives and have severely damaged infrastructure - that were already severely affected by cyclone Kenneth in 2019 - leading to disruptions in the access to those most in need.

WFP is the world's largest humanitarian organization, saving lives in emergencies, building prosperity and supporting a sustainable future for people recovering from conflict, disasters and the impact of climate change.



SADC develops guidelines for election observation during pandemics

By Guardian Reporter

The Southern African Development Community (SADC) is developing guidelines for observation of elections in the region under public health emergencies, including conditions occasioned by the Covid-19 pandemic.

The SADC Guidelines for Election Observation under public health emergencies will address the potential risk of spreading the Covid-19 virus and other such diseases during elections, by providing elaborate mitigation measures and steps on how

to manage and observe elections amidst pandemics with relative safety.

SADC Executive Secretary, Dr Stergomena Lawrence Tax said the draft guidelines were considered by the Ministerial Committee of the Organ (MCO) during its extraordinary virtual meeting held on September 15th 2020.

Dr Tax said the impacts of the pandemic in the socio-economic and political spheres of society has created conditions that require innovative ways to sustain the region's overall objective of fostering peace and

security, and the consolidation of democracy.

She added that it was important for the SADC region to consider various risks associated with every stage of the electoral cycle, in coming up with measures to safeguard the health security of citizens during elections and promote conducive environments for democratic free and fair elections to occur.

According to her, the Guidelines would mainly be a blueprint for the region to observe elections under new public health protocols to govern all of SADC's Electoral Observation

Missions (SEOMs).

Dr Lemogang Kwape, Minister of International Affairs and Cooperation of the Republic of Botswana, and Chairperson of the MCO highlighted that the guidelines were critical in providing modalities for safeguarding the health of SEOMs deployed to Member States holding elections; and in ensuring that the integrity of national elections was upheld despite the impact of Covid-19 and other pandemics that may emerge in future.

Elections involve large gatherings and movements of people during the pre-election, vot-

ing and post-election periods, thereby presenting complex challenges in managing public order and adherence to established health protocols during public health emergencies.

The SADC region has noted that the Covid-19 pandemic presented challenges on politics and governance which required the development of customised mitigation measures to address not only the Covid-specific imperatives but also more broadly, the effects of other such pandemics on the region's efforts to consolidate democracy in line with the provisions of the SADC

Treaty (1992) and the Protocol on Politics, Defence and Security Cooperation.

Noting further, that the Region was largely unprepared to deploy Electoral Observation Missions during the Covid-19 pandemic, in June 2020 the MCO directed the SADC Secretariat to develop Guidelines to complement measures to mitigate the further spread of the disease.

The Guidelines are expected to strengthen the interventions by the SADC Organ on Politics, Defence and Security Cooperation in respect of disaster

preparedness, disaster risk reduction and management, and strategic responses to pandemics in line with the relevant provisions of the Protocol on Politics, Defence and Security Cooperation of 2001.

Noting the progress in the formulation of the guidelines for observation of elections in the region under public health emergencies, the Extraordinary MCO approved virtual engagements with stakeholders and virtual follow up for the upcoming elections in the Republic of Seychelles and the United Republic of Tanzania.

African publishers adapting to offset COVID-19 challenges

By Simone Flueckiger

AFTER months of struggles, lay-offs and plunging advertising revenue, can African media recover from the 2020 crisis?

Newsrooms across the African continent have been battered by the coronavirus pandemic, with close to 1,000 media workers having lost their jobs in South Africa alone.

While the knock-on effects of fewer journalists in society and the impact of the crisis on the industry as a whole are likely to be felt for a long time, the past few months have also given rise to digital and cultural innovations.

This is according to panelists in the opening session of the most recent virtual edition of WAN-IFRA's (World Association of Newspapers and News Publishers) Digital Media Africa conference.

"The best word to sum up the past few months is that it's been a very schizophrenic period because on the one hand there's a very real loss that we've experienced across the media industry," said Adriaan Basson, Editor-in-Chief of News24, South Africa's largest digital news publication.

Basson elaborated: "At the same time, we've seen unprecedented interest in journalism, we've seen unprecedented reliance on truth, on people coming to our website to know what exactly is Covid-19, how to deal with it, what impact it'll have on our economy, our working lives. In my career, the value of journalism has never been as amplified before as it is now."

Last month saw News24 launch a



freemium model, keeping breaking news freely accessible but putting premium content such as in-depth explainers and analyses, investigative journalism, columns and op-eds behind a paywall.

"I'm trying to balance the realism with the moment that we're in and the deep cuts we all had to make with the optimism of digital opportunity," Basson said, adding: "We've seen an amazing uptake in subscribers, we have overshot our wildest expecta-

tions in the first month of having a paid-for service. I think the readers get it, I think they understand that they themselves can invest in the future of journalism."

Nigerian-based digital information company Stears, which focuses on business and financial news, also made the move to launch a paid subscription service in the middle of the pandemic.

"For us, the question was how to

build a culture that is entirely reader-focused," said co-founder and CEO Preston Timeyin Ideh, adding: "The answer was very simple because when the readers pay directly for your content, then you owe everything to them. The most important stakeholders in the Stears newsroom are the readers."

Stears' newsroom came together in February this year but was forced to move from a physical office space to remote working a mere month later.

"The pandemic hit Stears in the way it hit many publishers across the world, essentially trying to adapt to a new normal," Timeyin Ideh said.

As a heavily technology-driven company, with around half of team members being software engineers or data scientists, Stears already had a strong element of remote-working before the pandemic - which meant that a complete switch didn't prove too challenging.

"The biggest change for us came from culture," he said, adding: "We had to spend quite a bit of time investing in the culture of quality, essentially trying to make sure we were able to replicate the same culture, the same mindset, the same belief around what we're doing, our editorial standards, and why we produce what we produce."

Other than that, Timeyin Ideh said Stears was hiring more slowly than initially planned but was able to keep the core team.

But it's a different story for Zambian publication The Daily Nation, which was hit particularly hard by the pandemic and had to cut staff by more than 50 per cent, according to Executive Editor Mary Mbewe.

"We are learning to swim in a current, and the current is so strong but we are learning. We were not ready digitally, and now we're trying to set up digital platforms," she said, adding: "It's tough but I'm hoping by next year we should be standing. We've already learned so many skills."

At Vision Group, a multimedia conglomerate in Uganda, many freelancers are currently unable to contribute to its media products - and some regional newspapers have had to be closed. However, online audiences as well as radio listenership have grown during the pandemic.

"We've discovered ways of working that we never knew existed," said Editor-in-Chief Barbara Kaija.

She had more on this: "We're seeing a lot of journalists trying out many innovative things with their smartphones. Though we are a large media house, we often worked in silos but for the first time we are seeing people trying out different things, print media outlets are trying out broadcast, broadcast is trying out print, and everybody is trying out online. We certainly are doing a lot more than we would normally do."

WAN-IFRA

Multilateralism matters

BEIJING

SEVENTY-five years ago, tormented by the scourge of war that twice brought untold miseries to mankind, countries around the world joined hands and built up an international order and system with the United Nations at the core.

As the most universal, representative and authoritative international organization, the United Nations has now become the most important multilateral arena to promote peace, and address regional and global issues.

When the international community is marking the United Nations' 75th birthday, the COVID-19 pandemic is raging all over the world, and world leaders have chosen to hold commemorative events via video link instead. In addition to the way the leaders gather, the sudden strike of the pandemic has been changing the world in more aspects, thus the once-in-a-century transformations unfolding in the world are picking up speed.

It is truly an era of enormous uncertainty. Protectionism and unilateralism are rearing their ugly heads while sentiments of anti-globalization are on the rise. It is even more worrisome that the bullying behavior of certain superpower is posing a grave challenge to the world's multilateral system epitomized by the United Nations.

And when mankind is struggling to beat the coronavirus outbreak as its common enemy, the spirit of solidarity and cooperation is facing a danger of being cast aside, while the specter of ideological confrontation is hovering high.

Under such circumstances, the theme of this year's UN anniversary commemorations -- "The future we want, the UN we need: reaffirming our collective commitment to multilateralism" -- bears utmost significance.

Around the world, the curve of the ravaging pandemic has yet to be flattened. Infections keep mounting and deaths continue to spike. The once-in-a-century global public health crisis has once again highlighted the fact

that the human race belongs to a community with a shared future, and only by joining hands can all countries steer themselves out of the plight.

Chinese President Xi Jinping has repeatedly stressed that solidarity and cooperation is the most powerful weapon in the face of COVID-19. And reaffirming the commitment to multilateralism has been particularly urgent at this dark hour of human history.

To uphold multilateralism, the world should safeguard the authority of the United Nations. Over the past 75 years, the positive role of the UN has been too obvious to deny, leaving profound inspirations as well as valuable legacies to human society.

Over the decades, the United Nations has set up and operated a collective security mechanism, and deployed more than 70 peacekeeping operations involving nearly 130 countries. Its instrumental role in effectively settling local conflicts, preventing new world wars, and preserving overall global peace and stability has helped lay a solid foundation for social and economic development worldwide.

With the presence of the UN-centered multilateral system, countries worldwide have fostered closer ties and deeper cooperation, and the global economic and social development has made a giant leap forward.

According to the World Bank statistics, from 1960 to 2019, the total global gross domestic product (GDP) rose from 1.37 trillion to 87.7 trillion in current U.S. dollars. In that same period, the per capita GDP rose from 452 dollars to 11,428 dollars, and the global trade to GDP ratio rose from 26.72 percent to 60.4 percent.

Additionally, such UN specialized agencies as, among others, the World Health Organization (WHO), the UN Food and Agriculture Organization, the UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the International Monetary Fund and the International Atomic Energy



Photographers take pictures of the delegation of the People's Republic of China when the delegation attended the 26th UN General Assembly on Nov 15, 1971. File photo

Agency, have all made their respective contributions to the solution of global problems and to the progress of human society.

The WHO, in particular, has played an irreplaceable role amid the pandemic in keeping the world updated with accurate and timely information, boosting global coordination in pandemic responses, and promoting international cooperation on vaccine research and development.

At such a critical moment, the world should guard against and reject any unilateral move that could weaken the WHO because those moves will only take a hard toll on global solidarity and cooperation, and delay mankind's victory over the virus.

Fixing global problems requires global solutions. And there is no better venue than the United Nations for the international community to search for those solutions. Whether it is to battle the pandemic or to plan for a post-epidemic recovery, all countries need to firmly safeguard the authority of the United Nations and maintain the international order and system with the United Nations at the core.

To uphold multilateralism, the world should also acknowledge and practice the global governance concept based on the principle of extensive consultation, joint contribution and shared benefits.

The essence of multilateralism, said President Xi at the 2019 BRICS summit in Brasilia, is that international affairs should be addressed through extensive consultation rather than decided by one country or a few. His remarks ring even truer today.

In recent years, the international community has been grappling with the rise of trade bullying, abuse of unilateral sanctions and national-security maximalism, which has further eroded the multilateral foundation of global governance.

Upholding multilateralism means that the fate of the world should be in the hands of all; international rulebook written by all; global affairs negotiated by all; and dividends of development shared by all, instead of allowing individual countries to reign supreme. President Xi has also pointed out, "in the era of globalization it should not be some people fighting against other people, but should instead be all bringing benefits for all."

The COVID-19 pandemic tells that when faced with various global challenges, all countries should march forward hand in hand in the spirit of consultation, democratize international relations, and increase the voice of the developing countries in major global institutions so as to forge a more effective global governance system that can meet the needs of this fast-changing world.

To uphold multilateralism, the world should take development as the golden key to solving many of the most pressing global problems, and jointly build a community with a shared future for mankind.

Across the world, countries are turning increasingly interconnected and interdependent, and their future closely intertwined. Yet the development gap dividing the North and the South is still widening, and globalization has failed to trickle down its benefits to various social groups. Even in some major developed economies, poverty, gender inequality and racial discrimination have been feeding social divisions. All these have served as a petri dish for festering anti-globalization elements.

"We must hold fast to development as our master key, for only through development can we resolve the root cause of conflicts, safeguard the basic rights of the people, and meet the ardent hopes of people for a better future," President Xi addressed the UN Sustainable Development Summit 2015 at the UN headquarters in New York.

The still raging pandemic now poses critical challenges to global development. This year marks the start of the Decade of Action to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals by 2030. All countries should take it as an alert and incentive to promote balanced global economic and social development and reduce poverty and inequality so as to fundamentally eliminate the factors that nurture protectionism, isolationism and economic nationalism, and render economic globalization more open, inclusive and balanced.

Globalization is unstoppable, and the human race shares a common future. Upholding multilateralism and building a community with a shared future for mankind should be the shared goal of all members of the international community. That is not only a significant revelation of the 75-year history of the United Nations, but also the only right path for development in the post-pandemic era.

China was the first country to sign the UN Charter. Whether in the process of the United Nations' development or in the fight against the coronavirus, China has always been a builder, defender and practitioner of multilateralism. In the future, China will, as always, continue to be a builder of world peace, a contributor to global development and a defender of the international order.

On the occasion of the 75th birthday of the United Nations, one of the appropriate gifts the world can present is to reaffirm multilateralism and cooperation, which will help countries across the globe tide over difficulties, seek common development, and build "the future we want."

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WORD-FIT

U H U R U F R E E

3 letters
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GOD, AOR, ACT, SAD, ARE,
FREE, ROOM, EVEN, AMEN, HIDE
RARE, ORES, STUD,
UHURU, EVOKE, ASHET, GRAPE
PLATE, ATTAR, TAMED, REACH
UNESCO, ELEVEN, ENDEAR, SEVERE
SCREAM,
CURIOUS,
UN EARNED

CROSSWORD

1 the first black president of S.Africa
2 flightless bird in New Zealand
3 an open area of grassy
4 the star
5 Valletta is her Capital
6 make a bleating sound
7 citrus fruit
8 a small restaurant
9 a minister in charge of a Christian church
10 an instrument for writing
11 an American
12 a narrow horizontal surface projecting from a wall, cliff
13 citrus fruits
14 celebrity
15 an official order or proclamation

Down:
1 Russia's capital
2 Former name of Malawi
3 an act of urinating
4 a woman's loose sleeveless cloak
5 fleecy
6 gather in or together
7 the deep-freezing of the bodies of people who have died of an incurable disease, in the hope of a future cure
8 a barrier enclosing an area
9 an act of urinating
10 a rich fabric of silk, cotton
11 blood that has been shed
12 a habitual drunkard

SOLUTIONS

U H U R U F R E E

3 letters: GOD

4 letters: FREE

5 letters: UHURU

6 letters: REACH

7 letters: SCREAM

8 letters: UN EARNED

CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS

1 Nelson Mandela
2 Kiwi
3 meadow
4 Star of David
5 Maltese
6 bleat
7 orange
8 cafe
9 Rector
10 quill
11 Uncle Sam
12 eave
13 lemons
14 Brad Pitt
15 Decree

Down:
1 Moscow
2 Nyasaland
3 urinate
4 burqa
5 woolly
6 flock
7 quarantine
8 silk
9 urine
10 cotton
11 gore
12 alcoholic

APPRECIATION

Minister salutes CRDB for backing efforts by govt to commercialise agriculture

By Guardian Reporter

THE government has said it appreciates the role played by CRDB Bank Plc in backing efforts to mechanize farming by providing the agriculture value chain with financing and equipment.

Agriculture Minister, Japhet Hasunga said in Dar es Salaam yesterday while launching an agro-equipment loans scheme being championed by the bank in partnership with ETC Agro, Loan Agro and Agricom.

Hasunga said CRDB's massive investment in agriculture has not only speeded up the agrarian revolution but also supported efforts to grow the economy into middle income status.

"As Minister of Agriculture, I am very excited with this partnership involving CRDB Bank, ETC Agro, Loan Agro and

Agricom to equip farmers with working equipment," he said while stressing that the partnership will benefit millions of smallholder farmers and the entire agriculture value chain.

The Agriculture Minister dared smallholder farmers in the country to seize the opportunity presented by the bank and its partners saying mechanization should encourage change of attitude from maintaining subsistence farming to graduating as commercial farmers.

"The government is proud to be associated with CRDB Bank especially in changing our smallholder farmers thinking to consider agriculture as a commercial activity that generates profits," he stressed adding that an agrarian revolution is necessary as the government targets industrialization.

Briefing the Agriculture Minister on the

latest initiative, CRDB's Managing Director, Abdulmajid Nsekela urged Tanzanians to engage in modern commercial farming because it is a profitable venture that can transform millions of

lives.

Nsekela explained that the bank and its partners are well organised to serve farmers with almost everything needed ranging



Agriculture minister Japhet Hasunga speaks at a past event

from cash and equipment loans but also expertise as CRDB has for many years invested in the agriculture value chain.

"As you very well know, we have 58 financial institutions in the market currently but CRDB alone accounts for 40 percent of loans disbursed to the agriculture sector while the rest share the remaining 60 percent," he revealed. So far CRDB has disbursed over 1.6trn/- to the sector.

The CRDB chief further added that because of the important role that agriculture plays in the country's economy with employment of about 75 percent of the people in rural areas while contributing 28 percent of gross domestic product, the lender has chosen to invest heavily in the sector.

"We have reduced interest charged on loans from 20 to 18 percent while the minimum percentage required to get the equipment loan has also been reduced from 35 to 25 percent so that many farmers can afford," he stated.

Apart from tractors, other available equipment includes power tillers, combine harvesters and planters and the loan is repayable in between 36 and 60 months. A farmer can get a loan of up to 3bn/-.

Speaking at the same event, Agricom Managing Director, Angelina Ngalula said the CRDB partnership means that many smallholder farmers quest to mechanise and graduate into commercial farmers will be achieved.

"Our company has started production of agro-equipment in the country to reduce prices but also provide employment," Ngalula said while promising to continue backing state efforts to modernise farming.

OBSTACLES

Coffee board chief lists hurdles facing farmers of organic variety

By Francis Kajubi

LOOPHOLES in the certification of organic farm produce, pests control and climate change are some of the major hurdles frustrating farmers interested to invest in production of organic coffee.

Tanzania Coffee Board's acting Director General, Professor Jamal Adam however called upon small scale farmers to join cooperative unions where the challenges are being addressed to find permanent solutions.

Prof Adam said in Dar es Salaam that the country has no scheme to work on challenges facing organic farmers individually especially on

certification and the immediate solution is to join unions.

"Farmers are responsible for the cost of inspection, which includes the travel and lodging expenses of certifying auditors, as well as annual certification fees. This effectively puts organic certification out of reach for most small-scale farmers unless they are part of a cooperative, in which case certifying costs can be split among members," he said.

He said that organic coffee costs more compared to regular coffee which is attractive to farmers but the costs of certification, additional labour power needed and the extra work that goes into maintaining



A cup of organic coffee.

traceability, frustrate many smallholder farmers.

"The price differential for organic coffee is fair because producing organic coffee is more expensive than the conventional method," he added stating that rigorous traceability and quality of the product is also an additional burden to a farmer.

The TCB chief executive however expressed optimism that organic agriculture will champion the agrarian revolution that will play a key role in industrialization of the economy as envisaged by the government.

Going by the trends of organic coffee production, he said that in

2019/20 Tanzania produced 583 tons of certified Mild Arabica coffee while at the same time producing 22,545 tons of non-certified Mild Arabica coffee. The country also produced 155 tons of certified Hard Arabica worth against 517 tons of non-certified.

The country also produced 745 tons of organic certified Robusta coffee against 18,683 tons of non-certified during the period with total certified coffee being 3.43 percent of the 1,483 tons produced.

The global organic coffee market stood at US\$7.50billion in 2018 and is anticipated to reach US\$18.35billion by 2027.

REGULATORY

100-odd standards now for mining sector in Tanzania

By Guardian Reporter, Geita

MORE than 100 standards to safeguard quality of goods and services in the mining sector have been developed by Tanzania Bureau of Standards, it has been learnt.

Speaking at TBS pavilion at the ongoing 3rd Geita Mining and Technology Exhibition being held in Geita yesterday, TBS spokesperson, Roida Andusamile said the standards target exploration, extraction and processing of minerals.

"As the mining sector continue to grow with its contribution to economic growth through exports and capital inflows into the country, TBS has put in place standards that will ensure safety and quality in the sector," Andusamile said.

She added that the standards cut-across both large and small scale miners and were also formulated to make sure that mining activities in the country are

conducted professionally with strict adherence to global standards. "Exclusively, TBS has the legal mandate to control quality of products and services in the mining sector while promoting standardization country-wide," she noted.

The bureau's Standards Officer for Mining and Minerals, Filbeta Magidanga said the more than 100 standards developed that have already been gazetted hence are legally recognised currently. "Standards such as guidelines on the establishment, use and management of refugee chambers and classification of mine accidents ensure safety of personnel during mining activities," Magidanga said.

She noted: "The standards have been developed by TBS's Divisional Standards Committee which has the task to produce them in terminologies, sampling methods, testing methods, code of practices, classifications and



TBS spokesperson Roida Andusamile (R) briefs Minerals minister Doto Biteko on the bureau's activities when he visited its pavilion at the 3rd ongoing Geita Mining and Technology Exhibition. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

specifications for goods and services involved in minerals exploration, extraction and processing."

Magidanga further stated that the committee oversees activities of nine other technical sub committees formu-

lating standards in mining and minerals sector. Others that the standards will control include advanced automated mining systems, ores and concentrates, jewellery, lapidary, gemstones and precious metals, rare earth elements and

minerals processing and equipment.

Established by Parliamentary Act No. 3 of 1975 as the National Standards Institute which became operational on 16th April 1976, TBS is the national standards body aimed at strengthening support-

ive infrastructure for industry and commerce development within the country.

It was renamed Tanzania Bureau of Standards under Act No. 1 of 1977 repealed and replaced by the Standards Act No. 2 of 2009.

INTEGRATION

ADDIS ABABA

Africa trade pact negotiators to fast-track e-commerce talks

NEGOTIATIONS for e-commerce and digital trade under an Africa-wide free trade pact will be fast-tracked as the coronavirus pandemic heightens the need for a legal and governance framework, according to the zone's most senior official.

The talks that were to have been part of phase 3 of what could be the world's biggest free

trade area will now take place alongside phase 2 negotiations on competition policy, intellectual property rights and investment protocols, said Wamkele Mene, the secretary general of the African Continental Free Trade Area. Discussions are expected to begin early next year.

"We ignore digitisation at our own peril," Mene told a virtual

conference organised by the Stellenbosch, South Africa-based Tralac Trade Law Centre. "We've got to develop a very clear and compelling strategy for how we can ensure that our trade under this agreement is more efficient, more dynamic and certainly more affordable."

While e-commerce in Africa lags other regions, it is growing

rapidly. E-commerce revenues in the sub-Saharan region grew by an average of 24% in 2019 with a quarter of the population classified as active, online-paying customers, according to an International Monetary Fund report.

Unnecessary Delays
Talks on digital trade will include measures to harmonise and speed up customs-clearance

procedures between countries, Mene said. Delays at borders and regulations that differ from country to country slow regional commerce.

The 54 of the 55 countries recognised by the African Union that have signed the agreement are also speeding up negotiations on the taxation of e-commerce platforms, Bloomberg

Law reported, citing Prudence Sebahizi, chief technical adviser and head of the African Continental Free Trade Agreement Negotiation Support Unit.

These talks threaten to breach a World Trade Organisation moratorium on tariffs on e-commerce. WTO members agreed in December to continue the moratorium until a June minis-

terial meeting, but that meeting was cancelled over Covid-19 concerns and is now scheduled for June 2021.

The trade pact aims to bolster intra-African commerce agreement by lowering or eliminating cross-border tariffs on 90% of goods, facilitating the movement of capital and people, promoting investment and paving the way for the establishment of a continent-wide customs union.

CONCERN

Activist concerned with fate of indigenous people owing to climate change

By Guardian Reporter, Arusha

THE lives of indigenous people who include hunter-gatherers and pastoralists in Arusha and Manyara regions are at stake as climate change is taking its toll of the environment.

Pingos Forum Executive Director, Edward Porokwa said yesterday as the world marks UN Indigenous People's Day that indigenous groups in the country especially hunter-gatherers and pastoralists who strongly rely on nature to survive.

"Our theme in Tanzania this year is, 'Indigenous people and climate change,' which is aimed at sensitizing the public to conserve the environment in order to avoid

global warming which is caused by climate change," Porokwa said.

He noted that millions of indigenous people in the country remain ignored and that even the UN's Indigenous People's Day remains unpopular even in the mainstream media. "Environmental conservation will not only benefit indigenous people but everybody because it protects water sources, wild animals which attract tourists who bring foreign currency," he added.

The Pingos Forum CEO further noted that environmental degradation also affects availability of fruits, vegetables and fodder for livestock which the public consumes. Porokwa reiterated that healthy livestock is good for the public hence

the need to ensure that natural fodder for animals is protected.

"If a pastoralist sells his cow at 500,000/-, they contribute to economic growth because the supply chain for beef starts with such people. Along the beef supply chain everyone benefits because when the cow is sold in Arusha City, someone will earn up to 800,000/- while the transporter also has his cut," the Pingos Executive Director noted.

Seconding his boss, Pingos Forum's Administrative Manager, Emmanuel Sarinye said observing the UN's indigenous people's day is an important factor to show that the community appreciates the role that such minorities play.

"These minority groups are



Pingos Forum executive director Edward Porokwa

facing many threats today including evictions by investors who want to take their natural habitats which are virgin and rich in resources," Sarinye who is also Pingos Forum Human Rights

Manager noted saying thousands of indigenous people in Arusha and Manyara Regions have been evicted from their natural habitats by authorities.

The UN Indigenous People's

Day is marked on September 8 annually since 1997 as the UN seeks to protect interests of the minorities many of which stay in natural forests surviving on herbs, fruits, wild animals and livestock.

SUBSTITUTION

Eager Coca-Cola Beverages Africa replaces SAP with eoStar, Microsoft on delivery needs

LAGOS

EOSTAR announced that it has integrated with Microsoft to provide Coca-Cola Beverages Africa (CCBA) the opportunity to meet sales and delivery needs across their value chain from order generation, picking and distribution throughout their organization.

This digital transformation project modernizes the way CCBA uses technology across its entire IT landscape. CCBA is Africa's largest Coca-Cola bottler and 8th largest in the world. With 35 bottling plants in 13 countries, serving over 600,000 outlets, the need to streamline sales and distribution was essential.

eoStar is a Route Accounting Software that will manage all the sales, distribution and advanced warehousing for finished goods, while D365 covers the financials, manufacturing and human resources functionality. This integration between eoStar and Microsoft allowed CCBA to completely replace SAP.

"CCBA will be leveraging eoStar to mobilize our Sales & Distribution workforce, increasing their effectiveness in the trade. eoStar will be deployed across our internal sales force, our own primary distribution capabilities and as the system of choice for our Official Coca-Cola Distributors (OCDs) and our Logistics Distribution Partners (LDPs)," said Joshua Motsuanyane, Chief Information Officer for CCBA.

The challenges of adapting the eoStar software to successfully navigate an international market provided the company the opportunity to expand eoStar's already robust skillset to accommodate international weights and measures, as well as the multi-currency pricing (MCP) present in Africa.

Paul Rutherford, President of eoStar, said, "eoStar is incredibly excited to partner with a world class bottler like CCBA, who are innovative and on a tremendous path of growth. Leveraging eoStar's sales, delivery and warehousing solutions ensure they will be equipping their amazing team of employees with the tools to execute at the level necessary to take their business to the next level."

CENSURE

Aviation agency's engineers confirm proposed fixes to Max aren't enough

WASHINGTON

THE union representing the Federal Aviation Administration engineers overseeing Boeing Co.'s redesign of the grounded 737 Max says the government's proposed fixes to the plane don't go far enough.

The National Air Traffic Controllers Association, which represents FAA engineers who review and sign off on aircraft certification, said in comments filed on Monday that the Max should have to adhere to tougher standards on cockpit alerts.

Because the plane was adapted from earlier versions, portions of its design weren't required to meet the latest safety requirements.

The union said that the proposed fixes to the jetliner are extensive and the most current regulations should apply.

The comments are significant because they suggest that at least some of the FAA's own technical staff don't agree on the extensive proposed revisions to the plane. A whistle-blower at Boeing Co. separately urged regulators to add additional protections to the plane.

The FAA has proposed multiple changes to the aircraft following the crashes that killed 346 people before allowing it to carry passengers again. Among the changes:

The system that was driving the jet's nose down in both accidents would no longer activate repeatedly and various steps were taken to minimise the chances it would malfunction.

The agency is also proposing to require extensive additional revisions to the plane, such as an improved flight-computer system to improve the system's redundancy.

INVESTMENT

USAID project touts healthy under-fives for rapid development

By Guardian Reporter

HEALTHY children who survive beyond five years due to better nutrition and care by mothers are an important human capital for the country's future development.

Coordinator of USAID Tulonge Afya Project in Njombe Region's Wanging'ombe District, Edshan Mtega said during a Naweza Platform mothers meeting earlier this week that for kids to go past the five year mark, access to better health services is also a necessity.

Mtega said if poorly handled, children between zero and five years face many risks including death if not taken to health experts to get treatment. "Raising children properly especially those aged between one day and five years is important so that they grow up in good health," she said.

She the event was organised to remind parents on their role in upbringing of their children especially those under the age of five which includes the need to breastfeed them until they reach 24 months at least.

Mtega emphasised that spouses also need proper use of family planning services to ensure that there is child spacing to allow healthy upbringing of the toddlers. "Child spacing is vital to give sufficient time for the child to grow up healthy before getting another," she added.

On his part, Coordinator of USAID Tulonge Afya from Njombe Region, Edgar Mwakasi said the Naweza Platform gives priority to the health of mothers and children because kids are an important human resource for any country.

"When we are talking about development work it need people who are grown up healthy children," Mwakasi said adding that the event was organised to remind parents on the need to sleep under treated mosquito nets with children.

He urged mothers to seek and receive prompt and appropriate care at first sign of new-born and childhood illness especially for fatal diseases such as malaria which kill thousands annually. "You also need to seek and receive prompt and appropriate health care at government facilities with qualified personnel," he noted.



Mothers who attend USAID Tulonge Afya meeting earlier this week in Wanging'ombe District Njombe Region, wave their certificates of participation. Photo: Guardian Correspondent.

INVESTMENT

Minister Biteko urges Brela to get rid of 'rogue' employees

By Guardian Reporter, Geita

THE Business and Licensing Agency (Brela) has been challenged to retain only those staff members the public have confidence in.

Minister for Minerals, Doto Biteko said yesterday after visiting Business Registration and Licensing Agency's pavilion at the ongoing Minerals trade exhibition that the agency should continue to adhere to professionalism in the conduct of its daily activities.

"I congratulate Brela because you managed to solve to assist the government get rid of briefcase companies formed to rip off the public and state," Biteko said.

He added that many fake companies have been struck off the agency's list but the remaining challenge is that of dishonest employees and cybercriminals who troll the internet.

He said the dishonest employees and online criminals have been harassing business people who need to register their companies or entities by soliciting bribes hence tarnishing the good name

of the agency while also discouraging people from seeking Brela services.

Biteko however commended Brela's new management saying a lot has changed at the agency which was once known for deceit and unprofessional conduct.

"You must maintain the standards because the government depends on you to get businesses formalised so that they exist legally," he added.

The Minerals Minister also commended Brela's management to dealing with conflicts in registered companies such as Nyarugusu Mining Company which the agency successfully solved this year.

"Continue the good work that you are doing so that many people should come to register their companies and businesses," he noted.

While at the Brela pavilion the agency's officials briefed the minister on digitization of its services aimed at easing the process of business and company registration as manual exercises are bureaucratic hence encourage corruption.



Minerals minister Doto Biteko (L) receiving a certificate of business name registration from Brela's official, Mariam Mollé at the ongoing Geita Minerals Trade Exhibition being held in Geita earlier this week. Photo courtesy of Brela.

OPTIMISM

Lagarde says ECB still has options if more stimulus needed

FRANKFURT

EUROPEAN Central Bank president Christine Lagarde has said the European Central Bank has room to add stimulus and can adapt its already expansive toolkit if the economy needs more help.

Speaking through a video link from Frankfurt, she said while the third quarter will see a rebound, the recovery from the coronavirus recession is still "uneven and incomplete." The ECB is paying close attention to the euro's appreciation and its knock-on effect on inflation. Citing the ECB's efforts earlier this year in response to the pandemic, Lagarde said she's "not at all aligned with this idea of the exhaustion of the toolbox."

"We clearly showed that when the economic situation demanded, we were capable of finding the necessary responses," she told a joint session of the French and German parliaments on Monday. "And we will continue to use the monetary policy instruments; either

those that exist now by calibrating them to the right level, either by imagining other mechanisms that will allow us to respond." The remarks come as economists expect the ECB to expand its emergency 1.35 trillion-euro (\$1.58 trillion) bond-buying program this year to bolster the rebound and revive inflation.

Earlier on Monday, Germany's Bundesbank said it expects the recovery in Europe's largest economy to continue at slower pace during the rest of the year. ECB policy makers have in recent days sought to stress their readiness to support the euro area, a call Lagarde echoed in her latest comments. "Has the ECB fired its last cartridges? No, not at all, not at all," she said. "We can find answers to help economies."

Fielding questions on issues including climate change to digital euro and debt cancellation, Lagarde said the ECB's stimulus, "stabilised markets, protected the supply of credit and supported the recovery," which should help bring inflation back to its target of just under

2%. The ECB has a long way to go to lift inflation. Consumer prices fell 0.2% in August from a year earlier, and the central bank sees the rate averaging just 1% next year and 1.3% in 2022.

The euro's recent appreciation to the strongest level in more than two years has emerged as a factor weighing on inflation. This puts policy makers in an awkward position – ECB Vice President Luis de Guindos said in an interview on Sunday that while the institution is monitoring the currency, "it would be suicidal to enter into any sort of dispute about exchange rates."

Lagarde repeated that the central bank is not targeting the euro's level, but its appreciation is an issue for policy. "So we are of course playing very close attention to this strengthening of the euro," she said. "We take it into account in the determination of our monetary policy and it's via prices of course, via inflation, that we take it into account to define this monetary policy."



Christine Lagarde

ECO-FRIENDLY



ZEROe is an Airbus concept aircraft. In the turboprop configuration, two hybrid hydrogen turboprop engines provide thrust. The liquid hydrogen storage and distribution system is located behind the rear pressure bulkhead.

Airbus introduces design of aircraft it wants to operate with zero emission

PARIS

EUROPEAN plane maker Airbus unveiled three designs it's studying to build hydrogen-powered aircraft as it races to bring a zero-emission passenger plane into service by 2035.

The approaches include a turbofan jet with capacity for as many as 200 passengers – similar to its A321neo narrow-body – that can fly more than 2,000 nautical miles, according to a statement on Monday.

It would be powered by a modified gas-turbine engine running on hydrogen. The manufacturer also showed a design for a propeller plane which would seat about 100 passengers for smaller distances, and a flying-wing concept with 200 seats.

Airbus has already said it's targeting the mid-2030s for the first emission-free commercial jet. It's under pressure from the French and German governments, its biggest shareholders, to find environmental solutions after they pledged support for the plane maker and major airlines to get through the crisis caused by the coronavirus.

While there are different approaches, hydrogen is likely to be used in aerospace and other industries to meet climate-neutral targets, Airbus said.

Hydrogen power

"I strongly believe that the use of hydrogen – both

in synthetic fuels and as a primary power source for commercial aircraft – has the potential to significantly reduce aviation's climate impact," CEO Guillaume Faury said in the statement.

Airbus said it plans to test the three designs over the next five years. In the turbofan design, liquid hydrogen will be stored and distributed through tanks located behind the rear pressure bulkhead.

The turboprop will also use modified gas-turbine engines. The blended-wing plan, resembling a flying V, opens up new options for hydrogen storage and distribution, along with cabin layout.

The company expects it will take another two years to choose suppliers and manufacturing sites before the programme is scheduled for around 2028 and the aircraft comes into service in 2035.

The success of any such plane would depend on infrastructure at airports and support from governments to fund the development, as well as incentives for airlines to retire older aircraft, Airbus said.

The French state is backing research into low-carbon flight and sees Airbus's development of a hydrogen-powered plane as the best answer to "aviation bashing", French transport minister Jean-Baptiste Djebbari said on LCI Television on Monday.



ISIDINGO MONDAY - FRIDAY STARTING 7:30 PM



ITV PGM SCHEDULE

SATURDAY 15 Aug

- 5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi
- 6:00 HABARI
- 6:40 Kumekucha
- 7:00 Habari
- 8:00 Al Jazeera
- 9:00 Watoto wetu
- 10:00 Shika Bamba 5
- 10:30 Mjue Zaidi rpt
- 11:15 Chetu ni chetu rpt
- 12:15 The Great Queen Seonduk
- 13:00 Korean drama rpt: Hwarang
- 13:45 Telenovela rpt: Elena's Ghost
- 16:00 Igizo rpt: Mizengwe
- 16:20 Igizo: Mtego
- 17:00 Shamsam za Pwani
- 18:00 Jiji Letu
- 18:15 Korean drama: Hwarang
- 19:00 Jungu Kuu
- 19:30 Shika Bamba
- 20:00 Habari
- 21:00 Art and lifestyle
- 21:30 ITV TOP 10
- 22:10 Hawavumi lakini wamo
- 22:45 Isidingo rpt
- 01:30 DWTW

SUNDAY 16 Aug

- 5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi
- 6:00 HABARI
- 6:40 Kumekucha
- 7:00 Habari
- 8:00 Al Jazeera
- 09:00 Watoto Wetu
- 10:00 Isidingo
- 11:40 Igizo: Mizengwe rpt
- 12:00 Bongo Movie rpt: Najuta mie
- 14:00 Tamasha la Michezo
- 15:00 Mwangaza
- 16:00 The Great queen Seonduk
- 16:45 ITV Top 10
- 17:30 Kipindi cha kikristo
- 18:00 Jiji Letu
- 18:15 Mapishi
- 18:30 Matukio ya wiki
- 19:30 Igizo: Mtego
- 20:00 Habari
- 21:05 Mizengwe
- 21:20 Mjue Zaidi
- 22:05 Bongo Movie: Before wedding
- 00:05 Telenovela rpt: Elena's Ghost

MONDAY 17 Aug

- 5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi
- 6:00 HABARI
- 6:40 Kumekucha
- 7:30 HABARI
- 8:00 Kumekucha Michezo
- 8:55 Habari za saa
- 9:00 Kumekucha Kishindo
- 9:30 Isidingo
- 09:55 Habari za saa
- 10:00 Watoto wetu
- 10:55 Habari za saa
- 11:00 Jiji Letu
- 11:45 Habari za saa
- 12:00 Al Jazeera
- 12:30 Bongo Movie: Before wedding
- 13:00 Habari
- 13:45 Art and Lifestyle rpt
- 13:55 Habari za saa
- 14:10 Telenovela rpt: Elena's Ghost
- 14:55 Habari za saa
- 15:00 Meza huru
- 16:30 Watoto Wetu
- 17:00 The Base
- 18:00 Jiji Letu
- 18:10 Aibu yakao rpt
- 18:15 Mapishi
- 18:45 Kesho leo
- 19:00 Afya ya Jamii
- 19:30 Isidingo
- 20:00 Habari

TUESDAY 18 Aug

- 5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi
- 6:00 HABARI
- 6:40 Kumekucha
- 7:30 HABARI
- 8:00 Kumekucha Michezo
- 8:55 Habari za saa
- 9:00 Kumekucha Kishindo
- 9:30 Isidingo
- 09:55 Habari za saa
- 10:00 Watoto wetu
- 10:30 Jungu Kuu rpt
- 10:55 Habari za saa
- 11:00 The Base rpt
- 11:55 Habari za saa
- 12:00 Al Jazeera
- 12:30 Afya ya jamii rpt
- 12:55 Habari za saa
- 13:00 Kesho leo rpt
- 13:30 Shika Bamba rpt
- 13:55 Habari za saa
- 14:00 Telenovela rpt: Elena's Ghost
- 14:55 Habari za saa
- 15:00 Meza huru
- 16:30 Watoto wetu
- 17:00 The Base
- 18:00 Jiji Letu
- 18:10 Yu wapi
- 18:15 Mapishi rpt
- 18:30 Uchumi na biashara
- 19:00 Jarida la wanawake
- 19:30 Isidingo
- 20:00 Habari
- 21:00 Tanzania yetu
- 21:30 Chetu ni chetu
- 22:15 Telenovela: Elena's Ghost
- 23:00 Habari
- 23:30 The Base
- 00:30 DWTW

WEDNESDAY 19 Aug

- 5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi
- 6:00 HABARI
- 6:40 Kumekucha
- 7:30 HABARI
- 8:00 Kumekucha Michezo
- 8:55 Habari za saa
- 9:00 Kumekucha Kishindo
- 9:30 Isidingo
- 09:55 Habari za saa
- 10:00 Watoto wetu
- 10:30 Uchumi na biashara
- 10:55 Habari za saa
- 11:00 The Base rpt
- 11:55 Habari za saa
- 12:00 Al Jazeera
- 12:30 Jarida la wanawake rpt
- 12:55 Habari za saa
- 13:00 Dakika 45
- 13:55 Habari za saa
- 14:00 Telenovela rpt: Elena's Ghost
- 14:55 Habari za saa
- 15:00 Meza huru
- 16:30 Watoto Wetu
- 17:00 The Base
- 18:00 Jiji Letu
- 18:15 Korean drama rpt: The great queen Seonduk
- 19:00 Ijue Sheria
- 19:30 Isidingo
- 20:00 Habari
- 21:00 Kipindi Maalum: Tanesco
- 21:30 Kipindi Maalum: Watumishi housing
- 21:45 Ripoti Maalum
- 22:15 Telenovela rpt: Elena's Ghost
- 23:00 Habari
- 23:30 The Base
- 00:30 Al Jazeera
- 2:00 DWTW

THURSDAY 20 Aug

- 5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi
- 6:00 HABARI
- 6:40 Kumekucha
- 7:30 HABARI
- 8:00 Kumekucha Michezo
- 8:55 Habariz a saa
- 9:00 Kumekucha Kishindo
- 9:30 Isidingo
- 9:55 Habari za saa
- 10:00 Watoto
- 10:30 Shamba lulu rpt
- 10:55 Habari za saa
- 11:00 The Base rpt
- 11:55 Habari za saa
- 12:00 Al Jazeera
- 12:30 Ijue Sheria
- 12:55 Habari za saa
- 13:00 Ripoti Maalum rpt
- 13:30 Tanzania yetu
- 13:55 Habari za saa
- 14:00 Kipindi Maalum rpt
- 14:15 Telenovela rpt: Elena's Ghost
- 15:00 Meza huru
- 16:30 Watoto Wetu
- 17:00 The Base
- 18:00 Jiji Letu
- 18:15 Mapishi
- 18:30 Jagina
- 19:00 Usafiri wako
- 19:30 Isidingo
- 20:00 Habari
- 21:00 Malumbano ya hoja
- 23:00 Habari
- 23:30 The Base
- 00:30 DWTW

FRIDAY 21 Aug

- 5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi
- 6:00 HABARI
- 6:40 Kumekucha
- 7:30 HABARI
- 8:00 Kumekucha Michezo
- 09:00 Kumekucha Kishindo
- 9:30 Isidingo
- 10:00 Watoto wetu
- 10:30 Usafiri wako rpt
- 11:00 The Base
- 12:00 Al Jazeera
- 12:30 Kipindi Maalum rpt: Tanesco
- 13:00 Jagina rpt
- 13:30 Chetu ni chetu rpt
- 14:15 Telenovela rpt: Elena's Ghost
- 15:00 Meza huru
- 16:30 Watoto Wetu
- 17:00 The Base
- 17:30 Ibada ya kiislamu
- 18:00 Jiji Letu
- 18:15 Mizengwe rpt
- 18:30 Kipindi Maalum: Utalii
- 19:00 Shamba lulu
- 19:30 Isidingo
- 20:00 Habari
- 21:05 Kipima Joto
- 23:00 Habari
- 23:30 The Base
- 00:30 DWTW

SATURDAY 22 Aug

- 5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi
- 6:00 HABARI
- 6:40 Kumekucha
- 7:00 Habari
- 8:00 Al Jazeera
- 9:00 Watoto wetu
- 9:00 Shika Bamba 5
- 10:30 Mjue Zaidi rpt
- 11:15 Chetu ni chetu rpt
- 12:15 The Great Queen Seonduk
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- 17:00 Shamsam za Pwani
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SUNDAY 23 Aug

- 5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi
- 6:00 HABARI
- 6:40 Kumekucha
- 7:00 Habari
- 8:00 Al Jazeera
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CAPITAL

Sat 15 Aug

- 08:00 Al Jazeera
- 09:00 Advanced Player League Cricket Tournament 2020 (APL 20) –Live
- 13:00 Telenovela rpt: (Destino) Destiny
- 14:00 Advanced Player League Cricket Tournament 2020 (APL 20) –Live
- 17:15 Tanzania Yetu rpt
- 17:45 Bundesliga kick off
- 18:15 Capchat rpt
- 19:15 Mizengwe
- 19:30 The Decor
- 20:00 Korean Drama: Beating Again
- 21:00 Out n' About
- 21:30 Movie: Out of fathers 1
- 23:00 Series rpt: Grapes of justice
- 01:00 Al Jazeera

Sun 16 Aug

- 08:00 Aljazeera
- 09:00 Advanced Player League Cricket Tournament 2020 (APL 20) –Live
- 13:00 Telenovela rpt: (Destino) Destiny
- 14:00 Advanced Player League Cricket Tournament 2020 (APL 20) –Live
- 17:00 Series rpt: Grapes of justice
- 17:00 The Decor rpt
- 17:30 Meza huru
- 19:00 Turning the Spotlight rpt
- 19:30 Cookery pgm: Culinary Delights
- 20:00 Korean Drama: Beating again
- 21:00 Shift
- 21:15 Capchat live
- 22:15 Telenovela rpt: (Destino) Destiny
- 00:00 Al Jazeera

Mon 17 Aug

- 06:00 Al Jazeera
- 07:00 Morning Jam (Via Capital Radio)
- 09:00 Lete Raha (Via Capital Radio)
- 13:00 Telenovela rpt: (Destino) Destiny
- 14:00 Club 101 (via Capital Radio)
- 16:00 Series rpt: Grapes of justice
- 16:30 Tanzania Yetu rpt
- 17:00 Eco@Africa rpt
- 17:30 Meza huru
- 19:00 The Décor rpt
- 19:30 Shamba lulu
- 20:00 Series: Grapes of justice
- 20:45 The Monday Agenda

TUESDAY 18 Aug

- 06:00 Al Jazeera
- 07:00 Morning Jam (Via Capital Radio)
- 09:00 Lete Raha (Via Capital Radio)
- 13:00 Telenovela rpt: (Destino) Destiny
- 14:00 Club 101 (via Capital Radio)
- 16:00 Series rpt: Grapes of justice
- 16:30 Capchat rpt
- 17:30 Meza huru
- 19:00 Innovation
- 19:30 Jagina rpt
- 20:00 Series: Grapes of justice
- 20:45 Telenovela: (Destino) Destiny
- 21:30 Capital Prime
- 22:00 Turning the spotlight rpt
- 22:30 Eco@Africa
- 23:00 Al Jazeera

Wed 19 Aug

- 06:00 Al Jazeera
- 07:00 Morning Jam (Via Capital Radio)
- 09:00 Lete Raha (Via Capital Radio)
- 13:00 Telenovela rpt: (Destino) Destiny
- 14:00 Club 101 (via Capital Radio)
- 16:00 Series rpt: Grapes of justice
- 16:30 Culinary delight rpt
- 17:00 Innovation rpt
- 17:30 Meza Huru
- 19:00 Sports Gazette
- 19:30 Chetu ni chetu
- 20:00 Series: Grapes of justice
- 20:45 Telenovela: (Destino) Destiny
- 21:30 Capital Prime News
- 22:00 Dakika 45:
- 23:15 The Décor
- Al Jazeera

Thurs 20Aug

- 06:00 Al Jazeera
- 07:00 Morning Jam (Via Capital Radio)
- 09:00 Lete Raha (Via Capital Radio)
- 13:00 Telenovela rpt: (Destino) Destiny
- 14:00 Club 101 (via Capital Radio)
- 16:00 Series rpt: Grapes of justice
- 16:30 Business edition rpt
- 17:00 In good shape
- 17:30 Meza huru
- 19:00 Turning the spotlight
- 19:30 Tanzania yetu
- 20:00 Series: Grapes of justice
- 20:45 Telenovela: (Destino) Destiny
- 21:30 Capital Prime News
- 22:00 Capchat rpt
- 23:00 Al Jazeera

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- 06:00 Al Jazeera
- 07:00 Morning Jam (Via Capital Radio)
- 09:00 Lete Raha (Via Capital Radio)
- 13:00 Telenovela rpt: (Destino) Destiny
- 14:00 Club 101 (via Capital Radio)
- 16:00 Series rpt: Grapes of justice
- 16:30 The Monday Agenda rpt
- 17:30 Meza huru
- 19:00 Rev
- 19:30 Eco@Africa
- 20:00 Aibu Yako
- 20:15 Local Pgm: Business Edition
- 20:45 Telenovela: (Destino) Destiny
- 21:30 Capital Prime News
- 22:00 Malumbano ya hoja rpt
- 00:00 Al Jazeera

Sat 22 Aug

- 08:00 Al Jazeera
- 09:00 Rev rpt
- 09:30 Turning the Spotlight rpt
- 10:00 Culinary delight rpt
- 10:30 Innovation rpt
- 11:00 Out n'about rpt
- 11:30 Sports Gazette rpt
- 12:00 Usafiri wako rpt
- 12:30 Eco@Africa rpt

WORLD

Trump Supreme Court gains steam as Romney backs election-year Senate vote

WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT Donald Trump's push to widen the U.S. Supreme Court's conservative majority received a boost yesterday as a longtime rival, Republican Senator Mitt Romney, said the Senate should move forward with a vote on his replacement for liberal Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

Romney's decision left Democrats with few hopes of blocking Senate confirmation of the Republican president's third appointment to the high court, which would give it a 6-3 conservative majority. Trump has said he plans to announce his nominee by Saturday.

Romney, the party's 2012 presidential nominee, is one of the few Republicans in Congress willing to criticize Trump, and he even voted to remove him from office in the February impeachment trial.

But the Utah senator dismissed Democratic arguments that the Senate should wait until after voters decide whether to re-elect Trump or chose his Democratic challenger Joe

Biden in the Nov. 3 presidential election. A Reuters/Ipsos poll published on Sunday found that a majority of Americans including many Republicans also wanted the election winner to make the nomination.

"I intend to follow the Constitution and precedent in considering the president's nominee," Romney said.

Republicans hold a 53-47 majority in the Senate. Four Republicans would have to join the Democrats in opposing a confirmation vote to block the nomination. Only two have taken that position. Alaska's Lisa Murkowski and Maine's Susan Collins said the Senate should not consider a nominee this year.

Collins faces a strong challenge from a Democrat aiming to oust her in the November election, when control of the Senate also is at stake.

Ginsburg, a pioneering advocate of gender equality, died last Friday at age 87.

Democrats accuse Republican lawmakers of hypocrisy, pointing out that they refused to even consider Democratic President Barack



Republican Senator Mitt Romney

Obama's nominee to fill a vacant Supreme Court seat in 2016 because it was an election year.

Romney said that was not a concern for him, as Washington was split between a Democratic president and a Republican Senate that year, while this year Republicans control both.

"My liberal friends have over many decades gotten very used to the idea of having a liberal court. And that's not written in the stars," he told reporters.

Romney also said it would be appropriate for a nation that he described as center-right politically to have a Supreme Court "that reflects center-right points of view."

POTENTIAL SUCCESSORS

Public mourning events for Ginsburg will be held in front of the Supreme Court on Wednesday and Thursday and in the Capitol on Friday.

Her replacement could steer the court in a more conservative direction on abortion, healthcare, gun rights, voting access, presidential powers and other spheres of American life.

Trump has mentioned two women who he has appointed as federal appeals court judges as possible nominees: Amy Coney Barrett of the Chicago-based 7th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals and Barbara Lagoa of the Atlanta-based 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

Trump met with Barrett at the White House on Monday

and has said he might meet with Lagoa in Florida later this week.

Both candidates enjoy strong support among conservative legal activists, but could potentially encounter problems in the Senate. Barrett could face opposition from Collins and Murkowski over concerns that she would roll back abortion rights, while Lagoa is not particularly well known, which could slow down the confirmation process.

Democrats have few, if any, options for preventing a vote.

Some Democrats have floated a second impeachment vote in the House of Representatives, which would force the Senate to hold another trial, or holding back government funding that is due to expire on Sept. 30, but congressional leaders have downplayed those possibilities.

"I've been around here a few years. You can slow things down but you can't stop them," Dick Durbin, the Senate's No. 2 Democrat, told reporters.

Outside liberal groups are ramping up pressure campaigns in the hopes of either swaying Republican senators like Collins and Colorado's Cory Gardner who face difficult re-election prospects, or using anger over the vote to boost Democratic turnout and oust them on Nov. 3.

Trump is pushing for a vote before the election, but Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell has so far not laid out a timeline. The Senate could also vote in a lame-duck session after the election before a new Congress is sworn in on Jan. 3.

Senate Democratic Leader Chuck Schumer said the Senate should honor Ginsburg's deathbed request that she not be replaced until the next president takes office on Jan. 20. "By all rights, we should honor her dying wish," he said on the floor of the Senate.

Agencies

Senior Russian diplomat notes progress in discussions on US-made Trident II missiles

MOSCOW

A certain progress has been achieved in Russian-US discussions on US-made Trident II missiles submarine-launched ballistic missiles fitted with nuclear warheads, Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Sergei Ryabkov said in an interview with the Kommersant daily.

"As far as the problem of refitting launchers of Trident II submarine-launched ballistic missiles is concerned, I can confirm that some progress has been made," he said. "But I'd rather <...> not go into details right now."

The Russian diplomat added that "the issue is still in the process of discussion, some matters have not yet been clarified."

"Yes, a certain progress has been achieved, but it is yet unclear when the next meeting of a bilateral consultative commission on the New START will be held. The pandemic affects our plans. We are searching for a date," Ryabkov said.

In late January, the Federation of American Scientists said the US Navy had started to deploy W76-2 low-yield nuclear warheads on some of its Trident submarine-launched ballistic missiles. The information was later confirmed by The Pentagon.

Russian Foreign Ministry's official spokeswoman Maria Zakharova said in late April the deployment of its low-yield nuclear warheads by the United States was a dangerous step that leads to destabilization. Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said the US production of W76-2 missiles lowers the nuclear threshold and increases the risk of a nuclear conflict. According to US experts, the new missile has the explosive yield of 5-6 kilotons.

Africa steps up efforts toward economic recovery

NAIROBI

WITH several countries in Africa showing signs of flattening the coronavirus infection curve, efforts are now underway toward investment in various sectors both at national and continental levels to allow economic recovery.

According to Cyril Ramaphosa, the chairperson of the African Union and the president of South Africa, the AU is developing a comprehensive response to coronavirus, addressing the economic, social and environmental pillars of sustainable development.

"Working together as countries, as the international community and with our development partners, it is within our means to meet the aspirations of Agenda 2030," Ramaphosa said at the virtual high level meeting of the United Nations sustainable development goals moment on September 17.

"It is within our means to eradicate poverty and inequality, bring about greater economic justice and conserve our natural world for future generations."

South Africa, the most affected country in Africa by the coronavirus in terms of infection caseload and deaths, has already bend the infection curve.

The development saw the country enforce level one lockdown on the midnight on Sunday, removing many of the remaining restrictions on economic activity.

This saw social, religious, political and other gatherings permitted, as long as the number of people does not exceed 50 percent of the normal capacity of a venue, up to a maximum of 250 people for indoor gatherings and 500 people for outdoor gatherings.

"Cabinet will build on this emerging common ground to finalize the country's economic reconstruction and recovery plan in the coming weeks," President Ramaphosa said while addressing the nation on Wednesday.

"The reconstruction and recovery plan that will be finalized will build on the US\$31 billion economic and social relief package we announced in April, which has provided vital support for households, companies and workers at a time of dire need."

Ramaphosa said more than 800,000 companies have benefited through the Unemployment Insurance Fund wage support scheme and through the grants and loans provided by various government departments and public entities.

He said the fund's benefit has been extended until the end of the national state of disaster on October 15, 2020, to ensure that those workers and companies whose income remains at risk can continue to be supported.

The country has adjusted the loan guarantee scheme to make it easier for companies of any size to access credit at low interest rates, with repayments delayed for as much as 12 months.

On Thursday, President Uhuru Kenyatta of Kenya launched US\$17.5 million school furniture project that will see Jua Kali artisans supply 650,000 locally assembled desks. The project is part of the government post-coronavirus economic stimulus program aimed at boosting the Jua Kali sector.

Agencies

Schools should reopen in Eastern, Southern Africa - UNICEF

GENEVA

THE United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) yesterday called on governments, parents, and teachers across Eastern and Southern Africa to urgently and safely reopen schools, as the costs of continued school closures escalate across the region.

Across this region, of the nearly 65 million children remaining out of school, around one in two are not reached by any form of learning, while millions of children continue to miss what was their one nutritious meal of the day, according to UNICEF.

"Seven months into the pandemic, we must be very clear about the gravity of this crisis: we are at risk of losing a generation," said Mohamed Malick Fall, Regional Director for UNICEF in Eastern and Southern Africa. "We see lost learning, rising violence, rising child labor, forced child marriages, teen pregnancies, and diminished nutrition."

A generation of children is at risk, and at the most critical time in the continent's history, Fall lamented.

As the region is experiencing un-

precedented population growth, it's important that this expanded workforce can receive quality learning at school so as to ensure that the potential for increased production could sustain an economic boom to drastically reduce poverty in Africa - where currently 70 percent of sub-Saharan Africa's people live on less than two US dollars a day, Fall said.

Safely re-opening schools by the beginning of October this year will give scholars a full term and vastly reduce learning losses, said Fall.

A third term for learners presents the last chance to recoup learning losses for 2020 and avert the dangers of permanent school drop-outs, he said. Re-opening will also reduce losses incurred by both parents and governments, Fall added.

UNICEF's call to safely re-open schools follows scientific evidence which shows children are not super-spreaders of COVID-19, and are the least affected by the virus in the region, with a mere 2.5 percent of COVID-19 cases attributed to children of school-going ages between five to 18 years.



Children who are part of a group of about 630 refugees originally from Democratic Republic of Congo, Rwanda, Burundi, and Bangladesh, and other countries attend a makeshift school in a tent in Bellville, Cape Town, yesterday. (AFP)

Critically, there is growing regional and global practice showing that safe school re-opening can be done with political will and community commitment, said Fall.

Most countries in Eastern and Southern Africa have seen the rationale of a phased return to schools, starting with exam classes in countries such as Botswana, Eritrea, Eswatini, Madagascar, Somalia,

Zambia, and recently Malawi and Zimbabwe.

Bigger countries with larger COVID-19 caseloads and higher student populations - such as South Africa - have re-opened schools for all grades since the end of August.

Fall pledged that UNICEF will support countries in the region, and share working practices on safely re-opening schools.

Agencies

Mediterranean states formally establish Egypt-based gas forum

CAIRO

SIX states signed a charter for an Egypt-based energy forum yesterday, giving formal status to a group that seeks to promote natural gas exports from the eastern Mediterranean and that Israel hopes will strengthen ties with Arab neighbors.

Egypt, Israel, Greece, Cyprus,

Italy and Jordan established the East Mediterranean Gas Forum (EMGF) as an intergovernmental organization in a virtual ceremony hosted by Cairo.

The group unites regional rivals of Turkey, which has been locked in a bitter dispute with European Union members Greece and Cyprus over gas drilling rights in the region.

The Palestinian Authority is also part of the forum. Israeli Energy Minister Yuval Steinitz said in a statement.

France has applied to join, with the United States and European Union requesting observer status.

For Israel, the forum "brings regional cooperation with Arab and European countries, the first

of its kind in history, with contracts to export (Israeli) gas to Jordan and Egypt worth US\$30 billion, and that is just the beginning," added Steinitz.

Egypt began importing Israeli gas at the start of this year, for possible re-export to Europe or Asia.

The 2015 discovery of the giant offshore Zohr field had unlocked

interest in Egypt's energy market and encouraged Cairo to promote itself as a regional hub.

However, regional politics, infrastructure and transport costs, and rivalry between Turkey and eastern Mediterranean neighbors, complicate prospects for exploiting and transporting gas from the region.

Agencies

United Nations pledges to further uphold three pillars for mankind's common future

NEW YORK

THE United Nations (UN) has pledged to further cement its three pillars, namely peace and security, development and human rights, and to strengthen multilateralism as well as international cooperation in the interest of both nations and peoples, the international body said in a latest declaration to mark its 75th anniversary.

"We have come far in 75 years but much more remains to be done. We have the tools and now we need to use them. The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development is our road map and its implementation a necessity for our survival. Urgent efforts are required," the UN said in the Declaration on the

Commemoration of the Seventy-fifth Anniversary of the United Nations. The world has been plagued by growing inequality, poverty, hunger, armed conflicts, terrorism, insecurity, climate change and pandemics, it noted, adding that these global challenges are interconnected and can only be addressed through reinvigorated multilateralism. "Multilateralism is not an option but a necessity as we build back better for a more equal, more resilient and more sustainable world. The United Nations must be at the center of our efforts," the declaration stressed.

Being the largest global challenge in UN's history, the COVID-19 pandemic has not only caused death and serious illness, but also global economic recession,

increased poverty, anxiety and fear, leaving no one untouched, the international body said in the declaration. "The COVID-19 pandemic has reminded us in the most powerful way that we are closely interconnected and only as strong as our weakest link," it said, calling for unity and solidarity to end the pandemic and build resilience against future challenges.

As COVID-19 caught the world off guard, it has reminded all nations to improve their preparedness for various challenges and crises by strengthening international cooperation, coordination and solidarity, it said. "It is important to learn and share experiences and information to reduce risks and make our systems more resilient," the United Na-

tions noted. "There is an urgent need to accelerate development, production, as well as equitable and affordable global access to new vaccines, medicines and medical equipment."

In this regard, it mentioned that apart from cross-border cooperation, cooperation across the whole society is also a must to deal with today's challenges. "We have to make the United Nations more inclusive and engage with all relevant stakeholders, including regional and subregional organizations, non-governmental organizations, civil society, the private sector, academia and parliamentarians to ensure an effective response to our common challenges," it noted. Notably, the United Nations highlighted the

importance of digital cooperation, as digital technologies have profoundly transformed society and shown a potential to speed up the realization of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Shaping a shared vision on digital cooperation and a digital future, as well as addressing digital trust and security must continue to be a priority, as the world is now more than ever relying on digital tools for connectivity and socioeconomic prosperity, it stressed, adding that safe and affordable digital access for all must be ensured.

The world body also reiterated the importance of abiding by the UN Charter, international law and the Se-

curity Council's resolutions to resolve armed conflicts and threats, so as to promote peace and safeguard human rights. "The purposes and principles of the Charter and international law remain timeless, universal and an indispensable foundation for a more peaceful, prosperous and just world," it said.

As terrorism and violent extremism pose serious threats to international peace and security, international arms control, non-proliferation and disarmament agreements and their architectures need to be upheld, it said, adding that the diplomatic toolbox of the Charter needs to be used to its full potential, including preventive diplomacy and mediation.

Xinhua



Florists pack fresh cut flowers at the Dounan Flower Market, Kunming, capital of southwest China's Yunnan province. File photo

SW China's Yunnan province develops street market into wind vane of domestic flower market

THE Dounan Flower Market, located in southwest China's Yunnan province, usually ushers in its peak of business at around 4 p.m., when trucks fully loaded with fresh flowers converge on the market. Citizens flock to the market to buy flowers, tourists are attracted by its reputation, and florists are always seen doing livestreaming shows to promote sales.

Nearly 70 percent of China's fresh cut flowers are traded at the Dounan Flower Market, Chenggong district, Kunming, capital of Yunnan province. With more than 110 major categories and over 1,600 varieties of flowers, the market has ranked first in China in terms of volume of business, cash flow, and the number of traders for many years in a row.

While it is now regarded as the wind vane and barometer of China's flower market, the Dounan Flower Market was only a street market where flowers were sold retail in the 1990s.

"Over 20 years ago, flower growers would cut flowers, tie them into bundles, put them into wicker baskets and then carry them with shoulder poles to the street flower market for sale," recalled Hua Mingsheng, a shop owner in the Kunming Dounan Flower Market, adding that flower retailers would walk their bikes around the market and make a purchase.

Hua still remembers that the old market, located at a street corner of Dounan village, Chenggong district, was packed with flower growers and retailers, and stacks and bundles of flowers occupied both sides of the road.

Hua runs a potted plant shop in the Dounan Flower Market. He often explains the planting methods of different plants to clients patiently.

In the late 1980s, Hua planted the first pot of carnations in Yunnan. In 2002, the Kunming International Flora Auction Trading Center was officially established in Dounan village. The first product auctioned at the center, fresh cut roses, was also planted by Hua.

From an ordinary farmer to a senior plant technician, Hua has witnessed the journey of local flower growers in more than 30 years.

In 1987, Hua, who was 24 years old, spent almost all the savings of his family on gladiolus seed balls and started to grow gladiolus on about 66.67 square meters of contracted land, becoming one of the first batch of flower growers in Dounan village.

Three months later, the first batch of gladioli flowers were cut and sold for more than 160 yuan (\$23.68). "The profit is several times higher than that generated by growing vegetables," Hua thought. Hua and other young

people in the village discovered the business opportunity in growing flowers.

Flowers planted by Hua were very popular back then and some of them, such as carnation and babysbreath, were brand new varieties to local people.

"They were always sold quickly in the market and some flower retailers even waited by the fields to buy the flowers," Hua said.

Hua described the flower growing forerunners in Dounan village as ambitious, daring, and hardworking.

Later, 95 percent of the peasant households in Dounan village started to grow flowers, instead of vegetables. They gradually introduced farming facilities into flower planting and stepped toward large-scale planting with more flower subdivisions.

The local government also rolled out policies to encourage local flower growers to rent land from other areas of the city so as to expand their planting areas. Hua and his friends pooled their capital and rented a total of about 20 hectares of land to grow cymbidium in Jinning district and Shilin Yi autonomous county of Kunming.

In 2012, Hua's son returned to his hometown after finishing his study in Thailand, and took over the flower planting business of his father. Since he can speak good Thai, the young man started to explore the Thai market for export and import of tropical plants. Just recently, he successfully exported 5,000 pots of small potted plants to Thailand.

A number of young people like Hua's son, who have been familiar with flowers since they were little, know about the market and skills, and boast vision, have infused more vitality to the flower industry in Dounan village.

Dounan village is no longer simply a base for growing flowers, but a synthesis of new forms of businesses covering auction, logistics, research and development, and agricultural resources. The village has shifted its focus from production into market-oriented services.

Last year, the annual sales volume of fresh cut flowers in the Dounan Flower Market reached nearly 7.44 billion yuan, and 9.2 billion stems of fresh flowers were sold to different parts of the country and exported to more than 50 countries and regions around the world.

The small village standing near the bank of Dianchi Lake has now become a heavyweight among fresh cut flower trading markets in Asia, and helped create jobs for more than one million people.

People's Daily

Kenya's private sector vows to accelerate adoption of circular economy

NAIROBI

KENYA'S private sector yesterday vowed to accelerate the adoption of the circular economy in order to promote environmental sustainability.

Karin Boomsma, director of Sustainable Inclusive Business that is an arm of the Kenya Private Sector Alliance (KEPSA) Foundation, said that one of the key challenges in the adoption of the circular economy concept starts with the lack of inclusion of circularity into

the policies as well as sector strategies.

"We need to create a new system and it will require a new mindset. We also need to convince our businesses and the government to change our economic value chain," Boomsma said in a statement released in Nairobi.

Boomsma observed that the role of proper infrastructure in promoting uptake of the circular economy cannot be overemphasized, especially in waste management and the capacity to recycle waste.

She added that through recycling of waste products, the private sector can access numerous investment opportunities that maximize limited resources in the country. She also called on the government to encourage the development of a solid legal framework that will support the adoption of sustainable business practices.

Carole Karuga, CEO of KEPSA, said that the private sector has a collective role in increasing awareness of the circular economy and its extensive benefits.

Kenya calls for rebuilding of UN system to fix global crises

NAIROBI

KENYAN President Uhuru Kenyatta has called for the rebuilding of the UN system to better address global crises, including the COVID-19 pandemic that has excessively impacted developing and emerging economies.

Kenyatta, who delivered a statement on Monday evening during the virtual high-level meeting to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the UN that also marked the opening session of this year's UN General Assembly (UNGA 2020), noted that the COVID-19 pandemic has exposed the global vulnerabilities of the UN.

"Now more than ever, we are called on to reflect on the words of the UN Charter that urge us to employ international machinery for economic and social advancement of all," he said in a statement issued on Tuesday in the coastal city of Mombasa after the meeting.

The Kenyan leader called for meaningful international partnerships and multilateral cooperation to build back better together.

He called for concerted efforts towards a UN system that is better financed and equipped to be more impactful to deal with humanitarian crises and be effective in the mitigation as well as elimination of civil and long protracted wars.

He said the world needs a multilateral system that directly targets poverty and inequalities as a global priority and pointed out that today's world is more diverse and complex yet more interdependent.

"The juxtaposition must ignite our collective resolve to act now but more importantly to act decisively in solidarity so as to ensure that the UN serves well the needs of the world's people, the people in whose name this great organization was established," said Kenyatta.

He urged the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and other multilateral lenders to be responsive to proposals of debt management especially from developing countries so as to create fiscal space that accommodates needed for the economies to survive the negative effects of the COVID-19 global health crisis.

Kenyatta pointed out that global challenges have unprecedentedly intensified, citing innovation and technology that have created great opportunities while at the same time unleashing challenges that would have been unimaginable to the visionaries who created the UN.

"Therefore, I do believe it is incumbent upon us to rethink how we can build a better United Nations. But in order to Build Back Better, the United Nations system, we must ensure that it is closer to the people, more representative of the 21st Century and in line with the spirit of leaving no one behind," he said.

He said the anniversary provided an opportunity for the world to reflect and assess the role and relevance of the UN system, especially its charter which speaks of a future that the world needs. **Xinhua**

Xi expounds on UN's role in post-COVID era, opposing unilateralism, 'boss of world'

BEIJING

CHINESE President Xi Jinping on Monday shared his thoughts on the role of the United Nations (UN) in the post-COVID era, opposing unilateralism, bullying or any country acting like "boss of the world."

Xi made the comments at a high-level meeting to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the UN.

Stressing that the UN must stand firm for justice, Xi said no country has the right to dominate global affairs, control the destiny of others, or keep advantages in development all to itself.

"Even less should one be allowed to do whatever it likes and be the hegemon, bully or boss of the world," Xi said.

He said it is imperative that the representation and voice of developing countries be increased so that the UN could be more balanced in reflecting the interests and wishes of the majority of countries in the world.

Stressing that the UN must uphold the rule of law, Xi said relations among countries and coordination of their interests must only be based on rules and institutions.

"They must not be lorded over by those who wave a strong fist at others," Xi said.

Big countries should lead by example in advocating and upholding the international rule of law and in honoring their commitments, he added.

"There must be no practice of exceptionalism or double standards. Nor should international law be distorted and used as a pretext to undermine other countries' legitimate rights and interests or world peace and stability," Xi said.



Chinese President Xi Jinping addresses a high-level meeting to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the United Nations via video on Monday. (Xinhua)

The Chinese president said the UN must promote cooperation, noting that "Cold War mentality, ideological lines or zero-sum game are no solution to a country's own problems, still less an answer to mankind's common challenges."

"What we need to do is to replace conflict with dialogue, coercion with consultation and zero-sum with win-win," he added.

The Chinese president also said that the UN must focus on real action.

"To put into practice the principle of multilateralism, we must act, not just talk," Xi said. "There must be a cure, not just a therapy."

The UN should aim at problem solving and move toward tangible outcomes as it advances security, development and human rights in parallel, he added.

In particular, he said priority should

be given to addressing non-traditional security challenges such as public health.

At the meeting, Xi lauded UN's role in 75 years, saying the organization has traveled an extraordinary journey.

He said the 75 years has seen dramatic progress in human society and profound changes in the international situation, and has been a period of rapid development of multilateralism.

Xi said China firmly defends the central role of the UN in international affairs.

China firmly upholds the UN-centered international system and the international order underpinned by international law, he said.

"Let us renew our firm commitment to multilateralism, work to promote a community with a shared future for mankind," Xi said before concluding his remarks. **Xinhua**

Work on Avangard complex comparable to USSR nuclear project - Putin

NOVO-OGARYOVO

RUSSIAN President Vladimir Putin compared the work of Russian gunsmiths on the development of the Avangard hypersonic missiles with the scale of the USSR's nuclear project, Putin said on Saturday during a video conference on the Gunsmith Day with an engineer - designer of rocket and space technology Gerbert Efremov.

"The results of your work can hardly be overestimated. You not only stood at the origins of this technological idea, but you are its author. In modern conditions, the embodiment of your idea for our country is undoubtedly comparable to the implementation of the Soviet Union's nuclear and missile projects, which were carried out by outstanding Soviet scientists Kurchatov and Korolev," Putin said.

The Russian leader recalled that the US withdrawal from the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty in 2002 forced Russia to



start developing hypersonic weapons.

"We had to create these weapons in response to the US deploying strategic missile defense system, which in

the future would be able to actually neutralize, nullify our entire nuclear potential," Putin said.

Agencies

US politicians trying to overturn current rule system doomed to fail

EVERYBODY conscious knows who are overturning the current international rule system and betraying international promises and obligations, as some U.S. politicians, led by Secretary of State Mike Pompeo have well proved it by their "America first" approach, as well as practices that trample on rules and go against justice.

However, these U.S. politicians are still shamelessly accusing China of overturning the rule system. Such hegemonic acts are nothing but best examples of deception.

Following the "America first" approach, the U.S. has practiced unilateralism and hegemonism to the fullest. By using whatever that suits its interests and abandon-

ing whatever that does not, it is imposing huge threats to and destroying the international rule system.

Signatories of international treaties must shoulder corresponding international responsibilities and obligations, which is the most basic common sense. However, these U.S. politicians are just doing the opposite.

The U.S., neglecting the Universal Postal Union stipulation that poor and developing economies can enjoy lower shipping rates than developed countries, declared to withdraw from the organization in the excuse that countries shall adopt self-declared rates. The White House also neglected its international obligations to cope with climate

change and help developing countries cut emission, and quit the Paris Agreement in less than a year since it submitted an instrument of ratification to the United Nations (UN). To divert public attention from its incapability of epidemic control, the White House unreasonably attacked and withdrew from the World Health Organization this year, at the most critical moment of the global fight against COVID-19.

The number of international treaties that the current U.S. administration has quit is the highest in history, and such practice exactly exposed the short-sightedness and hegemony of the U.S. Richard Haass, president of the Council on Foreign Relations

recently pointed out that the country is seen not just as less attractive and capable but also as less reliable, as it withdraws from multilateral agreements and distances itself from allies.

The "America first" approach has created huge damage to the universal international commercial rules. In the recent years, the White House has been starting trade disputes around the world, weaponizing tariffs and making national security a mighty shield against everything. It takes its trade partners as enemies, and blatantly violates the market rules of equal and free competition. It abuses the so-called national security and employed state resources to attack others, including sup-

pressing a series of Chinese private firms such as Huawei, Byte Dance and Tencent. In essence, the country is bullying enterprises from other countries and trampling on commercial rules with state power. Such practices go against the market economy and equal competition rules the U.S. had long boasted, and damage international rules.

Some said that the U.S. government has violated the constitution and exceeded its authority by banning Chinese tech firms and requesting individuals and entities under the jurisdiction of the U.S. to stop trading with relevant Chinese firms and their subsidiaries.

"America first," which indeed is "private interests first,"

is a policy that contradicts the international rules safeguarding equity and justice. America economist Paul Krugman attributed the self-destructive behaviors of U.S. politicians to the fact that "They were all members of America's cult of selfishness." They replace globalism with "America first," which in essence is a practice of placing political needs and private interests above global consensus, equity and justice. They will eat their bitter fruits.

In July, the U.S. once again hindered the restarting of the dispute settlement mechanism of the WTO, leading to lack of efficacy and security of the rule-based global trade system. What it did was opposed by multiple

countries.

The U.S. has withdrawn from the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action, but it recently unreasonably requested to restore sanctions on Iran, which triggered opposition from other members of the UN Security Council. Even its allies from the European Union described the request as invalid. U.S. diplomats pointed out that the U.S. today in confronting with the world.

As a Chinese saying goes, the world community is equally shared by all. The U.S. politicians who try to overturn the current rule system will never succeed, and any practice that places private interests above the common interests of the world is doomed to fail.

People's Daily



Female athletes take part in women's 1500m race final of the 2020 National Championships, which took place at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam recently. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT JUMANNE JUMA

Filbert Bayi Foundation justly garners praise

By Correspondent Lloyd Elipokea

FYI (For your information), just in case you have been unfortunately crumpled up underneath a humungous boulder, Coast Region emerged triumphant last weekend at the National Athletics Championships here in the country's ever-bustling commercial nerve-center, Dar es Salaam.

Apart from Coast Region's heroics, however, one fact that stood out for me was the lavish praise heaped on Filbert Bayi Foundation for promoting domestic athletics.

Indeed, this is a sentiment which this writer concurs with wholeheartedly.

And, might I add, the man after whom the aforesaid foundation is named, Filbert Bayi, is a bona fide sporting icon born and bred in Tanzania, who is meritorious of the utmost respect.

It is an unimpeachable fact that in the pantheon of domestic sporting legends, which includes such gold-encrusted names like Suleiman Nyambui, Rashid Matumla, Syllersaid Mziray, et al, one name features just as prominently on this exalted roll-call of domestic sporting immortals and this name is none other than Filbert Bayi, who is arguably our country's greatest-ever athlete.

Indeed, at the Commonwealth Games in 1974, Bayi set a commonwealth games record in the 1500 meters which, stupefyingly, still stands to this day. Positively gob-smacking stuff!

Upon retirement, Bayi could have easily elected to distance himself from matters domestic sports in favor of following the goings-on on our sports scene from afar.

Instead, Bayi dove into the waters of domestic sports administration and sports stewardship, which are the pursuits he has busied himself with during the last three decades.

During the course of this long spell, Bayi rose to become the secretary-general of the Tanzania Olympic Committee (TOC), and he also set up the Filbert Bayi Foundation as a vehicle to aggressively promote domestic sports.

So, Coast Region, it is with plentiful cheer that I second your praise of this great sporting heavyweight.

Switching gears, the national U-20 women football team are set to head into a training camp commencing on September 22 in readiness for a looming U-20 World Cup qualifier against Senegalese opposition.

Towards that end, this writer would like to call upon the powers that be of domestic football to hastily organize a friendly encounter for our young women so as to ensure that they are razor-sharp come their 'moment of truth'.

Granted, I do recognize the fact that organizing a clash against foreign opposition at such short notice can be quite a grim undertaking.

Nevertheless, the tune-up duel need not be necessarily against foreign opposition.

Indeed, if the will is there, a friendly game could be organized against any of the following sides, to wit: the Serengeti Boys, Simba Queens, who were crowned as domestic women's football league champions last season, and even the Ngorongoro Heroes.

The rationale for this thinking is this, West Africa has long been regarded as a bastion of might in continental women's football.

Thus, when D-Day dawns our national U-20 women's team will need to be as prepared as can be for the weighty task at hand.

May Lady Fortune smile on you all my compatriots as you prepare for your 'hour of reckoning.'

Morogoro woman wins SportPesa Jackpot award

By Guardian Reporter

SPORTS betting company, SportPesa Tanzania, yesterday announced Morogoro resident, Lilian Ngitoria Laizer, as a winner of the firm's game, known as 'Jackpot', held last week.

Lilian, who resides in Turiani, received cash prize totaling 267, 800, 060/- from the betting firm.

The 28-year-old entrepreneur laid her hands on the Jackpot after placing right bets on 13 soccer games, which took place last weekend, in the betting game.

SportPesa Tanzania's Director of Administration and Compliance, Tarimba Abbas, congratulated Lilian for her win via

taking part in Jackpot game.

He noted; "We are keeping on being creative, targeting to improve Tanzanians' lives via various sports particularly soccer.

"I would like to officially announce Lilian as the last week's Jackpot winner.

"The cash prize she has won has already been deposited in her bank account and we are following procedures with a view to seeing to it we hand her the cash, given we award people immediately after they have won."

SportPesa is a prominent company which sponsors Tanzania's popular soccer clubs, Simba SC, Yanga and Namungo FC.

The betting company started sponsoring Lindi-based Namungo FC in 2017.

Kinondoni Development youngsters demolish TCA Women side in 2020 TCA Development League

By Guardian Reporter

KINONDONI Development youngsters have inched closer to lifting the 2020 TCA Dar es Salaam Development League's silverware after cruising to a 10-wicket drubbing of TCA Women team in a clash that took place in the city last weekend.

The game's eventual winners have consequently made certain of their progression to the tournament's final on the basis of ending second after the completion of the round robin stage.

They will lock horns with the tournament leaders, Lions Academy, in the final which will take place in the city on Saturday.

Solid batting displays showcased by Kinondoni Development saw the youngsters effortlessly tame the TCA Women squad that has, in the process, completed the league format with no win having taken part in three matches.

The TCA Women team's batting weakness was ruthlessly exposed given they were bowled out for 70 runs in 21.5 overs of the 40-over match after they had won the toss and elected to bat.

Experienced all-rounders, skipper Monica Paschal, Saida Khamis and Mwapani Ally, were the batters that ended with double digit figures, whereas fellow batter were dismissed in quick succession.

They got off to a promising start, given Monica recorded 12 runs which consisted of two fours.

Saida, who came on at number three, notched 13 runs and had time to showcase flashes of aggressiveness given she blasted three fours.

Monica and Saida's dismissals happened to be a huge blow to the outfit, as the remaining batters were less impressive at the crease, making their way to the pavilion at regular interval.

Low order batter, Mwapani, helped to slightly push the team's total with her 10 runs, her efforts to extend her



TCA Women side's Mwanaidi Ibrahim (R), puts her batting skills to show during her squad's 2020 TCA Dar es Salaam Development League game against Upanga Warriors, which took place in the city recently. PHOTO: COURTESY OF TCA

presence were foiled by Kinondoni Development bowler Dhyey Shah that sent the batter back to the pavilion. Shah stood out of the remainder of Kinondoni Development outfit's bowlers, ending his spell with a five-wicket haul.

He conceded eight runs in 4.5 overs, registering an economy rate of 1.66.

Kelvin Anjelo chipped in with two wickets leaking eight runs in five overs.

Needing 71 runs to come out victorious, Kinondoni Development youngsters smoothly got down to the chase and, in the end, posted the emphatic victory.

Opening batsmen, Jumanne Mohamed and skipper Mohamed Omary, staged unbeaten partnership, confidently steering their squad to the victory and a place in the final.

Jumanne recorded 15 runs not out which included two fours, Mohamed was more ruthless, surpassing a

half century mark and posted 56 runs not out.

Mohamed's spell had the batsman duly punishing TCA Women outfit's bowlers, posting seven fours and two sixes.

Kinondoni Development youngsters' win over TCA Women outfit has further dashed Upanga Warriors and Ilala Boys' hopes of successfully fighting for the competition's trophy away.

Upanga Warriors and Ilala Boys have ended third and fourth respectively in the tournament's table after the

completion of the league matches.

Upanga Warriors registered two wins and loss in two outings, settling for four points, whereas Ilala Boys collected two points, notching victory in one match and losing three duels.

Bottom-placed TCA Women squad ended with no win in the three clashes they participated in.

They have settled for net run rate of -5.5006, having posted 242 runs and leaked 654 runs.

Chama wins plaudits as Simba SC thumps Biashara United



Simba's midfielder, Clatous Chama.

By Nassir Nchimbi, TUDARCO

SIMBA SC midfielder, Clatous Chama, put scintillating showing to inspire his side to a comprehensive 4-0 victory over Biashara United in a Vodacom Premier League (VPL) clash, which took place at the Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam on Sunday.

The hosts made four changes in their starting 11 in the game, with Brazilian midfielder, Gerson Fraga, playing for the squad for the first time this season.

Zambian midfielder, Larry Bwalya, striker Meddie Kagere and experienced defender Serge Wawa were also handed a spot in the squad in the clash.

Simba made it look easy as it took just nine minutes for them to score the first goal through last season's VPL best player, Chama.

The skilful midfielder tapped into the back of the net a fine pass from winger Luis Miquissone after Biashara United defenders had made a sloppy mistake that led to the goal.

The hosts were later forced to make an early substitution after Fraga had sustained an injury.

He was replaced by Said Khamis Ndemia, who was introduced on the 16th minute, to showcase his prowess in the middle of the park.

Simba continued to attack Biashara United through the former's midfielders and wingers with speed, the approach

helped them notch a second goal through Chama on the 29th minute.

Miquissone once again provided an assist for Chama, who calmly slotted in, leaving Biashara United goalkeeper, Daniel Mgore, helplessly sprawling on the turf.

Simba had the two-goal lead at the breather. The second half began with Simba picking up from where they had left off by putting Biashara United's defense under pressure.

The hosts' efforts saw them record a third goal through the previous season's top scorer, Kagere, beating Biashara United goalie Mgore with a thunderbolt after the forward had received a fine through pass from Miquissone.

Simba made another two substitutions, bringing in winger Bernard Morrison and

striker Chris Mugal.

Both substitutes had a positive impact on the hosts' approach, in which Morrison made dangerous runs that kept the visitors' defenders under pressure.

Mugal drilled in the fourth goal on the 85th minute, placing the ball on the opponents' bottom left corner after he had received a fine back heel pass from Chama.

Simba have as a result collected seven seven points after three games, they will then confront Mwanza's Gwambina FC at the same venue on Saturday.

UEFA Super Cup interest will be focused away from the pitch

BUDAPEST

THE UEFA Super Cup match between Champions League winners Bayern Munich and Europa League holders Sevilla on Thursday would in normal circumstances be an attractive showpiece clash between two teams enjoying a remarkable run of form.

Bayern are unbeaten since Dec. 7, a run of 31 competitive matches which has seen them steamroller several opponents – including Barcelona who were beaten 8-2 – on their way to completing a Bundesliga, German Cup and Champions League treble.

Sevilla's form has been almost as impressive with no defeats since Feb. 9 – a run of 21 matches – as they finished the season by lifting the Europa League. But the main interest is likely to revolve around the game's status as a test event for the return of fans to stadiums. Although some countries have begun allowing spectators back in small numbers, Thursday's match in Hungary is more ambitious, and arguably riskier, with UEFA and local authorities allowing the Puskas Arena to fill up to one third of its 67,000 capacity.

It will also feature travelling fans with 3,000 tickets available to followers of each club.

HYGIENE MEASURES

UEFA says strict hygiene measures will be in place with fans instructed to keep a distance of 1.5 metres from each other, wear masks and wash and disinfect their hands wherever possible. They also have to undergo body temperature checks at the stadium and anyone over 37.8 Celsius will be barred entry.

Thiago Silva sets sights on Premier League glory with Chelsea

LONDON

THIAGO Silva has set his sights on winning the Premier League title with Chelsea, insisting he does not lack motivation in the twilight of his career.

The defender joined Frank Lampard's side from Paris Saint-Germain on a free transfer in August and is waiting to make his Blues debut after being granted a longer break than his new team-mates.

The Brazil centre-back will be 36 on Tuesday, but he does not agree with suggestions he is past his best and will not be able to cope with the physical demands of the Premier League.

Silva plans to feature at the 2022 World Cup in Qatar and is targeting silverware with Chelsea after eight successful years with PSG, who won the French title and reached the Champions League final last season.

"What motivates me, day by day, is the hunger to win; to win everything within my reach," Silva told Chelsea's website on Monday.

"Coming to the Premier League, my main goal is to win the league title and I'm certain that we'll be fighting for that every step of the way."

"As I've said before, the prospect of playing at the next World Cup

Those supporters arriving from abroad will have to present a ticket and proof of a negative COVID-19 test which must have been conducted in the previous three days, and they can only stay in the country for up to 72 hours.

But those measures have not convinced everyone.

On Monday, Bavarian Premier Markus Soeder urged Bayern Munich fans not to travel, warning that the match could turn into a hotbed for COVID-19 to spread. He also warned they could face quarantine on their return to Germany.

That could make it more trouble than it is worth for many fans, especially for a fixture that is often regarded as little more than an exhibition event.

First played in 1973, it originally featured the winners of the old European Cup and European Cup Winners' Cup until the latter was abolished in 1999. Since then, it has been between the Champions League and Europa League winners.

The single leg format has been used since 1998 and, in recent years, UEFA has taken it to cities which are less likely to host major European club matches such as Tbilisi, Skopje, Trondheim and Tallinn.

Given the current health situation and the short break since the end of the previous season, Bayern coach Hansi Flick was less than happy about playing the match.

"Both teams had a short break and not a very long time to prepare for the game," he said. "It's something that we don't really understand. It's not a decision we have taken – it's been taken by others."

is another thing that really drives me," he added. "I'll be more or less 38 years old by the time of the next World Cup and I'm hugely motivated to be in good shape for it."

Chelsea have spent around £200 million (\$255 million) on Frank Lampard's close-season rebuild, with Timo Werner, Hakim Ziyech, Kai Havertz and Ben Chilwell all joining as well as Silva.

Rennes goalkeeper Edouard Mendy is also expected to arrive soon as Chelsea seek to improve on last season's fourth-place finish in the Premier League.

Lampard's side finished 33 points behind champions Liverpool, who beat them 2-0 at Stamford Bridge on Sunday to underscore the gap between the teams.

Silva wants to help Chelsea overhaul Liverpool and his experience and leadership could prove key elements in a defence that has been creaky since Lampard took charge last year.

"The club has gone a few years without spending big money, without regenerating the squad, but now we're starting again on a new journey with some big signings," Silva said.

"I hope that this reboot will bring the same success as the club has enjoyed in the past."

AFP

Man Utd need '4 or 5' games to catch up - Ole

LONDON

OLE Gunnar Solskjaer believes Manchester United might need five games to get up to speed.

The Norwegian watched United slip to a 3-1 defeat to Crystal Palace at Old Trafford on Saturday as they got their campaign off to the worst possible start. And after a short pre-season, Solskjaer, who takes his team to Championship side Luton in the Carabao Cup on Tuesday night, says it could take weeks for his players to regain their match fitness.

"We need four or five games to get up to the standard we know we're capable of," said Solskjaer. "We haven't had an opportunity to make those games in and we have to get sure, in these games, we get the minutes and make the players ready to start competing in the league again."

United were able to play just one warm-up game against Aston Villa before facing Crystal Palace. After travelling to Luton, they face a tricky run of fixtures featuring games against Tottenham Hotspur, Chelsea, Arsenal and Everton before the middle of No-

vember.

Solskjaer has no new injuries worries for the trip to Luton, but is set to make changes including handing a first United start to goalkeeper Dean Henderson, who returned to the club from his loan spell at Sheffield United in the summer.

Meanwhile, sources have told ESPN that United are pushing ahead with negotiations with FC Porto for Brazilian left-back Alex Telles. Solskjaer has been given encouragement over a move for the 27-year-old, who has also had spells at Galatasaray and Internazionale, although a fee has not yet been agreed with the Portuguese side, who want close to £18.5 million. United are hopeful of making at least one new signing before the Oct. 5 deadline. AS Roma have made contact about signing Chris Smalling permanently but have so far failed to meet United's asking price of around £20m. The 30-year-old enjoyed an impressive loan spell at Roma last season and despite returning to Carlington over the summer, was left out of the United squad for the defeat to Palace. (Agencies)

Man City pass early test but know consistency is key in title chase

WOLVERHAMPTON, England

IF Manchester City started this season facing questions, they provided some early answers with a 3-1 win over Wolverhampton Wanderers.

Will they be able to cut out some of the sloppy performances that dogged them last season? That they battled past Wolves – who beat them twice last season – is a positive sign. Can Phil Foden recover from his England indiscretion to replace David Silva? The young midfielder tucked away City's second goal like he didn't have a care in the world.

More importantly, does Pep Guardiola still have the same fight as he enters a fifth year in charge of the same club for the first time in his managerial career? The way he celebrated each goal – with clenched fists followed by a vigorous round of applause – suggested that he is not yet tired of winning.

It should be remembered that on the opening weekend of last season, City romped to a 5-0 win at West Ham United and still fell well short of Liverpool. But this was a different test, playing against a formidable Wolves side without the benefit of any kind of preseason, with no warm-up games and missing key players in Aymeric Laporte, Ilkay Gundogan, Bernardo Silva and Sergio Aguero.

Guardiola was missing seven senior players in total. Ole Gunnar Solskjaer, in particular, highlighted a lack of fitness when asked to dissect Manchester United's miserable defeat to Crystal Palace on Saturday at Old Trafford. Well, City, who handed debuts to Nathan Ake and Ferran Torres, were involved in European competition until the middle of August, and they managed to summon the energy to kick off their campaign with a win.

After 45 minutes, Guardiola's side were 2-0 up, thanks to Kevin De Bruyne's penalty and Foden's tap-in, but it could have been more after they enjoyed nearly 70% of the ball and had eight shots and five on target. Tiring and under pressure in the second half, Guardiola's side showed a resilience that was missing at times last season, and despite Raul Jimenez's making it 2-1 on 78 minutes, Gabriel Jesus wrapped up the points in stoppage time.

"I'm very pleased for the performance and the way we played. It's one of the most difficult places to play in the Premier League," Guardiola said afterward.



Wolverhampton Wanderers' Raul Jimenez scores their goal against Manchester City. (Agencies)

Last season, City didn't click into gear until it was too late. They won their final five games of the season by an aggregate score of 21-1, but by then, Liverpool had already collected their medals. If they are to wrestle the trophy back from Anfield, the performance at Molineux will have to be replicated over and over.

Liverpool did not lose a league game until Feb. 29 last season, and consistency is now key in a championship that has not crowned a winner with fewer than 90 points since 2016. The past three champions reached at least 98 points and lost a maximum of four games over the course of a 38-game season. There is no longer a margin for error. Had City

dropped points here, Guardiola would have been able to find plenty of valid excuses, but he didn't need to.

City are over their first hurdle at a ground where last season's defensive frailties were exposed in a 3-2 defeat. Guardiola reserved special praise for centre-back pairing Ake and John Stones – "they were so good," he said in his postmatch news conference – but there are still issues to address, and he will be unhappy that Wolves had three good chances before Jimenez found the net from Daniel Podence's cross.

But a dangerous game, played in less than ideal circumstances, has been safely negotiated. After such a shortened

break this summer, the price, according to Guardiola, is that the team picked to play Bournemouth in the Carabao Cup on Thursday will be "mostly players from the academy" while his senior stars get a rest.

"We won the Carabao Cup three times in a row, and we would like to continue, but we don't have the players, in this period, to play every three days," he said. "It was so difficult. It is a good victory for us. We cannot pretend we can recover in three days and then another three days play again."

The priority is the league and getting their title back.

(Agencies)

Regression of reputation behind Kepa criticism?

By Leander Schaerlaeckens, Yahoo Sports

LET's entertain a theory. The theory is that soccer players don't actually change all that much over the course of their careers. That their skills sharpen and then erode, that they might lose a step, that their engine develops sludge, that they also learn the game better and trade on their experience. But that during a player's prime years, the differences are small. The biggest thing that changes is our impression of that player. The primary variable is reputation.

Soccer players go in and out of fashion. Their value is in the eye of the beholder. A player comes up and establishes himself and a certain value is affixed to him. He is fashionable. But then he might suffer a crisis in form or a long-term injury or wind up with a manager who has no use for him. He falls out of fashion. He is now "useless." Or "past it." Or "overrated."

That label is eventually internalized by the player himself. How can it not be? When everything he hears and reads reaffirms his newly downgraded status? His performances conform to the narrative of his decline. It's a hard cycle of which to break out.

Which brings us, of course, to Kepa Arrizabalaga, the embattled Chelsea goalkeeper.

After only two seasons as Athletic Bilbao's starting goalkeeper, he was anointed, at 23, as Spain's next great goalkeeper. The next David de Gea, after de Gea was himself proclaimed to be in decline. Kepa was fashionable. Real Madrid came knocking, but he wound up at Chelsea as the most expensive goalkeeper of all time at a transfer fee of some \$95 million. He succeeded Thibaut Courtois, who was off to Real where he, too, would soon fall in the public estimation.

Kepa made mistakes, as young goalkeepers do. His save rate wasn't good. He gave up far too many goals from distance. The criticism doesn't appear to have helped Kepa any. Nor has talk of his premature succession by Edouard Mendy from Rennes.

When NBC's Premier League host Rebecca Lowe asked her studio pundits about any weaknesses ahead of Sunday's Chelsea-Liverpool match, she qualified the question: "Do you see any weak links, other than Kepa?"

Kepa has become a laughingstock. Kepa is out of fashion.

Is the criticism warranted? Certainly. His inexplicably bad pass against Liverpool, trying to distribute the ball out of the back, the very thing he was supposed to be so good at, gifted Sadio Mane his second goal in the Reds' simple 2-0 victory – abetted by Andreas Christensen's first-half red card. Kepa also made two strong saves, particularly late on, reacting superbly to a deflected shot from distance.

But the unrelenting negativity surrounding Kepa also makes it nearly impossible for him to escape



Chelsea goalkeeper Kepa Arrizabalaga had another rough outing on Sunday against Liverpool. (Agencies)

the downward spiral. Not only does he have to mend his own form and confidence in the glare of all that scrutiny, but then he'll have to convince the fans and critics as they bay loudly for blood and a new goalkeeper.

More likely, Mendy will arrive and become all the rage. The savior. Until some reason arises for him to be cast in a different role. A villain. Or a bust. Kepa's reputation will probably have to be restored elsewhere.

Consider the case of James Rodriguez.

After the 2014 World Cup, the Colombian attacking midfielder was the hottest commodity in soccer.

He went to Real Madrid and thrived. His stats were good every season, but Real moved on to other players regardless. James was allowed to join Bayern Munich on loan, but after two solid seasons, the Bavarians were done with him, too. Real barely used him last season.

This summer, his career sagged to the point where he was available to Everton. In his second game, on Saturday,

James was sublime in the Toffees' 5-2 lashing of West Bromwich Albion. James is now seen as a sensation. He's still got it. He is back in fashion. The man is, after all, only 29.

Tottenham Hotspur will hope for the same from Gareth Bale. After seven mostly glorious years, the Welsh winger has returned to North London from Real Madrid, where he, like James, fell from grace for no other reason than that manager Zinedine Zidane would sooner play somebody else.

Bale had grown into one of the world's top players in the Spanish capital, in spite of playing out of position for most of his time there to accommodate Cristiano Ronaldo. But he became an outcast. A burden. Forgotten were his 105 official goals for the club, including the two that won the 2018 Champions League final.

When not hampered by injury, Bale is more or less the same player he was a few years ago when he was still considered among the elite in his position. At 31, he isn't yet old. He might be a tad slower, but he's also more polished now, after four Champions League and two La Liga titles.

For Spurs, Bale's return is a coup. Especially on a loan with Real reportedly picking up half of his towering salary. A few good games and Bale will be considered rehabilitated. Redeemed. A new man. He will be back in fashion.

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Gwiji by David Chikoko



TFF set to implement soccer philosophy

SPORT

Man City pass early test but know consistency is key in title chase

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Tanzania Football Federation (TFF) Secretary General, Wilfred Kidao.

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

TANZANIA has adopted its football playing philosophy which will be used in all games sanctioned by the Tanzania Football Federation (TFF), the body announced on Monday.

Wilfred Kidao, TFF Secretary General, said the football philosophy will come into force soon, adding that it is for the development of the sport in the country.

"At our extra ordinary meeting held in Tanga, we have adopted to have our own football philosophy, the type of football which will see us have our own identity in the sport," he said.

A media release from the federation, signed

by the body's information officer Clifford Ndimbo, confirmed the resolution, saying adopting the football philosophy was one of the agendas at the TFF meeting held in Tanga.

"Working with Union of European Football Associations (UEFA), through its UEFA Assist program, and other football specialists, we have come up with a football philosophy which will be used in the country," said part of the release from TFF.

Salum Madadi, TFF Director of Competitions, had attended various Confederation of African Football (CAF) and FIFA-sanctioned seminars on countries adopting their own football philosophies during his reign as the TFF Technical Director. He, though, refused to comment on the matter yesterday when asked of his expectations on the adopted football philosophy.

He said the TFF Technical Director, Oscar Mirambo, is better placed to comment on the matter. Efforts to seek Mirambo's comments on the issue hit snag, as the official could not be reached on his mobile phone the same day.

In an interview that Madadi had held when he was TFF Technical Director, he said he wanted to meet all Premier League clubs' head coaches to discuss the development of the sport in the country.

The meeting, he noted, also geared towards trying to come up with the country's football philosophy. The official disclosed the

development on his return from South Africa, where he attended CAF's Technical Directors meeting.

He said the continental soccer governing body has advised the officials to make sure that their respective countries are developing their own football philosophies.

Madadi said that in order for the new system to work well, they will enforce it in youth teams.

He said the model two course agreed that more emphasis must be put on elite youth football development and the country has no football philosophy, hence the need to start with youth football.

However, it is not known if local clubs will adhere to the directive of having one model of playing as many top flight competition's clubs are trained by coaches from various parts of the world who are used to types of playing commonly used in their

respective native countries.

Meanwhile, the TFF's meeting held Tanga also agreed to establish a School of Football Management, which will be used to train football administrators in the country.

"The meeting in Tanga also agreed to establish a TFF School of Football Management, to successfully realize this, we are working with professionals from higher learning centers, the plans are at a good stage," a media release from the federation disclosed.

It further said there are plans by the federation to come up with regulations for registration of football academies in the country.

According to the federation, the new regulations will issue guidelines on who should get a license for operating a football academy in the country.

The meeting also came up with rules and regulations for women football in the country.

Persons with special needs must actively participate in sports - call

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

TANZANIA has been urged to encourage people with intellectual disabilities to take part in sporting activities as the approach helps in having a welcoming and inclusive society.

The AGenergies Company Chief Operations Officer, Ibrahim Mussa, made the call while donating various sporting items to Special Olympics Tanzania (SOT) in Dar es Salaam yesterday. He said his company believes that people with intellectual disabilities must be given the opportunity to showcase their talents in various fields, which include sports.

Mussa said sports bring happiness, confidence and self belief among the intellectually challenged people.

"Sports are very important to all human beings, sports are of great value to people with intellectual challenges as they are vital in addressing inactivity, injustice, intolerance and social isolation by encouraging and empowering them and that leads to a more welcoming and inclusive society," he said.

The AGenergies Company official, moreover, promised his company's continued support to sports among the intellectually challenged people.

Charles Rays, SOT Director, thanked AGenergies Company for the support, saying it will help the committee prepare well for next year's National Championships slated for June next year in Mwanza.

Over 400 Special Olympics athletes and 70 coaches are expected to attend the National Championships.

The Mwanza championships will also be used to select athletes who will represent the country at the second Pan African Games slated for 2022 in Rwanda.

The Rwanda event will be used as qualifiers for the 2023 World Summer Games, which will take place in Germany.

Rays disclosed: "We really thank AGenergies Company for this donation, this will help us prepare well for the coming National Championships slated for June next year and the second edition of Pan African Games which will be held in 2022."

The SOT official asked the corporate world, organizations and individuals to emulate a good example set by AGenergies Company, saying it help the committee realize its dream of reaching all corners of the country.

The SOT last hosted the National Championships in Zanzibar in December, 2017. The hosts emerged as champions and 15 athletes were selected to represent the country in last year's Summer World Games, which took place in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates.

Tanzania has been doing well in Special Olympics' games. In this year's maiden Pan African Special Olympics' games played in Egypt, Tanzania collected 11 medals.

"Our athletes are very good, they have been competing at many international events and bring home medals," Rays noted. He disclosed: "They can win medals at any international event, look at the Egypt event, we collected 11 medals and the same can happen in any event, all we need is good preparations," he said.

Azam FC now seeks consistency in VPL

By Seth Denis, TUDARCO

AZAM FC's management says it is focused on seeing to it the squad maintains its impressive spell in the 2020/21 Vodacom Premier League.

The Dar es Salaam side notched its third victory in the domestic top flight, posting 1-0 win victory over Mbeya City FC at Sokoine Stadium in Mbeya last weekend to move to the second position in the competition's standing.

Rwandan midfielder Ally Niyonzima netted the only goal for Azam FC on the 75th minute of the duel.

Thabit Zakaria, Azam FC Information Officer, told The Guardian the outfit is keen on posting good results and ultimately achieve their goals.

Azam FC has been played second with nine points, having played three matches and the squad is yet to lose a game.

"We have started well and for us it is all about thanking God. Our main goal is to see to it that our winning record continues in all of our matches," he said.

He maintained that everything is going on well at the squad due to good plans the outfit has put in place in an effort to maintain their record.

Azam FC edged Polisi Tanzania 1-0 in the first game, the former later notched 2-0 victory over Coastal Union, with both games taking place at Azam Complex in the city.

Azam FC will next confront Tanzania Prisons at Nelson Mandela Stadium in Rukwa on Saturday.

Meanwhile, KMC FC's management has said that commitment shown by the club's players has played key role in the squad's acquisition of good results in the top flight, reports Nassir Nchimbi.

The Kinondoni District side edged Shinyanga's Mwadui FC 2-1 at the latter's home venue, Mwadui Complex, two days ago to record its third victory on the trot.

The visitors conceded a goal on the 11th minute as Issa Shabani netted for the hosts.

The goal lasted 66 minutes, given KMC FC levelled matters on the 77th minute via second half substitute, Relants Lusajo.

Lusajo was then on target during the closing stages to see KMC FC notch three points.

The victory has put KMC FC in the top spot in the 2020/21 VPL with nine points after playing three matches.

Christina Mwangala, KMC FC Information Officer, said that each of the outfit's players understands his responsibilities and fulfils them on time, an approach which has helped them post good results.

"The players are aware of what is expected in the team and they are supposed to ensure that they get victory, coming out victorious is their happiness as well," she disclosed.

"Doing so makes them stronger and

that's what happens, we are fighting harder."

The side walloped Mbeya City FC 4-0 in the opening duel and the former went on to post 2-1 victory over Tanzania Prisons.

Kagera Sugar are KMC FC's next opponents, in which the former will entertain the latter at the Kitaba Stadium in Bukoba at the weekend.

The coming match will see KMC FC seek to maintain their winning ways and cling on to the top position in the league standing.



Azam FC forward, Ayub Lyanga (L), dribbles past Mbeya City FC fullback, Mpoki Mwakinyuki, in a Vodacom Premier League clash, which took place in Mbeya early this week. PHOTO: COURTESY OF AZAM FC

TPBRC: Tanzania's boxers need more international bouts

By Seth Denis, TUDARCO

TANZANIA Professional Boxing Regulatory Commission (TPBRC)'s vice-president, Aga Peter, has said the country's boxers have to get many fights abroad in order to gain more experience and confidence.

Peter disclosed that last month, the country's professional boxer, Happy Daudi, lost by Technical Knockout (TKO) to Russian, Firuza Sharipova, in the International Boxing Association World Female Super Lightweight title bout, which took place in Kazan.

Happy suffered the TKO loss in the fifth round of the scheduled 10-round fight.

The Tanzanian boxer's record stands at eight wins, seven losses and one fight being declared draw.

Out of the eight wins, she has won four fights by knockout (KO) and out of the seven losses, she has lost five fights by KO.

She is lately rated first out of two female fighters in the Super Lightweight division in the country by Boxrec.

The network, which keeps records of professional boxers from all over the world, has placed Happy 47th out of 93 boxers in the Super Lightweight division globally.

Peter also stated that domestic boxers are fit and are continuing to participate in bouts that are taking place in the country.

He noted the domestic fights help the boxers stay in great shape and ready for coming bouts.

He urged the sport's stakeholders and fans to continue supporting the game.

The TPBRC official further asked boxing fans to opt out interfering with judges and referees' duties.

Peter noted TPBRC is now in final stages of having a specific procedure for assistant coaches to be licensed by the commission.

He maintained domestic boxers need to know the sport's rules and regulations.



Tanzania's female professional boxers, Happy Daudi (R) and Asha Nzowa, trade blows in a fight which took place in Dar es Salaam last year.

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