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## WHO Brazzaville office readies for coronavirus cases

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THE World Health Organization office in the Republic of Congo in Brazzaville has intensified efforts to stay combat ready against the deadly coronavirus, after Egypt recorded the first confirmed case in Africa on Friday.

Although the deadly disease which has claimed more than one thousand lives is yet to be recorded in central Africa, the organization has put in place strategic mechanisms.

Dr Michel Yao, coordinator of response operations at the WHO Africa Regional Office told the media that there are measures that are taken at the WHO level. One of the first steps was to send technical guidance to all ministers of health in the region, he stated.

"And these technical guidelines are aimed at taking measures in terms of



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detection. Early detection is essential because we need to detect quickly to avoid massive contamination. This detection must be done at the various points of entry, airports or seaports... to ensure that we can detect a person with symptoms coming from risk areas.

"This is related to the case definition. Now, when we detect a suspect, we absolutely must isolate him or her until we have confirmation; this confirmation is the second step. After that isolation, it is a question of confirming in a laboratory that the person is really contaminated with the coronavirus," he pointed out.

Congolese authorities said the country is equally at risk of the virus and thus measures need to be put in place.

The National Public Health Laboratory (LNSP) has equipment capable of testing for any type of virus, he added.

# Thousands of graduates staying idle untraceable



Chama cha Demokrasia na Maendeleo (Chadema) national Chairman Freeman Mbowe (2nd-R) pictured in Dar es Salaam yesterday leading other members of the opposition party's Central Committee to the venue of a meeting where they were expected to discuss the countdown to the country's General Election lined up for later this year. Photo: Guardian Photographer

While many graduates still tarmac the roads with brown envelopes seeking jobs, employers are skeptical about hiring the 'dot.com' generation, saying they are 'dumb' and 'impractical,' she stated

By Correspondent Marc Nkwame, Arusha

OVER 200,000 graduates who step out of universities annually do not engage in productive activities and many cannot be traced, the government has reported.

Speaking here at the weekend, the Deputy Minister for Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children Dr Faustine Ndugulile said records show that out of 800,000 graduates who come out of colleges every year, nearly two thirds get employed or find own occupations.

This leaves some 272,000 certificate, diploma or degree holders (34 per cent) idle while some go off the radar completely.

About 13 percent remain unemployed and without anything to do, while 20.6 percent are classified as disappearing without trace as they aren't seen in any labour-related statistics, he said, noting that there is need to start accounting for all young graduates leaving colleges and vocational schools.

Dr Ndugulile made the remark over the weekend while officiating at the northern zone apprenticeship consultative workshop on the theme of apprenticeship for skills development.



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Neema Ndoboka, assistant director for community development institutions, said most young people get the required education in colleges but fall short of expected skills vital in job markets.

While many graduates still tarmac the roads with brown envelopes seeking jobs, at the same time employers are skeptical about hiring the 'dot.com' generation saying they are 'dumb' and 'impractical,' she stated.

She urged organizations, institutions and firms to start absorbing students to work as apprentices so as to gain work site exposure to supplement their education, making them more employable.

Other participants explained that public and private organizations drag their feet when it comes to absorbing graduate youth in their employment stables, as academic skills are different from needs of employers.

Dr Bakari George, the head of the Community Development Training Institute (CDTI) at Tengeru in the region, said training institutes need to develop good relations with employers so as to provide room for apprenticeships

## TIC touts Songwe offers, vital sector investments

By Guardian Correspondent, Songwe

THE Tanzania Investment Centre (TIC) has appealed to Tanzanian nationals owning businesses to formalise their operations and register with the agency so as to access technical and logistical services.

There are a lot of businesses in the country that qualify but are not registered with TIC, said Aboubakar Ndawata, the TIC Customer Care Services Coordinator.

He was standing in for TIC Executive Director,



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Godfrey Mwambe at the three-day Songwe Investment Forum at the Mbozi District Council function hall.

He said that as a result, these entities cannot benefit from services provided by the centre in seeking to expand or access foreign markets as, technically, they don't exist.

TIC in collaboration with Songwe regional authorities and the private sector organized the forum bringing together small, medium and large investors. It is aimed at opening up the region to

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## Dar police hold driver linked to Songea crash

By Guardian Correspondent, Songea

POLICE have reported catching up with the driver whose vehicle is said to have left the road and rammed into six pupils in Songea District, killing five on the spot.

Ruvuma Regional Police Commander Simon



Maigwa told journalists here yesterday that the driver, identified as Salum Mohamed, left the scene of the incident and was arrested in Dar es Salaam - some 1,000 kilometres away.

The RPC said police got hold of the driver, who is said to have been behind the wheel of the killer Toyota Landcruiser on Wednesday, after a four-day hunt

He said Mohamed landed in police arms on Saturday in Ilala District in the city and would be taken back to Songea to face charges "which will now include evading arrest, on top of causing the deaths of Ndelenyuma Primary School pupils".

The vehicle hit the pupils as they approached

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before graduating.

In a recent parliamentary resolution, MPs recommended the formation of a commission to overhaul Tanzania's education system from kindergarten to university.

Tabling its annual report in Dodoma, the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Social Services and Community Development said the sort of education being provided in the country does not respond to massive global changes especially in science and technology.

For the system to produce competent,

competitive job creators as opposed to half-baked job seekers, an education commission be formed to set out what is required so that the government can implement the changes.

Committee chairman Peter Serukamba (Kigoma North-CCM) appealed to the responsible ministry to swing into action and form a commission to undertake a review of the entire system followed by major changes to make Tanzanians who come out of schools and colleges able to employ themselves or easily employable.

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the pedestrian walkway, ready to cross the road. The speeding SUV fatally hit them and the driver, apparently, fearing for his life from mob violence, took to his heels.

The RPC said speeding may have been behind the accident as it was raining and the driver may have failed to slow down as a precaution.

He said the suspect the vehicle overturned after hitting the six pupils, who were thrown into a culvert some distance away from the crash site.

RPC Maigwa elaborated that, owing to the rain, the site of the accident was slippery, making it difficult for the driver to control the vehicle.

The vehicle, with registration number T443DAQ, is said to belong to a private company and was heading for Njombe Region from Songea.

The deceased include three Standard Four pupils identified as Glory Kila (12), Ushindi Juma (12) and Evaristo Miligo (10), Standard Two pupil Isaya Makami

(13) and Standard One pupil Victor Luoga (10).

One pupil, Hilda Kilasi (12), sustained injuries and was admitted to the regional government hospital in this municipality. She is reported to be in steadily improving condition, according to the RPC.



**The suspect who was behind the wheel of the Toyota Landcruiser reportedly took to his heels after the accident last Wednesday and disappeared**



Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa receives gift from Nida Textile Mills board chairman Haji Mohammed Rafiq (R) shortly after attending a Maulid ceremony in Dar es Salaam yesterday. With them are Sheikh Al Sayyid Afeefuddin Al Jailaani from Iraq and Chief Sheikh Abubakar Zuberi bin Ally (2nd-R). Photo: Correspondent Jumanne Juma

## PM underlines respect for all faiths, denominations

By Guardian Reporter

PRIME Minister Kassim Majaliwa has said the government recognizes and respects all religions in the country hence it will continue to cooperate with all religious denominations to maintain the country's peace.

He issued the pledge yesterday at a ceremony devoted to the mark the birth of Prophet Muhammad organized by Nida Textile Mills (T) Ltd along Indira

Gandhi Street in Dar es Salaam

He said peace is the foundation for each human being to enjoy life in the world, whose key aspect is engaging in prayers according to his persuasion.

"Hence when we mark the Prophet's birth we have every reason to worship and follow his teachings," he stated.

Majaliwa stressed that the government recognizes and will continue to respect contributions from religions and other private institutions

even at individual level for the maintenance of peace.

He appealed to all religious leaders to be tolerant of each other's teachings especially when there are differences between them.

Speaking about the birth of the Prophet, the premier said that is an important opportunity for Muslims to reflect on the teachings of the Prophet to make their lives better in this world.

Earlier, Mufti Abubakar bin Zubeiry

said that in marking the birth of the Prophet Muslims are called upon to live peacefully and take heed of what their leaders preach.

The celebrations were attended by Muslim leaders and government officials from Dar es Salaam region and elsewhere.

Muslim clerics invited from Pakistan, Iraq and Egypt praised the government for the maintenance of unity, peace and stability.



The Guardian Limited sales representatives from various regions pose a group call with some of the firm's heads of department shortly after completing a refresher course in Dar es Salaam at the weekend. From L: Circulation Manager Emmanuel Lyimo, Commercial Director Ajay Goyal and Director of Finance Samuel Orgenes. Others (front row - from R): Baraghash Hassan, Heavens Mrema, Stephen Rwechungura, Calvin Lyimo, Esther Mwakalobo and Siangicha Ngowi & (back row - from R): Elia Elisha, Jackson Paulo and Maurine Mrema. Photo: Guardian Photographer

## Igunga militia guard said to vanish with 17.2m/- parking fees

By Guardian Correspondent, Singida

MILITIA guard Peter Hiiti Areray, who was tasked by Igunga District Council to collect parking fees for big lorries, has reportedly vanished with the collections.

Confirming the incidence, Igunga District Executive Director Revocatus Kuul said Areray, a resident of Manyara region had vanished with 17,253,000/= that he had been collecting as parking fees for the whole of 2019.

Kuul explained that the militia guard returned the ticket vending machine to the Council claiming that he was going

home in Mara region to attend to his sick parent and subsequent efforts to call him over the phone to hand over the money were futile as his phone was switched off. "The militia guard was not a Council employee but we trusted him because he was doing guard duty at the parking area, we tried to call his wife to tell his whereabouts but said her husband has ran away because he was unable to pay back the money but added that there was an accountant who used to take the money claiming he was taking it to the bank," Kuul added.

He added that in regard to others who embezzled Council funds have

been given 14 days to remit the money whoever fails to do so will be taken to court.

A Council worker who did not want his name published said in the business and accountancy departments of the Council a lot of money has been stolen and that the names of those involved have not been referred to the Prevention and Combating of Corruption Bureau (PCCB) hence there is the need for in-depth investigations in the two departments.

When Areray was called via his Mobile Phone 0746 660 0080, he said personally he did not embezzle

the money, but he handed it to some accountants to remit to the bank.

"I have not stolen the money but these accountants are putting me in trouble as I handed to them the whole amount 17, 253,000/= at different times," he explained and added that the government should make an in-depth investigation including transferring some of them as most of the money had ended up whilst in their control and asked this reporter not to call him again. Igunga District PCCM Commander Francis Nzuakuu said they continue to hunt for Areray so that he repays the money,

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investors from within and outside the region.

TIC was committed to making sure that in Songwe people are informed about existing opportunities to invest and the importance of adhering to legal requirements prior to and during investment, he said.

Ndwata pointed out that the forum is crucial in promoting investment opportunities in the region and open it up to willing investors.

The region has potentials which call for massive promotion where TIC, regional authorities and private sector

stakeholders are already working on the matter.

"Investors need to take up available opportunities for investment in agriculture, tourism, livestock keeping, mining and industries," he asserted.

Songwe Regional Commissioner Brigadier General (rttd) Nicodemus Mwangela urged the forum participants to take up opportunities and help in spreading the message to other investors.

"Charity begins at home, therefore it's high time that you considered investing here and invite others to come and invest," he added.

## Primary court magistrate, assessor appear in court over 120,000/- bribe

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

THE Prevention and Combating of Corruption Bureau (PCCB) in Mbeya Region has arraigned in court two Iyunga primary court officials in Mbeya City for soliciting and receiving 12,000/- bribe.

The duo are the Iyunga primary court magistrate Evangeline Ager, and a court assessor Elizabeth Kibona who are alleged to have received the bribe from one Eva Mahuve so that they release her two brothers who were in remand custody at Ruanda prison.

The accused appeared before Mbeya Resident Magistrate Andrew Sauti and the charged was read to them by PCCB prosecutor Maria Mwakatobe.

Mwakatobe claimed that the accused committed the crime on January 24 this year by soliciting Mahuve to pay the money so that they can release from remand prison her two brothers.

"The offence contravenes Section 15 of the PCCB Act of 2007 hence we ask for the law to take its course," claimed Mwakatobe.

Mwakatobe said investigations of the case are complete. She asked the court to set the hearing date.

Both accused pleaded not guilty

to the charge while the defence attorney Ladislaus Rwekaza to order the prosecution to bring witnesses at the court for the case to begin. Both accused were released on bail after fulfilling bail conditions - each required to sign a 3m/- bond with one surety.

Earlier, speaking to reporters in her office, PCCB head for Mbeya region Julieth Matechi said apart from te two accused, her Bureau also intends to bring before the to court two other suspects.

She said the two are Andrew Ndingo and Nesia Mwelangu, who she alleged were arrested as they were engaged in exchange of foreign currency in the city without a license for doing so.

She said the suspects were arrested on February 7 and 8 this year exchanging foreign currency in contravention of Regulation 4 (I) 2 of the Foreign Exchange Act, No 271 of 2002.

She also said the suspects will also be charged for tax evasion as they were doing the unlicensed business while not paying any tax to the government, and added that permission for their prosecution has already been given by the Director for Public Prosecutions (DPP).



Filbert Mponzi, NMB Bank Plc's Chief of Retail Banking, pictured at the Songwe Investment Forum at the weekend briefing Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office (Investment) Angella Kairuki (L) on the bank's support to development initiatives in Songwe Region. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

# Minister Kairuki inaugurates guideline book meant to attract investors to Songwe Region

**By Guardian Correspondent, Songwe**

MINISTER of State, Prime Minister's Office (Investment) Angella Kairuki has launched a new guideline book in Songwe region to promote and attract more investors to the region.

Speaking during the launching event here, Kairuki said that the guide book opens door to investors to see more investment in the area and later embark on various economic generating projects.

"This shows how serious and committed the Songwe leadership

is and this is what we want to be in all regions, it is my plea now to other regions to fast-track the preparations of investment guideline," she said.

The minister said that Songwe region has been blessed with plenty fertile land suitable for establishing various investments ranging from agriculture, minerals, fish and milk processing.

She commended the Tanzania Private Sector Foundation (TPSF) for working closely with government to ensure fully promotion of investment opportunities available in Songwe region and other parts of

the country.

"I also work tirelessly to ensure that our investment opportunities are well promoted, we will also continue putting conducive environment for the investors to operate smoothly," she added.

For his part, TPSF past executive director Godfrey Simbeye commended the fifth phase government for transforming minds of public servants and injecting working spirit among them something which has improved service provision.

"We are also so thankful having minister Kairuki in the ministry,

she has been so helpful, she has been working hard to ensure that investors operate smoothly so as to contribute well to the country's development," he noted.

According to him, minister Kairuki has been working hard to ensure that she listens to the views, opinions and challenges from investors to find durable solutions.

"As private sector, we will continue working closely with the government to ensure that we support it to achieve the 2025 vision of becoming middle income country," he said.

# Water source invaders killing Lake Eyasi and Mang'ola onion farms

**By Correspondent Marc Nkwame, Karatu**

THE only source of water feeding Mang'ola ward and the adjacent Lake Eyasi is under threat, following the invasion of unknown people at the Qang'dend forest stream in Karatu district.

The culprits, apparently, uprooted the demarcating beacons that were planted around the water source to protect the area from trespassers in 2015 and proceeded to farm right across the important spring, preventing water from flowing downstream, killing rivers and threatening the existence of Lake Eyasi in the Mang'ola ward of Karatu district, Arusha region.

As the result, Lake Eyasi is on the verge of totally drying, while onion farms downstream also were facing drought.

THE central water basin officer, William Mabula said the government has been compelled to inject 120m/- for the protection of the water source and so far a total of 1000 pillars have been delivered into the area to be erected around the Qang'dend water source in Mang'ola.

The area is the major source of fresh onions, due to large vegetable farms located downstream, depending on the water source for their regular irrigation. The 2014 Environment Act No. 20 and the previous one; Act 11 of 2009 as well as the Forest Act No. 14 of 2002, there should a buffer zone of 60 meters from either sides of any water source, free from human activities.

The Karatu District Commissioner, Theresia Muhongo said, onion farms are the economic bedrock activities in her precinct, with the vegetables accounting for 25 per cent of

annual income.

"Vegetable farms depend on water from the Qang'dend forest for irrigation, but after the invasion of culprits, the precious liquid flow has been reduced causing onion growers to suffer poor harvests and the government to loose revenues," maintained the district commissioner.

Other than onion farms, the water source is also the major water supplier to residents of seven local villages including, Magereza; Barazani; Lagangereri; Malekchand; Qangdend; Dumbachan and Geobadg.

Mzee Gitu Philipo is one of the local villagers in the area who revealed that, the farmers who invaded the water source are actually wealthy people with money to throw and this is the reason why they managed to get away with the destructive practices.

"It is not just farmers; but we have people who drive hundreds of their livestock for water at the source and thus causing even more damage to the rivers and the adjacent forest," claimed Mzee Philipo.

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**By Guardian Correspondent, Ukerewe**

# Ukerewe district council finances in a shambles, states RC Mongella

DISHONEST public servants continue to undermine Ukerewe District Council following their involvement in rampant thefts of revenues from various sources.

Speaking at a meeting that was attended by Councilors, department heads, members of the defense and security committee and other staff and workers after his visit in the district's 38 islands the Mwanza Regional Commissioner John Mongella said the situation in the district is not good at all as everywhere he passed they say people paid levies but the money was nowhere to be seen.

He said there is an ongoing thefts, officials use the island as an opportunity of stealing public funds, and hence he cannot allow things to continue as they are, as he will start plugging all loopholes for thefts and called upon officials to reassess themselves.

"Whoever will be proved to be a problem will be fired. How can you live through stealing?... We have gone to the wananchi and found they have built classrooms, but the council is not doing anything even roofing them they have failed...but you collect taxes and levies and everywhere I went the wananchi were complaining that Council officials were nowhere to be seen..." he added.

Mongella promised to initiate a system of weekly auditing for six months and banned making expenditures outside the government system because such kind of expenditures is a huge problem in the district as it is the conduit for stolen

funds and added that he will send a team from his office to strengthen the accounting system.

On his part, the Ukerewe District Commissioner Cornel Magembe said President John Magufulki

had personally pledged to supervise the district, hence he directed the District Executive Director to change, to be more strict so that other staffs understand who he is.

The Ukerewe Member of Parliament Joseph Mkundi said if public officials neglect their responsibilities and refuse to be held accountable then there was a need for extra crack of the whip to make them so accountable.

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## Secondary school students march to RC to complain over 'humiliation' from teachers

By Guardian Correspondent, Shinyanga

STUDENTS of Shinyanga secondary school (SHYBUSH) in Kishapu District in Shinyanga region have marched to the Shinyanga Regional Commissioner to complain of humiliation including rampant punishments at the school.

Speaking on behalf of fellow students, the school's head prefect Mwendesha Manyangu, after reaching the RC office, said there have been numerous complaints from students of being humiliated by teachers at the school, including meting out heavy punishments for offences that merely needed caution.

He said they referred their complaints to the headmaster Malambi Malelemba but he has always ignored them hence the decided to see the Regional Commissioner for solution.

On his part, the Shinyanga Regional Commissioner Zainab Telack calmed the students and pledged that she would work on their complaints, but also warned them not to engage in useless strikes at school that would have negative impacts to their studies.

She also cautioned students who have been inciting other students to strike to stop the habit and added that those who had incited others to join

the protest march will be dealt with as to be a lesson to others.

The Ag Shinyanga Regional Police Commander Joseph Paul, told the students to abandon groups that start useless strikes while also hailing them for not committing any violence at school that could have led to destruction of property and infrastructure, and beseeched them to abide by procedure when there are problems.

Bu when the school's headmaster Malambi Malelemba was called over the phone to comment, his phone went unanswered, he also did not respond to SMS.



Dar es Salaam Water and Sanitation Authority (Dawasa) engineer Ishmael Kakwezi (L) briefs Water minister Prof Makame Mbarawa (2nd-R, in specs) and the agency's board members on operations at the 10bn/- Dawasa-funded Kibamba-Kisarawe water project at the weekend. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## Lions Club in Moshi to support school for the hearing impaired

By Correspondent James Lanka, Moshi

LIONS-Club of Moshi-Kibo has launched a project to construct special Vocational Training Centre (VTC) worth 700m/- to support the deaf at Msandaka deaf school and other people in the Kilimanjaro region.

Speaking during the event to lay foundation stone for the project at Msandaka deaf school on Tuesday, president of Lions Club of Moshi-Kibo, Vishal Pithia said that the move is aimed at supporting people with disabilities to become economic independent.

He said that the new project will produce professionals in carpentry, tailoring, Information and Technologies (IT), Arts and handicrafts. Pithia commended the role played by partners and friends including Charter chairman of the Belgium-based charitable organisation, Close the Gap Prof. Wim Blonk, and former president of Lions Club of Ijseval Tervuran in Belgium Jerome Sheridan.

"As you all witnessed today, the laying of foundation stone of our very special Vocational Training for the students with disabilities particularly deaf, we thank all our partners from Belgium who made this project possible. The project aims to capacitate the group with essential skills and

knowledge which will enable them live independently," he said.

For his part, Charter Chairman of the Belgium-based charitable organisation, Close the Gap Prof. Wim Blonk explained that, he always visiting Msandaka School for the deaf two or three times a year, and they he had a friendship with the school for more than 20 years ago.

"For the past 20 years ago, I learnt that, most of the deaf students who complete their primary education ends up in streets with no one to help, that's we dedicated to construct a special modern VTC for them where they can attain different courses and become self-directed," Prof Blonk said.

He further explained that the project will commence with the construction of a security wall before start constructing six buildings. "We expect that the project will be completed at the end of the year and start enrolling students by January 2021."

According to him, the VTC will be special for the deaf and other youth with disabilities where they will be trained with various vocational training so that they can produce different items and products, selling them, thus becoming self-reliant.

He commended the role played by the government in Kilimanjaro region by providing them with land and other

assistance during the implementation of various projects in the area.

"On behalf of my fellows in Belgium, I'm using this opportunity to thank the government in Kilimanjaro region for their closer support during implementation of our various projects in this school," he said.

Rosada Shao, headmistresses of Msandaka Deaf School explained that, her school started in 2001 with only 22 pupils, and currently the school has a total of 86 pupils who are spending ten years to finishing primary school.

"The children take 10 to 12 years for them for fishing basic education due to their disabilities," he noted.

She requested the government to improve the environment by providing sufficient teaching and learning equipment as well as special teaching centres to accommodate the children.

"We also lacks administration block as we are using one our classrooms as administration block, lack of a store after the one we had destroyed by fire recently," Shao explained.

Moshi Municipal Education Officer, Nicholas Ngonyani who also represented the Moshi Municipal Director Michael Mwandezi commended the role played by the Lions Club of Moshi in various development projects particularly in the education sector.

## NHIF's inferior services linked to corruption, mismanagement

NAIROBI

MISMANAGEMENT of funds, fraud and abuse of office are some of the major bottlenecks hindering provision of quality services at the National Hospital Insurance Fund (NHIF).

A health financing reforms expert Panel (Hefrep) report exclusively obtained by the media indicates that the fund has several organisational weaknesses that affect its operations.

"The current arrangement does not adequately cover all core functions that are needed to make the NHIF a strategic purchaser. Second, the structure is hierarchical and functionally fragmented. As a result, the different departments and units operate in silos with very little coordination and communication. This results in bureaucratic inefficiencies," reads the report.

The problem is further compounded by lack of a substantive chief executive

since 2018, when the fund's board sent the then boss Geoffrey Mwangi and acting finance director Wilbert Kurgat on compulsory leave to pave the way for investigations into the loss of billions of shillings. Nicodemus Odongo, who has been serving as the director in charge of strategy, planning and marketing, has been leading the agency in acting capacity since then, and did not apply for the position.

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# Mbeya police: We are holding 2 over possession of fake gold

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

POLICE in Mbeya region are holding two people including a teacher of Kongamo primary school in Momba district, Songwe region Jacob Mwangosi for being in possession of 600gms of fake gold.

Mbeya Regional Police Commander ACP Ulrich Matei said here yesterday that the teacher and his co-suspect Joseph Singogo, also a resident of Kongamo were arrested on February 11, this year at the main gold market in Chunya district.

He said the suspects were nabbed when they were about to sell the 'gold' at the gold market and that had they been successful could have walked away with more than 70m/-.

He said the duo had already lined up a buyer one Paulo Gagala, a well known

buyer at the market.

"Minerals experts at Chunya Gold Market discovered the gold to be fake hence they were arrested and are still being held at Chunya police station pending investigation before being taken to court," said RPC Matei.

He called upon gold buyers in Mbeya region to be careful when buying gold and should avoid buying minerals outside the market system, and appealed to the wananchi to be well conversant in distinguishing fake and genuine gold.

Meanwhile RPC Matei said residents of Sae in Mbeya City attacked and killed one Victor Mwasoro (17) who had

*"Initial investigations show that the youth stole his father's weapon from his home and that when he entered the stall it was concealed in a small bag"*

invaded one M-Pesa stall in the area while wielding a pistol for the purpose of robbing cash.

He said the youth wielding a pistol with seven bullets went to the stall owned by one Sauda Danda, but immediately people around overpowered him and started beating him up using machetes and sticks.

"Initial investigations show that the youth stole his father's weapon from his home and that when he entered the stall it was concealed in a small bag," he said and added that after he was rescued from the angry mob he was rushed to Mbeya Referral Hospital but later died as he was receiving treatment. RPC Matei called upon owners of firearms in the region to abide by regulations governing ownership of firearms so that they do not fall into the hands of bandits.

# Zungu pledges action in Z'bar on environment-linked issues

By Guardian Reporter

MINISTER of State in the Vice President's Office (Union Affairs and Environment) Mussa Hassan Zungu (pictured) has hailed the Zanzibar government for the progress made in bringing development to Zanzibar.

The minister was speaking at the weekend when he held discussions with the Isles Second Vice President Amb. Seif Ali Iddi when he visited his office for introduction after his recent appointment to the ministry.

He explained that despite the existence of environmental challenges, Zanzibar has made development strides including increase of the national income.

On environmental challenges, Zungu promised to appoint special experts



on environmental issues to assess the environmental degradation in various parts of the Isles.

The minister pledged to plan a special visit to assess the environment situation in Zanzibar in collaboration with the Office of Zanzibar Second Vice President that deals with Union affairs and environment issues in the

Isles.

In the discussions Amb Seif Ali Iddi said the Union between Tanganyika and Zanzibar had benefited the Isles to a large extent.

He said there are opportunities that benefit Zanzibaris living in the mainland and who have invested in business and agriculture.



## INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – PREQUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS FOR THE PROVISION OF OFFICE CLEANING SERVICES AT GEITA GOLD MINE, TANZANIA

### I. INTRODUCTION

Geita Gold Mining Limited -GGML ("The Company") an AngloGold Ashanti Ltd ("AGA") subsidiary located in North Western Tanzania, in the Lake Victoria Goldfields of Geita Region, about 120km from Mwanza and 4km West of the town of Geita.

The Company currently employs about 1,780 direct employees and hosts 2,100 contractors' employees.

The Company is in the process of assessing potential contractors for provision of Office Cleaning Services for its operations and is, therefore, inviting interested eligible service providers to submit their Expression of Interest for the provision of these services.

### II. INFORMATION REQUIRED

The below information is required in order to conclude the prequalification evaluation set out below:

- Detailed service provider's information with organization structure, list of manpower with CVs of key personnel, parent company (if applicable), support agencies and other facilities and resources.
- Details of completion of similar type of contracts in the last three years and similar contracts/agreements currently under execution under headings:
  - Brief scope of work
  - Value of work in Tanzania Shillings (TZS)
  - Contract duration
  - Clients name
  - Contact details of the client (GGML may approach the client directly for feedback) Health, Safety and Environment statistics (HSE), Lost Time Injury (LTI) graph, etc.
  - At least 3 reference letters from existing clients are required.
- Details of business presence in Tanzania
- Provide details on local content including:
  - local procurement of goods and services
  - local employment and training practices
  - details of percentage of managerial and non-managerial positions held by Tanzanian citizens
  - local research and development expenditure
  - A copy of the latest Local Content Plan and Local Content Performance Report as submitted to the Mining Commission or equivalent information if no prior reports and plans have been submitted.
- List of policies, procedures and quality assurance practices currently in place for the execution of similar work.
- List of HSE management system, HSE policy and implementation procedures in line with internationally accepted practices.
- Quality assurance & Quality control plan/ procedures in place for the execution of similar type of work, Copy of ISO or any other certification as applicable
- Service provider's financial performance documents (Audited Balance sheets, Profit and Loss Account & cash flow statement, Auditors Report and Notes to Accounts etc.) for last 3 (three) years.
- Ownership: Please provide the following information about your organisation's ownership/partners/members:
  - For privately owned companies, a list of all the owners, their nationality and respective percentage ownership of your organisation.
  - For publicly traded companies, a list of all shareholders holding more than 5% with details of their nationality and percentage ownership.

### III. PREQUALIFICATION EVALUATION CONSIDERATIONS

In evaluating the interested bidder, GGML will consider the following:

- Service Reliability**—Prospective Bidders to indicate the approach they will adopt to ensure uninterrupted Office Cleaning services preferably in the mining sector and in remote locations.
- Capability**—Prospective Bidders to give details of their capability regarding the provision services to similar size of clients as GGML. (At least 3 reference letters from existing customers are required)
- Health, Safety and Environment**—Prospective Bidders to give details of their Health, Safety and Environmental management systems.
- Permits and Certifications**—Prospective Bidders to provide details and evidence of permits and registrations issued by the relevant Government departments including OSHAS and any other statutory requirements related to the services.
- Sustainability**—Prospective Bidders to give details of their local labour sourcing plans and training plans as well as details of any commitments to the social development of the areas where AngloGold Ashanti mines are located.
- Financial Capability**—Prospective Bidders to provide details of their financial capability supporting their ability to render the service.
- Local Content**—Prospective Bidders to demonstrate their compliance with the requirements as set out in the Tanzania Mining (Local Content) Regulations, 2018, as amended.

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## INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – PREQUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS FOR THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES MANAGEMENT SERVICES AT GEITA GOLD MINE, TANZANIA

### I. INTRODUCTION

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The Company currently employs about 1,780 direct employees and hosts 2,100 contractors' employees.

The Company is in the process of assessing potential contractors for provision of Facilities Management (Camp Administration, Camp facilities cleaning & Laundries) Services for its operations and is, therefore, inviting interested eligible service providers to submit their Expression of Interest for the provision of these services.

### II. INFORMATION REQUIRED

The below information is required in order to conclude the prequalification evaluation set out below:

- Detailed service provider's information with organization structure, list of manpower with CVs of key personnel, parent company (if applicable), support agencies and other facilities and resources.
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  - Brief scope of work
  - Value of work in Tanzania Shillings (TZS)
  - Contract duration
  - Clients name
  - Contact details of the client (GGML may approach the client directly for feedback) Health, Safety and Environment statistics (HSE), Lost Time Injury (LTI) graph, etc.
  - At least 3 reference letters from existing clients are required.
- Details of business presence in Tanzania
- Provide details on local content including:
  - local procurement of goods and services
  - local employment and training practices
  - details of percentage of managerial and non-managerial positions held by Tanzanian citizens
  - local research and development expenditure
  - A copy of the latest Local Content Plan and Local Content Performance Report as submitted to the Mining Commission or equivalent information if no prior reports and plans have been submitted.
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- Quality assurance & Quality control plan/ procedures in place for the execution of similar type of work, Copy of ISO or any other certification as applicable
- Service provider's financial performance documents (Audited Balance sheets, Profit and Loss Account & cash flow statement, Auditors Report and Notes to Accounts etc.) for last 3 (three) years.
- Ownership: Please provide the following information about your organisation's ownership/partners/members:
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### III. PREQUALIFICATION EVALUATION CONSIDERATIONS

In evaluating the interested bidder, GGML will consider the following:

- Service Reliability**—Prospective Bidders to indicate the approach they will adopt to ensure uninterrupted Facilities Management services preferably in the mining sector and in remote locations.
- Capability**—Prospective Bidders to give details of their capability regarding the provision services to similar size of clients as Geita Gold Mine. (At least 3 reference letters from existing customers are required)
- Health, Safety and Environment**—Prospective Bidders to give details of their Health, Safety and Environmental management systems.
- Permits and Certifications**—Prospective Bidders to provide details and evidence of permits and registrations issued by the relevant Government departments including OSHAS and any other statutory requirements related to the services.
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## RC urges tour guides to stop circulating videos on infrastructure in Ngorongoro Conservation Area

By Guardian Reporter

ARUSHA Regional Commissioner, Mrisho Gambo (pictured) has directed tour guides to stop circulating videos, which reveal damaged road infrastructure of the Ngorongoro Conservation Area (NCA), saying that the move is meant to ruin the image of the country's tourism.

RC Gambo who visited the area over the weekend to witness massive destruction of road infrastructure due to heavy rains warned that once caught could be sued of economic sabotage charges.

According to him, it is illegal for anyone to circulate the videos without having permission from the area's authority.

He directed security organs in collaboration with TCRA to arrest all people who are involved in circulating the videos which have ruined the



image of the country's national parks and other protected areas.

"It is strictly forbidden to circulate information, videos or anything

about this area without permission for the Ngorongoro Conservation Area Authority (NCAA). We take these actions as economic sabotage, these national parks injects a lot of revenues to the government, if you any challenge report it to responsible authorities and not on social media," he said.

In his visit, RC Gambo expressed his satisfactions over the steps taken by NCAA to address road challengee.

Gambo's remarks came barely a week when photos in different media platforms of tourist vehicles were seen stuck in damaged roads within the wildlife rich Ngorongoro Crater due to the ongoing rains.

Last year, a team from the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) will this week be inspecting proposed areas where all-weather, hardened surface roads are to be constructed in the Ngorongoro Conservation Area.



Gf Truck & Equipment managing director Imran Karmal (R) has a word with members of staff during the company's 13th anniversary celebrations in Dar es Salaam at the weekend. Photo: Guardian Correspondent



### INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – PREQUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS FOR THE PROVISION OF COMMISSARY SERVICES AT GEITA GOLD MINE, TANZANIA

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### INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – PREQUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS FOR THE PROVISION OF CATERING SERVICES AT GEITA GOLD MINE, TANZANIA

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By Guardian Correspondent, Kasulu

## ASA distributes 2000 palm oil seedlings to farmers in Kasulu

EFFORTS by the government to increase production of edible oil in the country continue to receive good response following a move by Agricultural Seed Agency (ASA) to freely distribute at least 2000 seedlings of palm oil to farmers in Kasulu district, Kigoma region.

Tanzania is annually spending 675bn/- to import between 400,000 and 570,000 tonnes of edible oil due to shortage of the crucial oil within the country.

To counter the shortage, Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa had directed all agricultural institutions in the country to invest on production of hybrid seeds of edible oil producing crops.

As part from corresponding to the call, ASA launched a major project of raising of pre-germinated palm oil seeds at Bugaga seed farm in Kasulu, Kigoma region.

Speaking during distribution of the seedlings to farmers, Kasulu's District Commissioner (DC), Conolel Simon Anange said the region has

well prepared for vast cultivation of the crop. "We're impressed with the way to which ASA is helping farmers with palm oil seedlings, most of them (farmers) are anxiously to grow the crop," he said.

According to ASA's acting production manager Benjamin Mfiupe, the farm, in Kasulu, have so far produced at least 65,000 palm oil seeds, dubbed tenera, which is currently at different levels of production at the 191.76 hectare farm in Kasulu.

Moreover, he inform the agency is currently implementing a 30m/- project of drilling a vast dam in Kasulu's Bugaga seed farm in efforts to ensure the farm raises and produces the said seedlings more professionally.

He observed that, the hybrid seedlings, tenera, has the capacity to produce between 2.6 to 305 tonnes per hectare, urged farmers in all regions that support cultivation of the crop to turn up in multitude in order to get the seedlings at affordable prices.

"Currently, most farmers are still using landrace seed that have not being improved and thus, prompting to poor yields, but with the hybrid seedlings, tenera, they will stand a better chance of harvesting pumper," he observed.

Moreover, he added, in order to ensure for the professional cultivation of the crop, the government, through Tanzania Agricultural Research Institute (TARI) has already launched a special center in Kigoma region (TARI-Kihinga).

The regions that support cultivation of palm oil in Tanzania include Morogoro, Tanga, Coastal region, Mtawara, Mbeya, Mpanda, Rukwa, Lindi, Geita, Bukoba (Karagwe) and Tabora. "Out of the region, Mbeya, Tabora and coastal regions are leading for having large plantations of palm oil, he expressed.

As per available statistics, potential arable land for the cultivation of palm in Kigoma region stands at 11,4018 hectares.

## Danish envoy expresses willingness to enhance relations with CHRAGG

By Guardian Correspondent

THE Danish Ambassador to Tanzania, Mette Dissing-Spandet has vowed to continue expanding its support to Commission for Human Rights and Good Governance (CHRAGG) in implementing human rights programmes, saying the motive behind is the good bilateral relationship between Denmark and Tanzania.

Ambassador Dissing-Spandet issued that assurance over the week end during talks with CHRAGG chairperson, retired Judge Mathew Mwaimu who had paid a courtesy call at CHRAGG offices in Dar es Salaam.

She said that Danish is still eager to continue working with CHRAGG and promised full support to continue facilitating CHRAGG's priorities.

"Denmark has been working closely with CHRAGG for a long time now, and

we still eager to work with you, we have managed to maintain closeness because of good relationship that we have among us", she revealed

Ambassador Dissing-Spandet urged CHRAGG top officials to come up with a proposal stipulating their priority areas and submit it to Denmark for support.

According to her, she said that it is important in any country to have institution like CHRAGG which established purposely for helping the country to promote the adherence of human rights and principles of good governance.

Earlier, CHRAGG chairperson, retired Judge Mathew Mwaimu expressed his positive feelings towards Danish support to CHRAGG explaining that its financial support helped CHRAGG to manage executing most of its activities as planned. "We are real appreciating your vigorous support, Danish was

the earliest supporter to CHRAGG, its financial support helped us to build this Haki House office...thank you", Judge Mwaimu praised the ambassador

However, CHRAGG Commissioner, Nyanda Shuli said at the meeting that CHRAGG has planned to monitor the forthcoming general election, and in fact they have already started monitoring Voters Registration Book.

"We are considering having dialogue with specific stakeholders including Police, Political Parties and Electoral Commission to remind them the importance of having smooth and peaceful election in the country" explained Shuli

The Ambassador visit to CHRAGG was for familiarization and strengthening cooperation in a bid to making sure that human rights and good governance are maintained and respected within the country.



### Announces 4,291,000 ounces of gold contained in unclassified resources at the conclusion of its Phases I & 2 Resource Upgrade drilling along the 1.2km Buckreef Shear Zone

TORONTO, February 14, 2020, Tanzanian Gold Corporation's, (TSX:TNX) (NYSE American:TRX) Board of Directors is pleased to announce Unclassified Mineral Resources for the 1.2km Long Buckreef Shear Zone that amount up to 4,291,000 ounces contained in 242.4 million tons grading at 0.57 g/t Au at a block cutoff grade of 0.1 g/t Au. The Unclassified Mineral Resources are from an unconstrained block model using all the drilling results to date. Results at higher cut-off grades are shown in the table below.

As a consequence of the drilling program the Company completed in 2019, the largest drilling campaign in the Company's history amounting to over 17,650m in 60 holes during which a significant number of exploration targets were identified which require further drilling to upgrade the gold mineralization encountered in these exploration areas to the Inferred category.

Further, as the gold mineralization in the Buckreef Shear Zone is still open along strike to the northeast and down dip a Phase III drilling program has been started to further test the continuity of the mineralization at ultra-deep levels below mineralization encountered in Phase II.

And finally, the new global estimate of Mineral Resources in the Buckreef Shear Zone was derived from a new resource model developed for the Company that combines geological information such as major rock units, structures, alteration styles and assay data from over 1,000 holes that amounted to approximately 140,000m that were drilled along the Buckreef Shear Zone.

The new model includes holes drilled by previous owners of Buckreef as well as holes drilled by the Company since it acquired Buckreef in 2011; and includes the results from the drilling campaign in 2019.

In view of these considerations, the Company has elected to, in the first instance, give these unconstrained Resource estimates the designation of Unclassified – Exploration Targets. A NI 43-101 Technical Report will be released in 45 days by Virimai Projects as part of the continuation of the results reported in the Pre-Feasibility Report published in June 2018.

This estimate will culminate Estimated Mineral Resources categorized into Measured, Indicated and Inferred Resources.

Cut off Grade	Tonnage	Grade Au (g/t)	Tonnes Au	Oz ('000)
0.1	242,403,762	0.57	137.8	4,291
0.4	85,394,995	1.25	106.9	3,330
0.5	70,207,693	1.43	100.1	3,119
0.6	60,214,862	1.57	94.7	2,949

Source : Virimai Projects

Mineral Resources that are not Mineral Reserves do not have demonstrated economic viability  
Mineral Resources reported inclusive of Mineral Reserves (although no Mineral Reserves are reported)  
Cut-off Grades of 0.1g/t Au to 0.5g/t Au  
Estimates in 10m (X) by 10m (Y) by 10m (Z) blocks constrained by topography only  
Specific Gravity ranges 2.0 to 2.8  
Inconsistencies in totals are due to rounding  
55% attributable to TRX

Sample Protocol and QA/QC

The sample chain of custody is managed by the Buckreef technical team under the supervision of Anthony Minde. Gold analyses reported in this release were performed by standard fire assay using a 50-gram charge with atomic absorption finish (0.01ppm LLD) and a gravimetric finish for assays greater than 10 grams per tonne. All assays were performed by Nesch Mintech Laboratory in Mwanza. Sampling and analytical procedures are subject to a comprehensive quality assurance and quality control program. The QA/QC program includes duplication to the samples, blanks and analytical standards.

Intervals of core to be analyzed are split in half with a mechanized core cutter, with one half sent to the Laboratory for geochemical analysis and the remaining half kept in storage for future reference and uses.

Nesch Mintech Laboratory is ISO 90001 and 17025 accredited and employs a Laboratory Information Management System for sample tracking, quality control and reporting.

Qualified Person

The Company's Qualified Person, Mr. Peter Zizhou, has reviewed and approved the contents of this news release. Mr. Zizhou has a Master of Science (Exploration Geology) degree from the University of Zimbabwe (2000) and is a registered professional natural scientist with SACNASP (Reg. No. 400028/08).

Virimai Projects have read and approved the contents of this press release and do hereby confirm that they are now actively engaged as the Qualified Person (QP) undertaking the NI43-101 Mineral Resource Update Technical Report following the completion of the two phases of resource upgrade drilling conducted as per their recommendations in the Pre-Feasibility report of June 2018.

Tanzanian Gold Corporation, Executive Chairman, James Sinclair, commented "The numbers presented here today speak for themselves, and offer a first glimpse of some of the results of our year-long exploration and development program at Buckreef. This extensive and comprehensive program has been conducted with the most scientific of methods and at the highest of industry standards. This program would not be in place without critical, value added, financing completed in a year which has been fully transformational for our company. As we have said in the past, mines are not simply discovered – they are built. We will continue to build the Buckreef Mine toward the goal of world class status."

James E. Sinclair  
Chairman of Buckreef Gold Company Ltd.



### INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) – PREQUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS FOR THE PROVISION OF STAFF BUS TRANSPORT SERVICES FOR GEITA GOLD MINING LIMITED AT GEITA MINE

#### I. INTRODUCTION

- Geita Gold Mining Limited (GGML) ("The Company") is an AngloGold Ashanti Ltd (AGA) subsidiary located in North Western Tanzania, in the Lake Victoria Goldfields of Geita Region, about 120km from Mwanza and 4 kms, West of Geita town.
- The Company is in the process of assessing potential Contractors for long term Provision of Staff Bus Transport Services for its employees for its mining operations situated at Geita, Tanzania. The Company is inviting interested eligible Contractors to submit an Expression of Interest (EOI) Letter for the provision of the service as per brief scope detailed below
- Scope of Works

Geita Gold Mining Limited (GGML) has over 2,500 employees and contractors who depend on 'public' transport for their movement from one location to another. This number is over 75% of the entire workforce on site. To cater for transport needs of such a group of employees; a fleet of at least 18 buses, carrying capacity of 45-48 and 65 seater (actual numbers to be provided at tender stage) will be required. SAFETY being OUR FIRST VALUE, it makes GGML accountable in ensuring that employees are safely transported between different locations according to set safety standards. This is the main reason why we need to have Technical, Safety and Quality Standards that provides a starting point in ensuring that the transport services provided to employees is aligned to Company's first value-Safety. All buses providing transport services shall be required to meet the standards and Contractors shall ensure compliance to the standards as set herein below.

#### II. INFORMATION REQUIRED

- Brief Company Profile-Background, Ownership and Organisation of the company
- Certified copy of Certificate of Incorporation/Registration
- Certified copies of TIN and VAT registration certificates
- Tax Clearance Certificates
- Certified Copy of Valid Business License
- List of Key Personnel including their CV's and Academic Qualifications
- Details of completion of similar type of contracts in the last 5 years and similar contracts/agreements currently under execution under headings
  - Brief Scope of work
  - Value of works in TZS
  - Contract duration
  - Actual Completion date
  - Clients name
  - Contact details of the Client (the Company may approach the client directly for the feedback)
- OSHA Registration Certificates
- Compliance with the Mining (Local Content) Regulations, 2018 and details of capability of the contractor to hire local resources and procure local goods
- Audited financial statements, with Notes to the Financial Statements, for the last three (3) years

#### III. QUALIFICATION FOR THE PROPOSAL PROVIDERS

The Company will give preference to contractors who meet its minimum requirements in terms of the following criteria.

- Reliability-** Approach that will be used to ensure un-interrupted provision of transport services as per the scope requirements.
- Capabilities-** Contractors details of their capability to undertake the said works to similar operations/clients. This may include contractor's assessment in terms of quality of key personnel, equipment and other facilities required or necessary to perform the works.
- Health, Safety and Environment** – Assessment of Health, Safety and Environmental Management practice within contractor organisation
- Permits & Certifications-** Contractors assessment in terms of evidence submitted to support Government permits, registrations, certifications, and any other statutory requirements relevant to the industry.
- Sustainability-** Assessment of Contractor in terms of their local labour sourcing plans and training plans. Potential bidder commitment to the social development of the areas where the mine is located.
- Competitive Bidding-** Interested parties must be willing to participate in the competitive bidding and provide competitive prices and should be informed that competitive pricing will be one of the considerations in the bid evaluation.
- Financial Capability-** Contractors assessment of financial capability necessary to perform the intended works.
- Local Content-** Prospective Bidders to demonstrate their compliance with the requirements as set out in the Tanzania Mining (Local Content) Regulations, 2018, as amended.

Interested parties must submit their expression Letter of Interest ("LOI") together with supporting information to GGML which states the full name, address, telephone and e-mail address of the interested party, name of the principal contact, and signed by an authorized representative. The LOI must outline a statement of firm capability to provide Commissary Services, including similar contracts undertaken over the past three years. All LOIs and support documentation must be received by the GGML Office via e-mail at tenders@anglogoldashanti.com no later than 12:00 p.m, 4<sup>TH</sup> March 2020 (the "LOI" Submission Deadline). EOI submissions should not exceed 10MB per email. In case the size of the email exceeds 10MB, please split the submissions into more than one email.

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## We must address challenges related to childhood stunting

**S**TUNTED growth is a reduced growth rate in human development. It is a primary manifestation of malnutrition (or more precisely undernutrition) and recurrent infections, such as diarrhea and helminthiasis, in early childhood and even before birth, due to malnutrition during fetal development brought on by a malnourished mother. The definition of stunting according to the World Health Organisation (WHO) is for the "height for age" value to be less than two standard deviations of the WHO Child Growth Standards median.

As of 2012 an estimated 162 million children under 5 years of age, or 25 per cent, were stunted in 2012. More than 90 per cent of the world's stunted children live in Africa and Asia, where respectively 36 per cent and 56 per cent of children are affected. Once established, stunting and its effects typically become permanent. Stunted children may never regain the height lost as a result of stunting, and most children will never gain the corresponding body weight. Living in an environment where many people defecate in the open due to lack of sanitation, is an important cause of stunted growth in children, for example in India.

According to reports Dodoma leads other regions in the country for having high prevalence and percentage of stunting among under-five year children, a situation which attributes to poor performance in education sector within the region.

According to the regional medical officer (RMO), Dr Best Magoma, currently, the region's stunting average stands at 37.2 per cent, which is more than the national stunting rate of 31.8 per cent.

Speaking during the Regional Nutrition Committee convened in

capital city under chairmanship of Dodoma regional commissioner (RC) Dr Binilith Mahenge; Dr Magoma expressed the need for authorities in all districts within the region to embark on fresh strategies to counter the situation.

"The effects of stunting are usually irreversible and are mainly delayed motor and cognitive development (impaired mental processes of perception, memory, decision making and reasoning). However, stunted girls are likely to experience obstructed labour during childbirth hence highly exposed in developing fistulas and even maternal and/or newborn deaths," he observed.

He added, stunting also predisposes an individual to overweight, obesity and related adulthood consequences such as cardio-vascular heart diseases, hypertension and diabetes. "There's a need for all districts to conduct serious public awareness, especially among primary school pupils to impart them with key knowledge over how to cheat the dangerous ill disease from grass root levels," he urged.

However, in her presentation during the round table meeting, Maria Machili, Programme Officer (Nutrition) from Partnership for Nutrition in Tanzania (PANITA) through Lishe Endelevu USAID Activity, said poor diet, which includes lack of vitamin 'A' and nutrients stands among tall challenges facing many communities within the country, leading to stunting, malnutrition, blindness as well as open spine (Spina Bifida) and Big Head (Bran) diseases among children.

"Apart from raising awareness over good and balanced diet, it is prudent to educate mothers on how to take good care for their children during the first 1000 days. These days (1000 days), play vital role of laying a lifelong foundation of children," she detailed.

## There is great need to raise awareness on importance of our natural resources

**D**INOSAURS are a diverse group of reptiles of the clade Dinosauria. They first appeared during the Triassic period, between 243 and 233.23 million years ago, although the exact origin and timing of the evolution of dinosaurs is the subject of active research. They became the dominant terrestrial vertebrates after the Triassic-Jurassic extinction event 201.3 million years ago; their dominance continued through the Jurassic and Cretaceous periods. The fossil record demonstrates that birds are modern feathered dinosaurs, having evolved from earlier theropods during the Late Jurassic epoch. As such, birds were the only dinosaur lineage to survive the Cretaceous-Paleogene extinction event approximately 66 million years ago. Dinosaurs can therefore be divided into avian dinosaurs, or birds; and non-avian dinosaurs, which are all dinosaurs other than birds.

Dinosaurs are a varied group of animals from taxonomic, morphological and ecological standpoints. Birds, at over 10,000 living species, are the most diverse group of vertebrates besides perciform fish. Using fossil evidence, paleontologists have identified over 500 distinct genera and more than 1,000 different species of non-avian dinosaurs. Dinosaurs are represented on every continent by both extant species (birds) and fossil remains. Through the first half of the 20th century, before birds were recognized to be dinosaurs, most of the scientific community believed dinosaurs to have been sluggish and cold-blooded. Most research conducted since the 1970s, however, has indicated that all dinosaurs were active animals with elevated metabolisms and numerous adaptations for social interaction. Some were herbivorous, others carnivorous. Evidence suggests that all dinosaurs were egg-laying; and that nest-building was a trait shared by many dinosaurs, both avian and non-

avian. The Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism through the National Museum in collaboration with the Museum für Naturkunde - Leibniz Institute for Evolution and Biodiversity Science, in Berlin, Germany, plans to hold a major exhibition of the dinosaur (the great wonder lizard) and fossil heritage in Tanzania in 2020.

The exhibition will be organised by the German Museum für Naturkunde in Berlin in cooperation with the National Museum of Tanzania.

The exhibition supported by the German Federal Foreign Office aims to raise awareness of the natural heritage and fossil natural resources in Tanzania as well as promote domestic and foreign tourism.

It is an important opportunity for Tanzanians and foreign visitors to learn in detail about the dinosaur, the animals that have lived on the planet and also in Tanzania over 100 million years ago.

At exhibition, the German partners will be responsible for producing an original cast of the famous Brachiosaurus brancai (Giraffatitan), importing, constructing and developing the exhibition with digital elements, and ensuring that the materials used to produce the exhibition are in line with the climate conditions of Tanzania.

Similarly, the exhibition aims to promote local tourism and attract more tourists from abroad so that they can see the places where these historic animals were found in our country.

The remains of these animals were first discovered in the Tendaguru area of the Lindi region, and were recently also discovered in the Ruhuhu basin in Ruvuma region, and the Rukwa valley in Songwe.

The exhibition will also be useful for training, research and educational opportunities for staff who will participate in the care and maintenance aspects of various collections, including the fossil remains of the animals.



## Aviation forum pleads for enhanced cooperation among African airlines

By Kaleyesus Bekele

**T**HE 29th African Aviation Forum held this week in Addis Ababa urged African airlines to enhance collaboration and partnership in a bid to withstand the stiff competition coming from mega international carriers.

Opening the African MRO (Maintenance Repair and Overhaul) and Aviation Training conference held from February 4-6, 2020 at Ethiopian Skylight Hotel, Nick Fadugba, CEO of the African Aviation Services Limited, said that air transport is the most efficient means of transport in Africa where rail and road transport is not well developed. Fadugba said in order to thrive African airlines must forge sincere collaboration, partnership and joint ventures. "We must look at Ethiopian Airlines as a leading example which is connecting Africa and establishing partnerships with several African airlines," he said. "I am talking about sincere partnerships and joint ventures," he added.

With a population of 1.2 billion people and fast economic GDP growth and burgeoning middle class the air transport industry in Africa has been growing steadily. Africa is attracting foreign direct investment and the GDP will continue to grow in the coming years. The International Air Transport Association (IATA) forecasts air transport industry in Africa will continue to grow at a rate of 4.6 per cent, the second fastest growth next to the Middle East.

"We all must be ready to accommodate this fast growth," Tewolde Gebremariam Ethiopian Airlines Group CEO told delegates. The African MRO market alone is worth 2.6 billion dollars. However, despite the presence of modern MRO centers in Ethiopia, South Africa, Egypt and Morocco, the majority of this market goes out of the continent. African aircraft and engines are repaired elsewhere with a higher transport cost.

"There is enough market for all of us. What we need is collaboration," Tewolde said. According to Tewolde, Ethiopian Airlines has invested more than 300 million dollars on its MRO center building maintenance hangars, maintenance capability in the engine and components shops. The airline has invested more than 100 million USD to expand its aviation academy which is the largest aviation training institute in Africa. With flight simulators and 36 trainer aircraft Ethiopian Aviation Academy is training 300 pilots a year



Nick Fadugba, CEO of African Aviation Services, Girma Wake, former CEO of Ethiopian Airlines, deliberating on the challenges facing the African airline industry

and the plan is to train 1000 pilots a year.

Tewolde Gebremariam highlighted the challenges facing the African aviation industry. "African countries are not well connected. If you want to go from Algiers to Cape Town you have to go to Europe first," he said.

Ethiopian has been playing a significant role in connecting Africa for over seven decades. Ethiopian has been connecting African countries and with the rest of the world. "We have been serving African countries since independence. Ethiopian played a vital role in the socio economic development of the continent particularly in nation building process of many African countries. Ethiopian today operates to 60 destinations in Africa, 125 international and 22 domestic destinations. It has a modern fleet of 130 aircraft with an average age of five generating 4.5 billion dollars.

"Collaboration in today's globalised highly connected small global village is very important. The I phone is designed in the US and manufactured in China. Collaboration-that is the area that we are lagging behind," Tewolde said.

Tewolde recounts that when he joined Ethiopian Airlines 35 years ago the aircraft technicians supporting Zambia Airways and Angola Airlines. He said Ethiopian Airlines has been doing its share to contribute in terms of collaboration. Unfortunately after 30 years fast forward Africa still lags behind in terms of collaboration.

"From our side we are still maintain the collaboration attitude," he said. Today Ethiopian provides maintenance support to RwandAir, Air Tanzania, Malawi Airline, Ethiopian Mozambique,

Chad Airline (a start-up airline a joint venture between Ethiopian and the government of Chad), Congo Airways, Cam Air (Cameroon) TAAG Angola, Ceiba Airline (Equatorial Guinea) Arik Air and others in Nigeria and ASKY in West Africa.

"These joint ventures though they are at initial stage we have a dream that they will be large airlines in a very short time because there is an opportunity to grow," Tewolde said.

While there exists a vast untapped opportunity African home grown airlines are facing myriads of challenges. The market share is highly skewed. Eighty percent of the market share between Africa and the rest of the world is controlled by non-African carriers. Twenty years ago African indigenous carriers had 60 percent market share. This has been declining alarmingly and reached 20 percent.

"Who knows if we do not work together that can shrink further to zero. And then we will not be able to see indigenous truly African airlines," Tewolde said. "We believe that the market share has to be at least it has to be 50-50. Fair share. But it is up to us to change the market share. It is a competitive world and instead of having unhealthy competition among ourselves in the continent we have to cooperate more. I call up on African governments to open up liberalise so that African airlines can revolutionise as South West Airline has revolutionised the American air transport industry 30 years ago."

The growth of African aviation industry is thwarted by higher operation costs. Aircraft fuel is 35 percent more expensive than the

world average. Airfares are expensive as governments impose exorbitant taxes. "Air tickets are equally taxed with cigarettes and alcoholic beverages," Tewolde said.

Tewolde stressed the need to liberalise African skies for African airlines. "Indigenous African airlines should freely fly in Africa without any restriction like European carriers fly any point in Europe without restriction."

Girma Wake, former CEO of Ethiopian Airlines and former board chairman of RwandAir, echoed the need to liberalise African sky. Girma said though African states decided to open up the air transport market in 1989 they are not able to fully implement the decision to date.

Girma said 33 countries representing 89 percent of the air traffic have ratified the new initiative Single African Air Transport Market (SAATM) launched by the African Union in January 2018. "Eighteen of them have signed memorandum of implementation with countries. This is not a bad achievement and the others will follow suit," Girma said.

Girma went on to say that SAATM is good for African carriers. "I believe that SAATM will save many of the carriers from losing. Today 80 -90 pc of the airlines are losing. 50 percent of the total profit of Africa comes from one airline."

Lack of understanding is blocking SAATM. "The fear that if we open up the big carriers will eat us alive is not valid. The big carriers can do without SAATM. It is the small carriers that benefit. The small and big carriers should work together," he concluded.



# Are you the next Young Champion of the Earth for Africa?

By Special Correspondent

**I**N the two years since Mariama Mamane won the Young Champions of the Earth prize back in 2017, she has taken great strides in her mission to provide people in Burkina Faso with energy.

The regional winner for Africa is the founder of Jacigreen, a project that uses the water hyacinth, which chokes waterways across the continent, to create sustainable energy and environmentally friendly fertilizer for farmers.

We asked Mamane what benefits she has received through the Young Champions of the Earth prize, and how it has changed her life. We hope her answers inspire you to apply!

The funding I received from the Young Champions of the Earth prize enabled me to buy materials for my prototype. Working together with a team of people, I have now built the unit produces fertilizer and biogas.

**What other support did you receive through the prize?**

My work has been highly recognized in Burkina Faso and across Africa, even on other continents. People have requested me to share my experiences—they say that I am a good example to the youth and an inspiration to work hard. Through this work, I can mobilize other youth to change their habits related to the environment. We now have an organization that advocates for a sustainable environment and through it, we engage young people in activities that protect the environment. I have had the opportunity to inspire other young ladies and men to protect our world, which gives me deep satisfaction.

**Has winning the prize helped you to deepen your understanding of environmental concerns?**

After winning the award, I have gained a much clearer picture of what the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) does. For example, I am now aware of its wider goals and efforts to protect biodiversity. Besides that, I am now conversant with some of its advocacy work such as the Beat Plastic Pollution and BreatheLife campaigns. There are several other professional benefits I have gained. Many people have offered to work with me on my project, as they know that I have the capacity and knowledge to scale my project further. I have therefore been able to take my work to another level. When people visit me, I tell them that I acquired funds from UNEP's Young Champions of the Earth prize, which has helped me reach much higher goals for my project. People have offered to help me move further, and I have since secured funding from the African Development Bank. They financed my incubator because they saw the progress I had made.

What would you say to others who may be thinking about applying, but are not sure?

This award is like a cushion, because it has helped me to start something which people can see from scratch. They can now see what I am doing and can choose to further support it. Organizations can be confident about my work and support me further. I believe that youth can drive change and the prize helped me to make a start. I would encourage others who are passionate about the environment and have an idea for a project to go for it! I would definitely encourage young people who want to make a difference to apply because I know that this prize can change their lives. I am confident about the potential of the youth—we do have the potential to fight for the environment and make a positive difference in society.

**What did you learn through being a prize winner that was unexpected?**

Being a winner in the first series of the Young Champions of the Earth has brought me together with other young champions. We support each other and encourage each other to push boundaries and move our projects to another level. I have also connected with other organizations that support my work. Although I really need more investment to scale my project, this prize helped me to a great start, and I hope that others will be inspired to take this step as well.

Do you have what it takes to be a Young Champion of the Earth? Applications open in early 2020. Pressing submit makes you part of our change-maker community - get involved and be part of the conversation on environmental change.

The Young Champions of the Earth Prize, powered by Covestro, is UN Environment Programme's leading initiative to engage youth in tackling the world's most pressing environmental challenges.

Burkina Faso officially the Republic of Burkina Faso is a landlocked country in West Africa. It covers an area of around 274,200 square kilometres (105,900 sq mi) and is surrounded by six countries: Mali to the north; Niger to the east; Benin to the southeast; Togo to the southeast; Ghana to the south; and Ivory Coast to the southwest. The July 2019 population estimate by the United Nations was 20,321,378. The country's official language of government and business is French. Roughly 40 pc of the population speaks the Mossi language. Formerly called the Republic of Upper Volta (1958-1984), the country was renamed "Burkina Faso" on 4 August 1984 by then-President Thomas Sankara. Its citizens are known as Burkinabé. Its capital is Ouagadougou.

The Republic of Upper Volta was established on 11 December 1958 as a self-governing colony within the French Community, and on 5 August 1960 it gained full independence, with Maurice Yaméogo as President. After protests by students and labour union members, Yaméogo was deposed in the 1966 coup d'état, led by Sangoulé Lamizana, who became President. His rule coincided with the Sahel drought and famine, and facing problems from the country's traditionally powerful trade unions he was deposed in the 1980 coup d'état, led by Saye Zerbo. Encountering resistance from trade unions again, Zerbo's government was overthrown in the 1982 coup d'état, led by Jean-Baptiste Ouédraogo.

The leader of the leftist faction of Ouédraogo's government, Thomas Sankara, was made Prime Minister but was later imprisoned. Efforts to free him led to the popularly-supported 1983 coup d'état, in which he became President.



Mariama Mamane

Sankara renamed the country Burkina Faso and launched an ambitious socioeconomic programme which included a nationwide literacy campaign, land redistribution to peasants, railway and road construction and the outlawing of female genital mutilation, forced marriages and polygamy. Sankara was overthrown and killed in the 1987 coup d'état led by Blaise Compaoré - deteriorating relations with former coloniser France and its ally the Ivory Coast were the reason given for the coup.

In 1987, Blaise Compaoré became president and, after an alleged 1989 coup attempt, was later elected in 1991 and 1998, elections which were boycotted by the opposition and received a considerably low turnout, as well as in 2005. He remained head of state until he was ousted from power by the popular youth upheaval of 31 October 2014, after which he was exiled to the Ivory Coast.

Michel Kafando subsequently became the transitional president of the country. On 16 September 2015, a military coup d'état against the Kafando government was carried out by the Regiment of Presidential Security, the former presidential guard of Compaoré.

On 24 September 2015, after pressure from the African Union, ECOWAS and the armed forces, the military junta agreed to step down, and Michel Kafando was reinstated as acting president. In the general election held on 29 November 2015, Roch Marc Christian Kaboré won in the first round with 53.5 pc of the vote and was sworn in as President on 29 December 2015.

**Etymology**

Formerly called the Republic of Upper Volta, the country was renamed "Burkina Faso" on 4 August 1984 by then-President

Thomas Sankara. The words "Burkina" and "Faso" both stem from different languages spoken in the country: "Burkina" comes from Mossi and means "upright", showing how the people are proud of their integrity, while "Faso" comes from the Dioula language and means "fatherland" (literally, "father's house").

The "bè" suffix added onto "Burkina" to form the demonym "Burkinabè" comes from the Fula language and means "men or women". The CIA summarizes the etymology as "land of the honest (incorruptible) men".

The French colony of Upper Volta was named for its location on the upper courses of the Volta River (the Black, Red and White Volta).

**Early history**

The northwestern part of present-day Burkina Faso was populated by hunter-gatherers from 14000 BC to 5000 BC. Their tools, including scrapers, chisels and arrowheads, were discovered in 1973 through archaeological excavations.

Agricultural settlements were established between 3600 and 2600 BC. The Bura culture was an Iron-Age civilization centred in the southwest portion of modern-day Niger and in the southeast part of contemporary Burkina Faso. Iron industry, in smelting and forging for tools and weapons, had developed in Sub-Saharan Africa by 1200 BC.

From the 3rd to the 13th centuries AD, the Iron Age Bura culture existed in the territory of present-day southeastern Burkina Faso and southwestern Niger. Various ethnic groups of present-day Burkina Faso, such as the Mossi, Fula and Dioula, arrived in successive waves between the 8th and 15th centuries. From the 11th century, the Mossi people established several separate

kingdoms.

In the 1890s, during the European Scramble for Africa, the territory of Burkina Faso was invaded by France, and colonial control was established following a war of conquest between 1896 and 1904. The territory was made part of French West Africa in 1904, and the colony of French Upper Volta was established on 1 March 1919. The colony was named for its location on the upper courses of the Volta River (the Black, Red and White Volta).

**8th Century to 18th century**

Historians began to debate about the exact dates when Burkina Faso's many ethnic groups arrived to the area.

The Proto-Mossi arrived in the far Eastern part of what is today Burkina Faso sometime between the 8th and 11th centuries.[25] the Samo arrived around the 15th century, the Dogon lived in Burkina Faso's north and northwest regions until sometime in the 15th or 16th centuries, and many of the other ethnic groups that make up the country's population arrived in the region during this time.

During the Middle Ages the Mossi established several separate king-

doms including those of Tenkodogo, Yatenga, Zandoma, and Ouagadougou. Sometime between 1328 and 1338 Mossi warriors raided Timbuktu but the Mossi were defeated by Sonni Ali of Songhai at the Battle of Kobi in Mali in 1483.

During the early 16th century the Songhai conducted many slave raids into what is today Burkina Faso. During the 18th century the Gwiriko Empire was established at Bobo Dioulasso and ethnic groups such as the Dyan, Lobi, and Birifor settled along the Black Volta.

**From colony to independence (1890s-1958)**

Starting in the early 1890s a series of British, French and German military officers made attempts to claim parts of what is today Burkina Faso. At times these colonialists and their armies fought the local peoples; at times they forged alliances with them and made treaties.

The colonialist officers and their home governments also made treaties amongst themselves. Through a complex series of events what is today Burkina Faso eventually became a French protectorate in 1896.





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# Big brother Nigeria still a toddler in African politics

By Owei Lakemfa

**T**WO overriding ironies marked the 33rd Summit of African leaders held this week from February 9-10 with the theme: "Silencing the Guns: Creating Conducive Conditions for Africa's Development."

The first is that its Chairperson, President Abdel Fattah el-Sisi of Egypt, was a serving general who contrary to the African Union, AU, rules, overthrew a democratically elected government and has, through a charade, imposed himself as the 'elected' president of a country that lies prostrate under military jackboots.

Seven years after his coup, and about six years after his June 8, 2014 proclamation as president, Sisi continues to rule without regard for basic human rights, employing the use of torture and procuring the death sentence for his opponents through a conquered judiciary.

Africa in the last few years has been working on its Vision 2020 which is to 'Silence the Gun' by this year. But how could the continent achieve this goal when its last two chairpersons, President Paul Kagame of Rwanda and Sisi run basically authoritarian governments? How are we to silence the guns when chairman Sisi is a product of the gun?

This irony was not lost on the AU whose Commission Chairman, Mousa Faki Mahamat, during his November 2019 visit to South Africa, told Sisi's designated successor as AU chair, President Cyril Ramaphosa that he hopes the new leadership will "take us a step further in the implementation of our programmes (as) we can't silence the guns without good governance, without justice and without equality". Fittingly, Ramaphosa, a noted democratic figure on the continent is now the new chairman.

The second major irony is Nigeria, the continent's most populous country and acclaimed giant which after indefinitely shutting its borders against 15 African countries, asked Africa to vote it as head of the Africa Continental Free Trade Area, ACFTA, a body that is about open borders and free movement of goods and persons. How



can a country which for four months now has shut its borders with no timeline for reopening, aspire to lead-free trade in the continent?

Nigeria had tried to reach out to the rest of the continent in December by announcing a visa on arrival policy for Africans. But that seemed too little too late as this has been the Rwandan policy for some years now and countries like Kenya and Ethiopia had also evolved this policy. It is ironic that a country that claims to be opening its skies to all of Africa, has its land borders closed.

Despite the clear opposition by most countries at this week's AU Summit, and the emergence of South Africa as the ACFTA consensus candidate, Nigeria insisted on throwing its weight around, forcing the AU to go into voting. Nigeria had signed the ACFTA pact in July 2019.

But it was too late to campaign that

its headquarters be sited in Nigeria; Ghana had earlier lobbied and was given the honour to host the continental body. However, Nigeria decided to head the body and threw its hat into the ring.

There were 121 applicants for the post which was narrowed down to six candidates, then three. They were from Nigeria, South Africa and the Democratic Republic of Congo, DRC. The Nigerian candidate was Cecilia Akintomide, Board Member of FBN Holdings Plc and eTranzact International Ltd, former Junior Associate at Thomas O & Co., Associate for Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP and ex-Vice President at the African Development Bank.

This was in sharp contrast to Ms. Fatima Kyari Mohammed the candidate the country had presented at the 2017 AU Summit for

the leadership of the Peace and Security Commission, who had a near-zero work or service experience. South Africa presented Wamkele Mene, 42, a former Chief Director of Africa Economic Relations at its Department of Trade & Industry; former Chairman, Committee on International Trade in Financial Services, World Trade Organization, WTO and its Chief ACFTA Negotiator. The DRC presented Faustine Luanga, former Economic Adviser to ex-President Joseph Kabila.

The AU Commission had empowered the continent's Trade Ministers to conduct a competency-based selection process in which Mene came first, Luanga second and Akintomide, third. South Africa also had an advantage; while it had ratified ACFTA, Nigeria and the DRC had not.

But Nigeria refused to concede, and for three days, the Nigeria-South Africa rivalry was reignited at the Summit. The DRC saw the battle between the two largest economies in Africa as an opportunity to present itself as a compromise candidate, and so decided not to step down. Nigeria supporters played the gender card arguing that the AU campaigns for women empowerment, while those of South Africa argued that since Ghana is going to host the ACFTA Secretariat, the Secretary-General should not come from the same West African Region.

To ease tension and avoid a vote, it was suggested that South African President Cyril Ramaphosa, Nigerian President Muhammadu Buhari and Congolese President Félix Antoine

Tshisekedi should meet and reach a consensus. This did not happen; so the only option left was for African leaders to vote.

The winning candidate required endorsement by 33 of the 55 AU-Member countries. In the first vote, Mene got 25, Akintomide 15 and Luanga, six. The next round was 27-13-4. In the third round, it was 27-15-3 and Luanga withdrew. Akintomide stayed, garnering 17 votes to Mene's 28 in the fourth round.

Nigeria refused to back down, so a fifth round of voting commenced with Mene scoring 28 votes to 16. Yet Nigeria persisted leading to Mene scoring 28 votes to Akintomide's 15. At this point, Nigeria withdrew leaving Mene as the sole candidate in the seventh round of voting in which he had 35 votes, with nine abstentions.

I have participated in a number of international conferences, including AU Summits, and I think Nigeria should have been able to analyze that the African Trade Ministers selection process in which its candidate came third out of three candidates, was like a consensus.

So, it should not have forced a vote. However, having insisted on a vote, the results of the third round should have dictated a withdrawal-like the DRC did.

The politics leading to the summit and the bruising campaigns over the ACFTA leadership which began on Friday, February 7 might have rubbed off on the AU succession process. The South African group had accused President Buhari of conducting a political battle on ACFTA where the requirement is technical. At a closed-door meeting of the Heads of State, DRC's Félix Tshisekedi was elected First Vice Chairperson of the AU which means he would be the Chairperson for 2021. Nigeria may be the big brother in Africa, but in the continent's politics, it is playing like a toddler.

# The new coronavirus is not an excuse to be racist

By Anastasya Eliseeva

**T**HREE weeks ago, Trang Dong, a 21-year-old Vietnamese American, posted a video to TikTok, the short video sharing platform. In the clip, Dong and her cousin are slurping up the leftover broth from pho. The joke is, they're both holding their spoons with their chopsticks.

In the last few days, Dong's video has attracted several racist comments. "Where is the bat in your soups???" one TikTok user wrote. "Its corona time," another posted, referring to the coronavirus, which originated in Wuhan, China, in late 2019, and has since infected more than 19,000 people, mostly in mainland China.

"They're making a joke out of a pretty serious thing," Dong says.

"As soon as the news got out that it landed in America, that's when it started ramping up with the racist comments."

As officials work to contain the disease, which the World Health Organization (WHO) recently labeled a global public health emergency, anti-Asian racism and xenophobia have continued unabated. On 9gag, the meme- and GIF-sharing site, one user posted an image of a man with his tongue out, ogling a woman. He's a coronavirus, and she's "Chinese eating bat soup." In a viral tweet, an account posted a video of a woman eating bat with the comment, "When you eat bats and bamboo rats and s--- and call it a 'Chinese delicacy,' why y'all be acting surprised when diseases like #coronavirus appear?" And some restaurants are suffering as people share false warnings that Chinese dishes could somehow harbor the virus.

Kyra Nguyen, a 20-year-old Vietnamese American from Los Angeles, has watched the ethnic slur "chink" ping-pong around Twitter, alongside suggestions to shoot US-bound planes from China out of the sky. "As soon as the news got out that it landed in America, that's when it started ramping up with the racist comments," she says. "Prior to that, it was like, 'Oh, it's in China,' so peo-

ple weren't as worried about it, I guess."

Many Twitter and Facebook posts blame Chinese people (or people presumed to be Chinese, like Dong and Nguyen) for creating and spreading the virus. If others challenge their statements, many users, including one who commented on Dong's video, defend their statements as "jokes." But Dong, a student at the University of California, Berkeley, says these words and images damage both her sense of identity and her sense of well-being. "[People saying] 'stay away from your Asian friends' or 'stay away from international students' is really upsetting to see." She says these posts are a reminder that, as an Asian American, she's a "perpetual foreigner in the country I was born in, in the country I was raised in."

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Chinese people in Asia and Asian people around the world say they've been treated with suspicion since the virus made international headlines. Erin Wen Ai Chew, a 37-year-old entrepreneur with Chinese ancestry, told me about a recent experience in an Australian airport. Chew says a white woman eyed every Asian person passing by, especially those wearing face masks, as though searching for signs of disease. Chew purposefully coughed near the woman, who, she says, ran away, eyes wide with terror.

"We're expecting this type of thing to happen," Chew says. "We know that people will look at our black hair and 'yellow' skin and target us... There's a lot of anger, a lot of resentment, and also a lot of dread to know that when we go out, we could be subject to racism."

There are political repercussions, too. Despite little scientific evidence that restricting travel stops the spread of a novel virus, President Trump has banned foreign nationals who have traveled to China in the last 14 days from reentering the United States. This runs counter to WHO's guidance, which discourages travel and trade bans, as they can make

it harder to help nations respond to such outbreaks.

SARS created a template for racist fear-mongering in subsequent outbreaks

The current atmosphere echoes a previous outbreak. In 2002, a different coronavirus emerged in China's Guangdong Province: severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS). It killed almost 800 people around the world. Public health officials are still not certain how the virus emerged, says Katherine Mason, a medical anthropologist at Brown University. But experts theorize that the zoonotic illness moved from bats to another animal, like civet cats, which are a delicacy in southern China, and then into humans. This genetic baton-pass may have begun in a wet market, which are places where vendors keep many different kinds of live animals and sell them alive or slaughter them on-site. The close proximity of so many species that might not otherwise meet may facilitate the spread of new diseases.

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Many of the offending coronavirus posts in recent weeks have confidently connected the virus to Chinese people's purported appetite for bat, which has been labeled disgusting, dangerous, and something people don't eat "in the normal world." (Most of the world finds the American appetite for disassembled, plastic-wrapped animal parts equally strange.) The same posts assert that the virus originated in a wet market, which people describe with similar disdain, despite scientific speculation that the coronavirus may have emerged elsewhere.

Only some outbreaks are racialized, says Roger Keil, a professor in the environmental studies department at York University, who studied the impact of SARS on the city of Toronto.

Neither H1N1, which emerged in North America, nor mad cow disease, which primarily affected the United Kingdom, generated a racial or ethnic backlash of



this magnitude. Yet, diseases that originate in China, like SARS and the new coronavirus, or in Africa – remember the fears about Ebola? – consistently correlate with xenophobia.

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"With this new virus, something was triggered that is always latently there, under the surface, which is this fear of the other and the idea that bad things come from elsewhere," Keil says. It also echoes old prejudices. In the 19th century, Europeans feared a so-called "yellow peril," brought about by "primitive" people with emerging global power. In the US, there was a specific notion that Asian people carried disease, the Los Angeles Times reported.

To combat racism, people in the public eye, including politicians and media outlets, have to begin by uncoupling the disease from its origin point, Keil says.

Nguyen, the Los Angeles, thinks coronavirus could be a catalyst for social change. "Growing up, I've experienced a lot of microaggressions. Like, 'Oh are you eating dog?'" she says. "A lot of peo-

ple don't view microaggressions as racism. They think it's a joke." Now, people are speaking up, online and off.

For now, Keil says, "there are two things to remember every morning when you get up: wash your hands and don't be racist."

As yet officially unnamed, the coronavirus is being dubbed the China Virus by some news outlets, spurring anti-Chinese sentiment and an all-too-familiar xenophobia.

Every time a new illness goes beyond epidemic proportions and threatens to become a pandemic, humankind reacts with panic, bravery, rationality – and racism. The novel coronavirus, yet to be officially scientifically named, has set off anti-Chinese racism through sick rumours, slurs, libels and slanders.

The street, social media platforms, the media: these have been the carriers of an infectious xenophobia that has blamed Chinese people everywhere for the virus, alleging that their eating habits (wild animals, cats, dogs, "anything with legs apart from a table") are in the main responsible for it. To take just one

South African example, here is a bit of social media that did the rounds earlier this week:

"We urge citizens to stay away from China Mall. Most of the owners went back to China to celebrate the Chinese New Celebrations [sic]."

They are returning and some are bringing along the coronavirus. Rather be safe than sorry. Please share this with your contacts and keep our people from this deadly virus that is spreading rapidly, worldwide."

Here we see crude supposition and a clear us-versus-them divide. The world has been here before, regrettably too many times.

In the three years from January 1918 to December 1920, an estimated 500 million people were infected by – and 50 million people died from – the H1N1 influenza virus pandemic. Contemporary readers will recognise H1N1 instantly, because there was an outbreak of the self-same virus in 2009. But it would have meant nothing to anyone in the years 1918 to 1920, because the virus had colloquially been named the Spanish flu.

## Foundation, TAMFI launches fourth Citi Micro entrepreneurship Awards

By Guardian Reporter

CITI Foundation in partnership with the Tanzania Association of Microfinance Institutions (TAMFI) has launched the 4th Citi Micro-entrepreneurship Awards (CMA).

The award seeks to recognize the extraordinary contributions that individual micro entrepreneurs who have made to the economic stability of their families as well as their communities across Tanzania.

According to Citibank Tanzania CEO, Geoffrey Mchangila, the CMA program has taken root in the country and in the last three years the awards have highlighted the

achievements of some of the most innovative micro entrepreneurs.

"This is part of Citi's ongoing commitment to the field of microfinance and we believe that innovative micro-entrepreneurs are the big enterprises of the future," he said.

The CMA has been a signature component of the Citi Foundation's work on financial inclusion for over a decade. Since 2005, the CMA has focused on providing economic empowerment opportunities for micro-entrepreneurs in about 30 countries.

"About 70 million Tanzania shillings will be awarded to 16 winners and will go a long way to highlight

and encourage the contributions of micro-entrepreneurs and microfinance institutions (MFIs) in Tanzania" said Mchangila.

The Citi Foundation's extensive work on financial inclusion contributes to progress on Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 8, which aims among other things to provide full and productive employment and decent work for all.

According to Mchangila, the Awards promote financial inclusion and generate recognition for the extraordinary contributions that individual micro entrepreneurs make for the economic sustainability of their families, their communities and the wider

economy.

"This is specifically enabling progress on target SDG 9 which seeks to increase the access of small-scale enterprises, particularly in developing countries, to financial services to facilitate integration into value chains and markets."

For her part, the TAMFI CEO Winnie Terry, noted that the awards were a good catalyst to show the masses that prudent borrowing and repayments in business plays a key role in economic development.

She added: "In the three years, over 45 remarkable micro-entrepreneurs in Tanzania who were nominated by their microfinance

Institution, won over 210m/-."

The winners who exhibited excellence in areas such as loan repayment, business growth, innovation, job creation and impact on the community took home cash and non-cash prizes.

The categories will be based on demographics, gender and economic sector. The business should also have had a positive impact on the livelihood of the micro-entrepreneur, their family and their community. An overall winner - the Micro-entrepreneur of the Year Award and the Most Innovative MFI Award will also be included.

Last year, the Citi Micro entre-

preneurship Awards program was a resounding success. Thousands of hard-working micro entrepreneurs were nominated by MFIs, and hundreds of them took home awards. The program's greatest accomplishment was increasing global awareness of the important role that micro entrepreneurs play in their local economies and catalyzing innovations among microfinance institutions that will lead to the increased supply of demand-driven products and enhanced client capability.

The CMAs strive to ensure that small business owners throughout Tanzania are celebrated for their efforts in creating sustainable

businesses in their communities. Participating micro-entrepreneurs in Tanzania will present their businesses to judges who range from microfinance experts to leaders from the public, private and academic sectors.

The competition and judging process will be held in June 2020, when the winners will be announced at an awards ceremony in Dar es Salaam.

To date, the Citi Foundation has invested more than US\$23.5 million in microfinance networks and microfinance institutions, and provided US\$10.5 million in cash prizes to more than 6,000 entrepreneurs.

## Moshi-based school for the deaf gets new push

By Correspondent James Lanka, Moshi

A MOSHI-BASED Charan Singh and Sons Company Limited has donated food stuffs to the pupils of Msandaka Deaf School in Moshi Municipality worth 1.8m/-, a move that aims at ensuring school children are sure of having meals during class hours for sustainable good performances of their studies.

The humanitarian support for the deaf school children were handed over to the special school's headmistress Rosada Shao early this week, by Varinderpal Bhamra on behalf of their company.

"On behalf of CSSL, we have provided various food items including bags of maize, rice, beans, exercise books, pens and pencils, and cartons of water

all worth 1.8m/- to the Msandaka Deaf School so that they can be assured of meals during class hours for sustainable performances of their studies," he explained. For his part, the patron of the school, Inderjeet Rehal (Nitu) recommended the role played by CSSL at the school, advising other well wishers to donate to the special school.

"We thanked CSSL for their continuous support at this school, as they have also donated a total of USD 5000 for the days and boarding children's food who are studying at this school..." he explained.

He added that, the company is also paying all water bills for the Msandaka Deaf School for the past 20 years ago.

The headmistress for Msandaka Deaf School, Rosada Shao thanked all people who contributed their humanitarian supports to her deaf pupils.



Citibank Tanzania CEO Geoffrey Mchangila (C) at a joint press conference in Dar es Salaam on Friday with Tanzania Association of Microfinance Institutions (TAMFI) chairman Joel Mwakitalu (R) and Citi vice president Dorbibi Jemadari. This was at the launch of the 4th Citi Micro-entrepreneurship Awards in Tanzania. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## Centre introduces vocational training for children with brain disorders

By Correspondent James Lanka, Hai

KILIMANJARO based Gabriella Children Rehabilitation Centre (GCRC) has introduced special therapeutic and vocational skills training for youth as part of efforts to battle stigma and prejudice against people with disabilities.

Founder and Executive Director of the center, Brenda Shuma

was concerned that children with autism, hyperactive brain disorders and learning disabilities are less accepted in the society due to lack of inclusive policies, and vocational skills training.

Shuma, who is an occupational therapist, noted that in most African countries people tend to hide children with disabilities at home, particularly those suffering from brain disorder.

According to her such conditions can be treated through special treatment including rehabilitation. She said her organization has embarked on initiatives to help children with brain disorders through introduction of parents and caregivers' children rehabilitation programs that are conducted at the center.

Through the programme parents are educated on how to care and deal with difficult behaviors of children with learning disabilities including autism, hyperactive brain disorders, down syndrome, among many others.

"Through our vocational training courses, children with learning disabilities will be equipped with arts and craft skills, tailoring, carpentry, welding, livestock keeping, brick making and herbal gardening", said Shuma noting under herbal gardening children will be taught on how to produce

mint, thyme, lemon grass, and rosemary grasses, among many others.

The GCRC boss described autism as a developmental disability that starts appearing in children at the age of three. She said children with autism have intellectual disability requiring specialist support, though which some children can have normal intelligence and live a relatively normal life.

According to her, the disability

may impact the child's ability to communicate and interact with others effectively and may have Attention Deficit Hyperactive Disorder (ADHD), a situation that makes a child brain to be active above normal.

Shuma said: "We need to give such training to children to make them productive in the society as well as enable them to enjoy their lives. Trainings on art & craft, gardening and cookery are taught to

improve their competitiveness in the market".

She pointed out that GCRC has been working with several societal groups including children with disabilities whereas they are equipped with entrepreneurship skills. She appealed to parents and guardians in Kilimanjaro region not to hide their children with disabilities insisting her organization is ready to provide support to the,



Tanzania Cigarette Company Limited official Phibert Fidel (3rd-R) briefs Parliamentary Budget Committee members and Tanzania Revenue Authority officials when the delegation toured the Dar es Salaam-based firm for an update on the use of electronic tax stamps as introduced by TRA last year. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## Concern raised as small gold miners use mercury without protective gear

By Guardian Correspondent, Geita

SMALL gold miners in the country could be in danger over the use of mercury as most of them don't wear protective gears when extracting minerals.

This was said last week by Theonesta Mwashu, the Director of a Non Governmental Organization engaged in the development of small miners in the country during his tour with newsmen at Mtalingi Mine in Nyakagwe area in Geita District.

Mwashu said among the issues they deal with in developing small gold miners is to educate on their own safety especially when they go down into the pits, and the use of mercury in recovering the gold from the sand that they should wear protective gear.

"The number of small gold miners in the country is big and they are not well educated on the importance of using protective gear when prospecting for gold, including the use of mercury, they don't wear safety shoes, protective gloves, instead they use bare hands which is dangerous to their health, she said.

She said when miner uses mercury to separate gold from other materials with bare hands is prone of getting bruises and if the mercury penetrates into the body, he will start to experience headaches, loss of memory and gearing, kidney infections and ends in death.

One of the gold miner Boniphace Charles said the understand that mercury is harmful to them and said they are used to recover gold with bare hands and urged to be more educated on the importance of protective gear.

The owner of the gold mine Mtalingi Hamzeh said they know the adverse effects of mercury but when they provide protective gear to their workers they do not use them even though they were originally educated by FADeV, saying they are used working with bare hands.

He said despite recognizing harmful effects of mercury, small gold miners lack adequate operating capital to meet alternative ways to recover gold from other materials, hence appealed to financial institutions to provide loans to them so that they abandon the use of mercury altogether.



**The number of small gold miners in the country is big and they are not well educated on the importance of using protective gear when prospecting for gold, including the use of mercury**

# Epicentre Wuhan going all out to battle against novel coronavirus

CHINA is tightening its measures in every possible way to combat the novel coronavirus.

On Jan. 23, two days before the Chinese New Year, the epicentre Wuhan, a megacity in central China's Hubei province was locked down.

From 10:00 a.m. that day, all public transportation, including city buses, subways, ferries and long-distance coaches in the city have been suspended, and outbound channels at airports and railway stations have also been closed temporarily.

Citizens should not leave the city without legitimate reasons, according to a notice issued in the wee hours of Jan. 23 by Wuhan's headquarters for the control and treatment of pneumonia caused by the novel coronavirus.

Wuhan, known for its wide transportation connection since ancient time, lost its lively atmosphere, and because of the virus, the life of the 9 million residents there has changed. However, the city is still working hard to bring people's life back to normal.

On the first night of the lockdown, a newly recruited nurse of Tongji Hospital affiliated to Huazhong University of Science & Technology in Wuhan volunteered to serve at the fever clinic of the hospital.

"I can stay here during the Spring Festival holiday and please let me work at the fever clinic," said the nurse who cancelled her wedding ceremony that had been scheduled days later.

Li Lanping is a sanitation worker in Wuhan. When Wuhan announced the lockdown, she was cleaning Luogui Road. Li said she got up at 4:00 a.m. that day, and was busy sweeping the road and dumping trash cans until 8:00 a.m. She said that in the face of the epidemic, sanitation workers mustn't stop working, adding that "people won't catch the disease when the environment is clean."

Traffic police officer Liu Wujiao was another one in Wuhan who remained at post at the critical time. Wuchang



Railway Station, which is under Liu's operation jurisdiction, is the southern gate of Wuhan, as well as one of the biggest transport hubs in central China.

Liu said the empty roads and train station were strange to him, but to reduce population flow at this critical moment is needed. The officer told People's Daily that his department must be on duty whether there are people or not. According to him, he and his colleagues would take the temperature of every passing passenger so as to safeguard the health of the city.

At 10:00 a.m. Jan. 24, one day after Wuhan was sealed off, the street

A staff member takes temperature of a customer at the entrance of a supermarket in Hankou, central China's Hubei province.

was empty. However, Hema, an Alibaba supermarket located on Zhangzhidong Road, Wuchang district, was frequently visited by consumers.

Qiu Jun, a resident living in the neighborhood said he went there to buy some fruits and vegetables as his family was preparing a dinner to celebrate the eve of the Chinese New Year. "The vegetables are in sufficient supply and abundant variety, and their prices are as usual," Qiu said.

"Guaranteeing supplies to Wuhan is a priority at present. We are doing all we can to ensure a stable supply of vegetables, meat,

eggs and dairy products. We also provide disposable masks and antibacterial hand sanitizers for free at our market," said a manager of Hema, who introduced that commodity supply of the market has been brought back to normal after the government pledged efforts to sustain continuous supply of necessities.

On Jan. 24, the first group of 135 medical workers from hospitals in Shanghai arrived in Wuhan via a high-speed train. So far, more than 8,310 medical staff from 68 medical teams in 29 provinces (including autonomous regions and municipalities) and

the armed forces have come to Hubei. They are all elite experts and excellent nursing teams from the respiratory, infectious, and intensive medicine departments.

Starting from Jan. 26, Wuhan has banned non-essential vehicles in downtown area to further contain the spread of the novel coronavirus. Only free transportation vehicles, government vehicles, and authorized vehicles carrying supplies are allowed to hit the road.

The city has designated 6,000 taxis to communities in downtown area, and each community is served by three to five taxis. Since the noon of Jan. 25, the taxis started free service for the residents.

Under the management of local residents' committees, these taxis are mainly used to offer rides for medics and fevered local residents. In addition, they also provide services such as delivering meals, vegetables and medicine for those with difficulty going out.

Community is the first line of defense in the fight against the novel coronavirus. Duowen residential community is one in Jiangnan district where many old residential complexes locate with frequent flow of people.

From Jan. 28, Tian Lin, a community cadre in Duowen, made phone calls to every registered household to check if they have developed fever symptoms and visited each household to see whether the fevered residents have received treatment and which hospital they went to. Tian also asked the patients to present their diagnostic reports and reported the information to the authorities in a timely manner.

To cope with emergencies, community cadres are on duty

24 hours a day, answering calls at any time and responding to emergencies.

On Jan. 29, a resident named Luo Juan living in Jiqing community, Jiang'an district was put under isolation after she developed a fever, which worried the woman very much as her child was left home alone unattended.

Learning Luo's situation while screening fevered residents in the community, the neighborhood committee immediately started taking special care for Luo's son, and arranged two personnel to deliver meals to the boy in shifts. Besides packed meals, they also provided the child with milk and snacks.

To ensure sound ventilation, the two personnel opened the doors and windows of Luo's house on a regular basis. They also took temperature of the 7-year-old boy every time before they left.

Over the past few days, Hu Mingrong, secretary of the Party Committee of Jiangxinyuan community in Hanyang district has been working with community workers to screen residents with fever and help patients receive treatment.

They delivered meals and medicines to the elderly living alone, suspected patients, unattended children and people with mobility impairments. Besides, Hu would also make appointments and arrange transfers for residents who need to be sent to fever clinics and designated hospitals for further examination and treatment.

"We must firmly stand our ground, and be the guardians of our residents. We can definitely defeat the epidemic as long as all 1,287 communities in Wuhan have held their positions," Hu said. **People's Daily**

# Climate change opens up 'frontier' farmland, but at what cost to the planet?

By Thin Lei Win I

WE explore the challenges of ending hunger and malnutrition as food production adjusts to a warming world. Climate change could expand farmland globally by almost a third but would also bring significant environmental threats, including a risk of increased emissions from soils.

In a few more decades, potatoes from the Russian tundra and corn from once-frigid areas of Canada could be added to the list as vast swathes of land previously unsuited to agriculture open up to farmers on a hotter planet. Climate change could expand farm-

land globally by almost a third, a study by international researchers found this week.

They examined which new areas may become suitable for growing 12 key crops including rice, sugar, wheat, oil palm, cassava and soy.

"In a warming world, Canada's North may become our breadbasket of the future," the scientists wrote.

But, they warned, opening up new "agricultural frontiers" would also bring significant environmental threats, including a risk of increased planet-warming emissions from soils.

In Canada, there is potential to at least double the country's farmland to 2 million square kilometres, thus

doubling food production, said study co-author Krishna Bahadur KC, an adjunct professor at Canada's University of Guelph.

"This is the positive aspect," he said.

Farming on the land identified in the study - more than half of which lies in Canada and Russia, with the rest including the mountains of Central Asia and North America's Rocky Mountains - could help feed the planet's growing population.

Today, one in nine people go to bed hungry, and the United Nations has said food production needs to increase by about 50% by 2050, when the global population is expected to reach nearly 10 billion.



Climate change could expand farmland globally by almost a third, a new study has found. PHOTO: REUTERS

Despite growing demand for food, environmental experts who were not involved in the study told the Thomson Reuters Foundation enlarging farmland could further accelerate climate change.

Some of these frontier areas have the most carbon-rich soils, said Ronald Vargas, secretary of the Global Soils Partnership and a land management officer at the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization.

"As soon as you start (farming) you will see emissions. So global warming will shoot up," he said, pointing to a map showing that Russia and Canada hold about a third of the world's organic carbon stock found in the top layer of fertile soil.

Within a decade, half of that carbon could be released into the atmosphere if the land is cultivated, he warned. The study, published in the science journal PLOS One, echoed that concern.

If agriculture were allowed to extend into all areas identified, "there would be little chance" of meeting the Paris Agreement goal of limiting global temperature rise to 1.5 degrees Celsius (2.7F) above pre-industrial levels, it

said.

That, in turn, would generate "even more climate change for poor people in the developing world" who have done little to cause global warming, said Margarita Astralaga, head of the environment and climate division at the International Fund for Agricultural Development.

Instead the answer lies with better management of existing arable land, including raising productivity in Africa, she said.

About four-fifths of African agriculture relies on rainfall, so extended droughts cripple food production, she noted, calling for solutions such as irrigation, soil conservation and reduction of food waste and spoilage.

"We have millions of hectares that already are arable that we have destroyed... Do we go to Mars next?" she asked.

Agnes Kalibata, president of the Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa and former Rwandan agricultural minister, also saw downsides to opening up more farmland.

She pointed to the devastating locust invasion in East Africa and a surge in malaria in parts of Africa as

the climate gets hotter.

"We can't... forget that in those areas where it's warming up, it's also warming up to be comfortable for insects that were not there before," she said.

Biodiversity loss could be "huge" too, added Kalibata, who was recently appointed special envoy for a U.N. summit on improving food systems slated for next year.

As well as threatening global biodiversity hotspots, the study warned that extending farming to frontier areas could bring risks for indigenous people who often inhabit such land.

It called for government policies to "optimise food production, biodiversity and ecosystem services under climate change" rather than simply favouring agricultural expansion, as in the past.

An environmentally aware approach could include protecting areas with carbon-rich soils or levying high carbon taxes on conversion of such land for farming, said co-author KC. "We should proceed but we should move very, very cautiously and (be) mindful of the potential environmental impacts," he added.

## THE GUARDIAN SIMPLE WORD FIT // THE GUARDIAN CROSSWORD =050=

**WORD FIT**

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- 5 letter word: SON, HIS, OIL, MAT, SAD, ROT, LAW, TAR, RAN
- 4 letter word: HONE, NOON, KADU
- 5 letter word: WHALE, RANCH, TRAIN, MASON, BRAND
- 6 letter word: ESCROW, ELATED, CHURCH, OTHERS, ENCORE, FUTURE, RANGER
- 7 letter word: RESTORE, SUMMITS
- 8 letter word: ELECTION, THEATRES
- 9 letter word: OESTROGEN, TORMENTOR

**CROSSWORD**

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6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17

18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28

- Clues: Across
- 1 Someone who catches fish (9)
  - 6 Someone admired and respected (4)
  - 7 Entrepreneur (9)
  - 9 Therefore (4) 10 Effective (6)
  - 14 Bag for holding food which is hung around a horse's head (7)
  - 19 The former head of the Italian state railways killed by Ndrangheta (6) 20 Fashion (5)
  - 21 A rich or powerful person (5)
  - 23 Person who plays an organ (8)
  - 25 Emission of liquids (4)
  - 26 University in UK (3)
  - 27 Person who does things you disapprove (6)
  - 28 Cause to flow (4)
- Down:
- 1 Known and recognized by people (6)
  - 2 Not expected or planned (6)
  - 3 Mother (4)
  - 4 Number 9 (4)
  - 5 Permit (5)
  - 8 Very bad (7) 11 Supporter (8)
  - 12 Body part (3)
  - 13 The worship of satan (8)
  - 15 Curved fruit with a yellow colour (6)
  - 16 Large desert in Asia (4)
  - 17 Money owed to someone (4)
  - 18 Rarely and infrequently (4-2)
  - 22 Academy award (5)
  - 24 Religious leader in Hindu (4)

**Last Issue's Solutions**

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## BUSINESS

## PARTNERSHIP

## Maendeleo Bank Plc, Airtel, FSDT team up to offer digital loans to small businesses

By Guardian Reporter

A new campaign dubbed, 'TimizaBiashara' targeting small business groups has been launched in Dar es Salaam last week thanks to Maendeleo Bank Plc, Airtel Money and Financial Services Deepening Trust (FSDT).

Speaking in Dar es Salaam on Friday during the launch, Maendeleo Bank's Managing Director, Dr Ibrahim Mwangalaba said that by partnering with Airtel Money and FSDT, his bank is focusing on offering small scale entrepreneurs with digital loans.

"This service is aimed at fulfilling your business requirements and bringing solutions to challenges which small scale business, entrepreneurs and Vicoba group members have been facing in terms of savings and borrowing money," Dr Mwangalaba said.

He pointed out that 'TimizaBiashara' campaign targets small businesses whose owners form savings and credit groups commonly known as Vicoba which they use to save and lend each other money digitally.

Through the campaign, TimizaVicoba subscribers under Airtel Money can save and borrow without even meeting or visiting a bank branch. "By using Airtel Money network, small business owners create Vicoba groups and consult through mobile phones without the need of meeting in one place in order to get services. The group members can then decide on when to make their savings, loan durations and when they will be making loan payment," the Maendeleo Bank CEO, added.

He paid tribute to FSDT who are financing the campaign as part of scaling up financial inclusion in the country by allowing marginalised groups have easy access to finance and saving through mainstream banks.

In her remarks, Airtel Tanzania Director of Corporate Affairs, Beatrice Singano said the TimizaBiashara campaign incorporates TimizaVicoba which is designed for entrepreneurs and business people organised in groups of between five and 50 people who save and borrow money through Airtel Money platform.

"The aim of launching TimizaBiashara campaign is to sensitize Tanzanians on the importance of adopting a saving culture especially among small-scale businesses. In addition, with Airtel Money platform now available all over the country, we are promoting financial inclusion to reach the 80 percent of the unbanked population in the country," Singano said.

On his part, FSDT's Director of Facilitation, Dr Peter Kingu said as key financiers of the TimizaBiashara marketing campaign, the not for profit institution is implementing financial inclusion. "Since the establishment of FSDT in the country, we have played a key role in scaling up financial inclusion in the country and especially targeting the unbanked population in rural villages," Dr Kingu said.

He added that the campaign is aimed at solving challenges which small groups have been experiencing when they need to borrow money and expand their businesses. "I therefore call upon small-scale business, entrepreneurs and Vicoba groups to make advantage of this product," Dr Kingu.



Airtel Tanzania Corporate Director Beatrice Singano speaks at the launch of 'TimizaBiashara' campaign in Dar es Salaam on Friday. Others are: Maendeleo Bank Plc's, Dr Ibrahim Mwangalaba (L) and FSDT Director of Facilitation Dr Peter Kingu. Photo courtesy of Airtel.

## PREFERENCE

## MultiChoice loses out to China on AU television studios deal

ADDIS ABABA

MultiChoice has spent millions of rands preparing to kit out television studios at the African Union headquarters in Addis Ababa, only to be told at the last minute that the arrangement was off because of China.

President Cyril Ramaphosa was supposed to launch the studio during the AU summit last weekend. It was meant to be a flagship project by South Africa's Department of Communications in partnership with MultiChoice to coincide with Ramaphosa's term as AU chair this year.

South Africa's Ambassador to the AU, Xolisa Makaya, said: "When I came here at the end of September my team started engaging with the AU only to be told there was a memorandum of understanding (MOU) between the AU Commission and China to refurbish the same studio."

He said the MOU, which is legally binding, was signed in 2015, and even

though South Africa was shocked to be informed about this after so much work had been done, no malice was suspected.

"As government we hold the view that this was simply a lack of proper communications within the AU Commission." China built the AU's \$200 million headquarters and gifted it to the continent in 2012.

In 2018 there were reports that China was using the servers in the building to spy on the AU. Fin24 has reliably been informed that MultiChoice has spent at least R27m on the work already, and that there was deep disappointment in the company.

But MultiChoice Group Senior Manager for Communications Benedict Maaga didn't want to comment and referred all queries to the Department of Communications Director-General, Robert Nkuna. "Unfortunately we have nothing further to add on this matter," Maaga said.

## RECOGNITION

## Bashungwa to grace Kaizen awards ceremony tomorrow

By Francis Kajubi

THE 4th Kaizen awards ceremony will be held in Dar es Salaam tomorrow and will be graced by Minister of Industry and Trade, Innocent Bashungwa.

The ministry through its Tanzania Kaizen Unit (TKU) in collaboration with Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) has since 2017 been organizing the awards at national level involving pilot enterprises, small and large industries.

The awards recognize businesses that have adopted the Kaizen philosophy that is rooted in efficiency and quality in the industrial production value chain.

Speaking over the weekend in Dar es Salaam at a one-day seminar organized by the ministry in collaboration with JICA to train journalists on what the Japanese philosophy, Jane Lyatuu who is Kaizen Master Trainer from the department of industrial development at the ministry, said that a total of 14 pilot enterprises, small and large industries will take part in the competition.

Lyatuu said the winner will represent the country at this year's Kaizen Africa awards to be held in South Africa next September.

"Last year's award winners were A to Z Textiles Mills Limited under the category of large industries which is located in Arusha and Evolution Investments and General Suppliers Limited of Dar es Salaam under the small industries category," she said.

"Through the project A to Z Textile Mills has been able to make use of its raw materials to the maximum



Jane Lyatuu a Kaizen master trainer from the department of industrial development at the Industry and Trade ministry, briefs journalists on the pilot project. Photo: Francis Kajubi

compared to what it was before the project. The industry used to incur a loss of 54 percent of the raw materials owing to poor management making use of only 46 percent," Lyatuu added while noting that the company now uses over 90 percent of its raw materials. Under the ministry, TKU initiated a project dubbed 'Strengthening the Manufacturing Enter-

prises through Quality and Productivity Improvement in 2013 that entered its phase two in 2017 with the mission of improving efficiency and quality in goods production to the pilot enterprises.

The project is designed at enabling industries expand businesses instead of squeezing or weakening them by using the approach of cost cutting, human and raw ma-

terials resources management, good use of space at place of work and time keeping.

Kaizen is a Japanese word made up of two words KAI and ZEN with kai meaning gradual change and zen meaning for better.

According to heras of September last year the project has trained 91 trainers from SIDO, small and large manu-

facturing industries' employees. More than 100 coordinators and 102 enterprises from them 25 large and 77 small enterprises have benefited from training while 59 of them are already certified by the ministry.

The ministry targets to reach 500 pilot, small and large scale industries by end of next year when the project will come to an end.

## RELIEF

## Telco's all-networks 'Ujanja Ni' package excites customers

By Guardian Reporter

CUSTOMERS of Tigo Tanzania are excited with an all-net service package dubbed, 'Ujanja Ni' that allows them to call across networks at the same tariff.

The move means that Tigo customers are now done away with purchasing on-net and off-net voice packages to communicate across all networks. "I used to have two sim cards that enabled me to call my friends and relatives across other networks but now I only use my Tigo line to make calls to any network at the same price," said Mtwara based, Faustina Mavika.

Mavika said the all net services has granted extreme freedom to access communications services in the market where cross network calls are still costly.

Arguably, reliable communications service is one of the key pillars in fostering economic development, the 'Ujanja Ni' is therefore, set to positively impact economic activities while making social experiences online even more pleasant.

Sanday Kitosi, a bodaboda rider based at Kijitonyama in Dar es Salaam backed Mavika's observation by revealing that before 'Ujanja Ni' was launched he had the inconvenience of using a lot of money to call his customers who are on other networks.

"I remember one day I lost a customer because I could not get her on voice call to give me a proper direction to the location where she was as I had limited airtime to call other networks. Since Tigo introduced 'Ujanja Ni' package my job has become easier," said Kitosi.

Another Tigo subscriber, Richard Pascal who resides in Morogoro also shares the same experience as Kitosi saying the new package offers more freedom to call friends and family members who are on other networks hence reducing the burden of having more than one sim card.

"Honestly, this service has reduced the pain that most of us



Tigo's acting Chief Commercial Officer, David Umoh.

were experiencing in the past since now I no longer need to have several sim-cards to call anyone, I can also purchase any voice package and use it to call my friends available on any network without being limited to talk time," he added.

The new product portfolio is a first in the market and also the smartest choice for all consumers as it comes with a simplified channel to purchase which enables customers to have easy access to all the newly enriched packages.

According to most Tigo subscribers, the service has improved access to communications services as it offers freedom to call across all networks at the same tariffs, a revolutionary solution in today's market.

Tigo's acting Chief Commercial Officer, David Umoh said the new portfolio is set to liberate and connect customers more with their friends and relatives across all networks in the market.

"Our new package liberates voice calls to any network in Tanzania. This further demonstrates our efforts in being the network that gives more value to customers while they experience our innovative services," said Umoh. He noted that the new package also allows 'Ujanja Ni' subscribers to save money because its much cheaper compared to similar packages available in the market.

Another customer, Marry Michael from Tegeta in Dar es Salaam seconded Umoh's

arguments saying, "Apart from calling across all networks, I also save more money by purchasing weekly and monthly packages that offers more value at affordable price," she noted.

She said as a university student, she used to purchase Uni packs hence has experienced some changes on the Tigo's menu which a colleague, Martha Silvin also backed. "I was a bit worried when I could not access the Uni packs on the menu but I can still access the same packages on 'Saizi Yako' where you get improved voice, data and SMS bundles," Silvin said. All Tigo packages can be purchased digitally through Tigo Pesa.

## PARTNERSHIP

# Oil & gas association chair attends Egypt petroleum show

By Guardian Reporter

**I**N a bid to strengthen cooperation between Egyptian and local oil and gas investors, Association of Tanzania Oil & Gas Service Providers (ATOGS) Chairman, Abdulsamad Abdulrahim took part at an oil and gas conference and show held in Cairo last week.

In a statement on Friday, Abdulrahim said during his visit he met and exchange views with Egyptian President, Abdel Fattah El Sisi, Prime Minister Dr Mostafa Madbouly and Minister of Electricity and Renewable Energy Dr Mohamed Shaker.

He also gave a keynote speech in which he shared Tanzania's experience in the field while presenting infrastructure investment opportunities available in the energy sector especially in oil and gas exploration.

Abdulrahim informed delegates that under President John Magufuli, the government has improved business and investment climate hence attractive to the private sector. "Tanzania is one of the fastest growing economies in Africa with an average of 7.2 percent per annum. It is a peaceful country and has stable regulatory and fiscal regime to doing business and invest," he told Egyptian peers and government officials.

He urged prospective investors to come and tap into the infrastructure investments opportunities available in Tanzania including construction of a liquefied natural gas plant, East



Association of Tanzania Oil & Gas Service Providers chairman, Abdulsamad Abdulrahim (3rd R) takes part in a panel discussion during an Egyptian oil and gas conference held in Cairo last week. Photo courtesy of ATOGS.

African Crude Oil Pipeline project, gas distribution network and others.

The ATOGS Chairman also welcomed investors from Egypt and Middle East to build processing and manufacturing plants, livestock

products processing industries and tap into abundant potential in the tourism industry.

During the conference, global leaders discussed the influence of geopolitics and foreign trade policies

on crude oil pricing, supply and demand. They also discussed the importance of decision making in mega projects, global uncertainty of trade policies and the need to seriously engage investors.

He also participated in a panel discussion with global leaders where oil and gas innovation and technology in the 4th industrial revolution age was discussed.

## EXPANSION

# Mavunde salutes GSM for opening outlet in Dodoma



Deputy minister Anthony Mavunde (C) cuts a cake to launch GSM's Shoeexpress shop in Dodoma last week. Others are GSM communications and marketing manager Matina Nkurlu (L) and GSM Mall assistant manager Ahmed Eriba.

By Guardian Reporter

**T**HE opening of a new retail shop for shoes by GSM Group has been commended by Deputy Minister in Prime Minister's Office, Anthony Mavunde who said the move allow consumers to access quality products.

Speaking during the launch of the shop last week, Mavunde said the move is also good for the economy as the investment also creates jobs while contributing government revenue as it will pay taxes.

"I commend GSM Group for this investment which support President Magufuli's decision to shift the capital to Dodoma which needs modern shops selling quality goods such as this shop," he noted while pledging government support to all private investment being done anywhere in the country.

Mavunde said the government wants to see the whole country develop hence encouraging private investment like GSM is a

priority saying Dodoma needs massive investments to reach levels of development like the commercial capital, Dar es Salaam.

"I urge you to continue investing in other parts of the country because such modern shops should not only be confined to Dar es Salaam," the minister added while calling on Dodoma residents to make use of the GSM investment.

Briefing Mavunde during the event, GSM Marketing and Communications Manager, Matina Nkurlu said the Shoeexpress shop will have high quality shoes which will sell at affordable prices to enable many consumers access them.

"Products in this shop are of world class standards while the price is local and affordable to allow the majority of consumers get them," Nkurlu said while promising to open more shops in the government's administrative capital to back public investments made by the state.

# Moody's now changes Tunisia's outlook to 'stable' from 'negative'

TUNIS

Moody's Investor Service changed its outlook to 'stable' from 'negative' on the Tunisian government's issuer rating, citing stability in the balance of payments and the debt burden.

The ratings agency also changed the outlook on the Central Bank of Tunisia's ratings to 'stable' from 'negative', and affirmed the 'B2' senior unsecured rating, Moody's said in a report on Friday. The stable sovereign issuer rating outlook "reflects the stabilization in the balance of payments and the debt burden that Moody's expects to be maintained as tighter monetary policy stabilizes the currency and fiscal policy prudence is likely to remain, despite significant constraints to rapid consolidation," the agency said.

Tunisia, which recently formed a new government is formed following months of delay, is targeting economic growth of 2.7 per cent in 2020, reducing tax evasion, cutting subsidies especially in energy, and restructuring public companies grappling with expanding deficits. The North African nation, which ousted president Zine El Abidine Ben Ali in 2011, has since struggled with economic problems including high inflation, rising unemployment, weak currency as successive governments struggled to rein in high fiscal deficits and control the public debt.

## EXCELLENCE

# TBL Mwanza plant wins 'Africa safety first' award from ABInBev

By Guardian Reporter

Tanzania Breweries Limited's Mwanza plant has won 'Africa safety first leaders' award while Mbeya plant came up third in 'Africa's best brewery' award among all subsidiary companies of ABInBEV Group.

The two breweries won the Africa ABInBev awards during the group's annual conference held in South Africa recently and attended by senior officials from subsidiary companies across the world and all plant managers.

The awards are part of the Voyager Plant Optimization (VPO) excellence programme introduced by the group across all its business operations to highlight best manufacturing process. The programme is based on seven main pillars which include: safety, quality,

people, environment, maintenance, logistics and management.

TBL Group's Managing Director, Philip Redman said the company has taken the VPO programme initiatives seriously in all plants and has since introduced aligned roles and responsibilities while ensuring that its work systems is more efficient.

"This achievement for TBL plants ranked among the best in continent continues to prove that world class manufacturing processes is possible in Tanzania," said Redman.

Last year Mbeya Brewery bagged the 'Africa best brewery' award as runner-up but also won the 'Safety first leaders' award while its Dar es Salaam and Mwanza peers also won 'Engaging leaders' award. The brewer main brands Safari Lager and Kilimanjaro Lager also won 'Champion beers' award.



TBL Group's managing director, Philip Redman.

## RESISTANCE

# No more bailouts for state-owned enterprises, Twitter tells Mboweni

JOHANNESBURG

Twitter users want Finance Minister Tito Mboweni to put an end to bailouts to state-owned enterprises.

In the early hours of Sunday morning the minister tweeted that issues of national importance should be decided on by citizens. He subsequently called for a "public debate" on bailouts to SOEs and using taxpayers' money on roads and other public services.

"Ok. I hear you. For example, what are the citizens' views on whether we should continue to bailout SOEs or invest the Public's tax money on roads and other public goods? I mean, REALLY?!? Let's have a public debate!" Mboweni tweeted.

By 09:00 over 500 Twitter users had responded to Mboweni's tweet. One user, Mmadikgosi Matshego asked Mboweni to do away with "political appointees". "Tell your colleagues to stop using SOEs to enrich themselves and their families. In short if you stop corruption, there won't be a need to bailout SOEs!" She suggested that if power utility Eskom's procurement processes are better regulated, then there would be no need for anymore bailouts.

Similarly, Brian Rams called for political interference at state-owned enterprises to stop. "SOEs need people with skills to run them successfully and profitably, not people who are politically elected to run them with no expertise," said Rams.

Cecilia Mthwane said that solving the problem at state-owned enterprises starts at leadership. "Minister, no more bailouts; fire incompetent people and reshuffle incompetent ministers. The only problem with our SOEs is bad and rotten leadership," said Mthwane.

Another user, Skhosi frankly asked looters to be held accountable. "Can you jail everyone who has looted the SOE's then we can talk." This Twitter conversation comes just two weeks ahead of the 2020 National Budget to be delivered on February 26. Mboweni will be expected to indicate how government plans to reduce its debt levels and achieve R150bn in savings.

Over the past few years, state-owned enterprises have posed a fiscal risk, according to Treasury. The state in the 2019 fiscal year provided lifelines to national carrier SAA, state arms manufacturer Denel and public broadcaster SABC.

While Mboweni has refused to provide Eskom debt relief, last year a special appropriation bill was passed by Parliament for Eskom to receive R59bn meant to help the power utility finance its debt and interest costs over the next three years. Eskom has a debt burden of close to R450bn. The R59bn is part of R230bn Treasury allocated to Eskom for the next 10 years. The parliamentary process allowed for the R59bn to be brought forward.

At the State of the Nation Address (SONA), this past week, Ramaphosa said that it would now be easier for independent power producers to receive licences to build and run plants above 1MW, in an effort to increase power generation. Fin24 previously reported. Municipalities will also be able to procure power from IPPs.

As for SAA, the Development Bank of South Africa has agreed to provide R3.5bn to the airline which is currently in a business rescue. The R3.5bn is government guaranteed. The final plan to restructure the airline will be revealed in the next few weeks, Ramaphosa said at the SONA.



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PROGRESS

# Three ways to invest in the space economy

NEW YORK

From \$350 billion a couple of years ago, to \$1.1 trillion (or more) 20 years from now, investment bank Morgan Stanley believes that the space economy could more than triple in size by 2040. But what exactly is this space economy -- and how do you invest in it?

Various pundits will answer this question in various ways, but here's how I prefer to look at it. All of the space economy is divided into three parts: old space companies, new space companies, and what I'd call space-adjacent companies. Let's look at them one at a time.

Old space

What's the first thing you think of when you think about space exploration? Rocket ships, of course! And for the longest time, American rocket ships were built by just a handful of companies.

Boeing (NYSE: BA) built the Delta IV heavy-lift rocket, for example, and Lockheed Martin (NYSE: LMT) the Atlas V. (Now both rockets come from the companies' joint venture United Launch Alliance, or ULA.) Northrop Grumman (NYSE: NOC) contributed Pegasus, Minotaur, and Antares rockets to the mix. And unless they were bought from Russia or built in-house, the engines that powered these rockets generally came from Aerojet Rocketdyne (NYSE: AJRD).

All four of these companies are still doing decent business building rockets and selling them to the government for occasional rocket launches. They're also all involved in the development of a new mega-rocket for NASA, the Space Launch System, or SLS.

NASA hopes that SLS will be the rocket to take American astronauts beyond low Earth orbit, returning to the moon, exploring Mars, and even capturing asteroids for research and mining. But increasingly, SLS is attracting criticism for its high cost and long development time -- and it's even being accused of using obsolete technology. Indeed, SLS looks emblematic of "old space" companies' whole approach to space -- charging

hundreds of millions of dollars to build a handful of expendable rockets, then throwing them away after just one launch.

Today, new space companies are rising up, offering new business models that promise to make space launch easier and cheaper -- and stealing market share from these old-guard space companies.

New space

SpaceX is the most obvious example of this new breed of space company. Its reusable Falcon 9, Falcon Heavy, and forthcoming Starship rocket have captured the imaginations of space fans and space investors alike with the promise of dramatically cutting the cost of space launch by building a rocket once and then launching, landing, and relaunching it many times. By not having to build an entirely new rocket for each mission it launches, SpaceX has already cut the cost of spaceflight to as low as \$50 million -- a seven-fold improvement over prices ULA has charged for some missions.

At the same time, small-launch companies such as Rocket Lab and Virgin Orbit are coming at space launch from a different perspective. Virgin Orbit -- the sister company to space tourism pioneer Virgin Galactic (NYSE: SPCE) -- plans to carry rockets high into the atmosphere aboard specially modified airplanes, then release them to blast small satellites the rest of the way into orbit. Because the carrier aircraft can be flown multiple times, this introduces a measure of reusability into the process (a la SpaceX), while the company's unique launch profile permits satellites to be launched essentially from any airport to any orbit a customer might desire.

Mind you, Virgin Orbit hasn't actually put any satellites in orbit yet. But Rocket Lab has. In fact, the company has already launched 11 times from its first spaceport in New Zealand. It's also opened up a second launch site in Virginia, and is currently building a third.

These aren't the only rocket companies working to remake space launch in their image, but so far, they're the most successful.



Rocket launching to space.

Alongside companies like Planet Labs (a satellite imagery company) and OneWeb (a satellite internet company), they form the face of the new space economy -- and for investors brave enough to risk investing in IPOs, these are

certainly companies to watch. A bear market can be a scary thing. The very name makes it sound like you're going to get mauled to death, and indeed a full-fledged bear market can be emotionally stressful and finan-

cially damaging. Although you shouldn't try to time the market, certain indications make it more likely that a bear market is around the corner. If you see a large number of these warnings signs flashing red, it can be

a good time to take some profits and reduce your risk. So that you don't fall victim to a bear market, be aware of the more common precursors to a stock market meltdown and learn what steps you might take to avoid some of the damage. Last updated: Jan. 16, 2020

Space adjacent

A third facet of the space economy, and one that's all too easy to overlook, is companies that are what I'll call space adjacent -- businesses that operate primarily here on Earth, but that benefit (or in some cases suffer) from advances made outside Earth's atmosphere.

Who might this include? You can actually cast a pretty wide net. Some of the new space companies named above -- SpaceX and OneWeb in particular -- are building out satellite broadband constellations orbiting Earth. If successful, they could generate billions of dollars of profit selling internet access from space. Their success could also bring billions of new customers onto the internet globally, boosting the growth prospects of Alphabet for example, which will try to sell advertising to all these new customers.

On the flip side, investors will need to ask how cheap, universally accessible internet service will affect unwillingly space-adjacent enterprises such as Comcast, for example, which may find their internet service monopolies disrupted by competition from beyond the skies.

FORECAST

## Deutsche Bank adopting a cautious outlook on China

BEIJING

Deutsche Bank remains cautious on Chinese equities as it awaits more information on the economy and the coronavirus outbreak, according to the global chief investment officer of Deutsche Bank's wealth management business.

The bank has adopted a "wait-and-see approach" for now, but a decline in the rate of infection could be a yardstick for investors to look at the market again. "We have a lot of investors who wanted to go into China but said they will wait for a correction," Christian Nolting said. "Now you have a correction but timing wise, of course, it is tricky [deciding] when to enter."

The spread of the coronavirus has so far claimed more than 1,350 lives and infected almost 60,000 people. Fatalities by the coronavirus have surpassed those from the Sars outbreak in 2002-03. Sars killed 774 people and infected almost 8,100 people in 26 countries over eight months, according to the World Health Organisation.

China's economy, which decelerated last year on the back of its tit-for-tat tariff war with the US, is expected to slide further this year as the virus outbreak temporarily halts operations across factories and disrupt supply chains.

Stocks in China dropped about 8 per cent on February 3 when trading resumed after the end of an extended Lunar New Year holiday. It was the worst drop since 2015 when a massive sell-off wiped out \$3 trillion from the stock exchange.

Stocks have since gained some ground, but a meaningful recovery is far from certain. Shanghai composite has dropped 6.9 per cent in the past month. Shanghai's CSI 300 Index and Hong Kong's Hang Seng index are down 6 and 4.7 per cent, respectively, for the same period.

On February 2, China said it was injecting 1.2tn renminbi into its financial markets and lowering interest rates on reverse repurchase agreements by 10 basis points. It has also halved tariffs on \$75bn worth of US goods on the back of a phase-one trade deal last month.

Mr Nolting expects China to introduce more such measures. "We have seen measures on the monetary policy side but I would also expect some measures on the fiscal side," he said. "The first quarter numbers are going to be important as I guess implications [of the virus] are going to be mostly in this



A stock investor sits in front of a display screen at a brokerage house in Hangzhou, China. Stocks plunged almost 8 per cent on February 3.

quarter."

The coronavirus will curb consumer spending in China, and its impact on economy will be greater than Sars, Moody's Investors Service said last week. Deutsche Bank now expects a 0.4 to 0.5 per cent revision in its earlier 5.8 per cent 2020 growth projection for China, Mr Nolting said. Other banks have made similar estimates.

"It is a substantial amount calculated on the basis of the outbreak abating in the first quarter," he said. "If the outbreak drags on longer, then this number needs to be revised. The [economic] implication will be greater," he added.

China's share of the global economy has grown since the Sars outbreak. It currently accounts for 17 per cent of global GDP and 13 per cent of global trade, up from 4 per cent and 5 per cent respectively in 2003. The US Federal Reserve on Saturday cautioned that the coronavirus presents a new risk to the global economy, echoing concerns of the head of the European Central Bank, Christine Lagarde, who said the virus risk has now replaced the US-China trade war as the top economic challenge.

Deutsche Bank expects the slowdown in China to shave off 0.2 to 0.3 per cent of the global economic growth this year. The lender estimates global GDP to expand slightly above 3 per cent in 2020, in line with the estimates of the IMF.

"If at the end of the first quarter we are okay with the [virus outbreak] situation, the impact on global growth will be limited. If it takes longer then the impact will be higher," Mr Nolting said. However, despite the current headwinds, Deutsche Bank remains positive on Asian equities in general. It is underweight on European equities and plans to redirect funds from divestments in Europe to emerging markets, especially in India and China.



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## WORLD

## International community lauds Xi's emphasis on improving mechanism for major epidemic prevention, control

BEIJING

THE international community has spoken highly of Chinese President Xi Jinping's emphasis on improving the mechanism for major epidemic prevention and control, saying such a move will further enhance the country's governance capacity, which is of great significance to China and the world.

While chairing the 12th meeting of the central committee for deepening overall reform on Friday, Xi, also general secretary of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee and chairman of the Central Military Commission, stressed improving the mechanism for major epidemic prevention and control and the national public health emergency management system.

Ren Minghui, assistant director-general for Universal Health Coverage/Communicable and Noncommunicable Diseases of the World Health Organization, said Xi's proposal to strengthen China's ability to prevent and control major epidemics from the perspectives of mechanism and legislation is encouraging.

It shows China's efforts to improve its national public health emergency

management system in the form of laws in preventing and controlling infectious diseases, and that China shoulders its responsibilities as a major country, which are of great significance to China and the world, Ren added.

Hailing China's "resolute and decisive measures" taken to prevent and control the COVID-19 as "really impressive," General Secretary of the Egyptian Communist Party Salah Adly said the proposal by Xi and the Chinese government to improve relevant management systems, laws and regulations to prevent such disease in the future fully reflects the image of China as a responsible major country.

COVID-19 is a non-traditional security challenge and a major issue mankind is facing, said Hwang Jaeho, dean of the division of international studies at South Korea's Hankuk University of Foreign Studies.

Through the fight against COVID-19, China will further promote the modernization of its governance system and capacity, and boost relevant exchanges and scientific research cooperation with other countries, Hwang said.

Xi's stress on including biosecurity in the system of national security can



Medical workers hold the baby girl with no infection born by a woman infected with novel coronavirus pneumonia at the Second Affiliated Hospital of Xi'an Jiaotong University in Xi'an, capital of northwest China's Shaanxi Province, on Saturday. (Xinhua)

help the society take the best response measures timely and orderly when similar situations occur in the future, said Zhao Jun, professor of Japan's Chiba University of Commerce.

The emphasis on speeding up establishing a law on biosecurity, which will improve the system of national security, not only marks China as a responsible major country, but also interprets Xi's vision of building a community with a shared future for mankind, said Wang Quancheng, president of the Hua Yuan Association, a non-profit organization serving a new-generation of Chinese immigrants in Singapore.

Bai Yi, president of Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula Chinese Association, said that improving the mechanism for major epidemic prevention and control will allow China to deal with major public health events more calmly and effectively, and that including biosecurity in the national security system will help safeguard the Chinese people's health and the country's long-term stability, which are very important to China and the world.

The measures the Chinese government has taken to improve the mechanism for major epidemic prevention and control and the national public health emergency management system are very timely and necessary, said Li Changhong, executive vice chairman of Kenya Chinese

Chamber of Commerce.

It will improve China's ability to respond to epidemics in the future, reduce the impact of the epidemic on economic development and people's livelihood, and provide experience in response to epidemics for Africa and other underdeveloped countries, Li added.

It is a correct step for China to take biosecurity into its national security system, said Volker Tschapke, honorary president of Germany's Prussian Society, adding that it will raise awareness of biological risks among government officials at all levels and the public.

"It's a wise decision. The mechanism may prevent and stop potential virus outbreaks," said Tschapke.

Tursunali Kuziev, a professor at Uzbekistan State University of World Languages, said Xi's move fully demonstrates that the Chinese government attaches great importance to people's lives, health and safety, and once again shows the strength of China's national system to focus on major tasks.

Calling the international community to work together to deal with the epidemic, Tursunali expressed his firm belief that "the Chinese people will win the battle for the prevention and control of the epidemic."

Xinhua

## THE OUTBREAK OF COVID-19 Wang Yi: Economic growth will not change

ON 15 February, a total of 2,009 new confirmed cases and 1,918 new suspected cases were reported in mainland China, with 1,323 cured and discharged from hospital, and 142 fatalities.

In Hubei province, a total of 1,843 confirmed cases were reported on 15 February, with 849 cured and discharged from hospital and 139 fatalities.

By 16 February, in mainland China, altogether 68,500 confirmed cases have been reported, among which 9,419 cured and discharged from hospital, 1,665 died, and 57,416 still under treatment.

There are altogether 8,228 suspected cases pending test results in mainland China as of 16 February. In Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan, 56, 10 and 18 confirmed cases have been reported respectively by 16 February, with one fatality in Hong Kong.

In his speech at the 56 Munich Security Conference on 15 February, Chinese State Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi said that the outbreak of COVID-19 reminds us that we live in a time when traditional and non-traditional security issues are entwined, and when local issues easily become global and vice versa.

He called on countries in the world to transcend the East-West divergence and the North-South divide, to see the shared planet as a community for all, and go beyond the ideological gap and accommodate historical and cultural differences to see the international community as one global family.

He further pointed out that the challenges the outbreak has posed to China's economic and social development would be temporary and short-lived, and that the fundamentals sustaining China's sound economic growth have not changed and will not change.



## Russian defence firm developing small-size munitions for drones

MOSCOW

RUSSIA'S Tactical Missiles Corporation is carrying out work on developing small-size munitions for unmanned aerial vehicles, Corporation Chief Boris Obnosov said on Friday.

"This issue is important and developers are trying to reduce both the dimensional and weight characteristics of air-launched weapons. The items in the weight category of 50 kg to 100 kg will enjoy strong demand," the chief executive said at a news briefing on the results of the corporation's performance in 2019.

The Tactical Missiles Corporation is carrying out work in this area together with Kronshtadt hi-tech firm, he added.

At the Army-2018 international arms show, Kronshtadt unveiled its Orion-E drone together with a mock-up of a 50 kg air-to-surface missile. With its maximum take-off weight of 1,000 kg, the Orion-E can carry a 200 kg payload of four 50-kg or two 100-kg munitions.

The Tactical Missiles Corporation is one of Russia's largest defense holding companies with 100% of its stock owned by the Federal State Property Agency.

The corporation is headquartered in the town of Korolyov in the Moscow Region. The Tactical Missile Corporation specializes in developing and delivering missiles for air-, shipborne and ground-based tactical systems and for naval underwater weapons.

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## No dialogue for now as Saudis, Iranians camp on positions

MUNICH

IRAN and Saudi Arabia appeared no closer to bridging their differences on Saturday with both sides sticking to their positions and regional facilitator Oman seeing no breakthrough before U.S. elections in November.

Tensions in the Gulf region stepped up after the killing in early January of Iranian military commander Qassem Soleimani by the United States in Iraq. European and Arab states have since scrambled to avert a full-fledged conflict between the two sides.

Iran's Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif and his Saudi counterpart Prince Faisal bin Farhan Al Saud both attended the Munich Security Conference on Saturday and took part in a session on defusing tensions in the Gulf.

But the two were kept apart with Zarif even claiming that his Saudi counterpart had asked to reshuffle the schedule so that he wouldn't have to meet him.

"I believe our neighbors, especially Saudi Arabia, do not want to (de-escalate)," Zarif said, adding that he believed Riyadh was firm-



Iran's Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif

ly under the influence of the U.S. campaign to put maximum pressure on Tehran.

He said the Saudis had reached out to Iran after the killing of Soleimani, but when Iran had responded the contact had ended. He suggested the United States had pressured Riyadh.

When asked about possible contacts with Iran, Prince Faisal said there had been neither private messages nor direct contacts. He said the ball was in Iran's court, especially as it had been behind attacks on the kingdom, including drone and missile strikes on its oil facilities in September.

"Our message to Iran is to change its behavior first before anything is to be discussed," he said after Zarif had left the room thirty minutes earlier. "Until we can talk about the real sources of that instability, talk is going to be unproductive."

After Washington withdrew from a 2015 nuclear deal with

world powers, Trump began a policy of "maximum pressure", saying a broader deal should be negotiated on nuclear issues, Iran's missile program and Iranian activities in the Middle East.

U.S. sanctions have crippled Iran's economy, slashing its oil exports. Iran has long said it will not negotiate with Washington while sanctions are in place.

Zarif said French and Japanese efforts to bring Iran and the United States around the negotiating table had "fallen on deaf ears" because Trump believed Iran was on the verge of economic collapse.

"He is wrong," Zarif said. "Everything they want is about regime change."

Oman, often considered as a facilitator for talks between Washington and Tehran, appeared downcast on the prospects.

"The reality is there are no messages," Foreign Minister Yusuf bin Alawi bin Abdullah said after meeting Zarif earlier in the day. "I'm not anticipating anything (will happen) in the next six months," he said, referring to upcoming U.S. elections.

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## Information about novel coronavirus shall be passed on in rational manner

THE voices for rationality have been passed on in the international community by international organizations, foreign governments, scholars and media outlets to inform the public what's going on and maintain social stability amid the recent outbreak of the novel coronavirus that attracted high attention.

UN Secretary-General António Guterres on Feb. 4 gave high credit to China's efforts in combating the novel coronavirus, calling for international solidarity and an end to any ill-founded discrimination of the outbreak's victims.

China has mobilized enormous resources and enormous capacity to respond, and the UN has full recognition of that effort, the UN chief noted.

WHO Director-General Tedros Adh-

anom Ghebreyesus also warned of the dangers posed by "spreading rumors and misinformation". He believes that countries should clarify misinformation and keep sharing information with the WHO, and defeat this outbreak by working together in a spirit of solidarity and cooperation.

At the press conference held by the WHO Tuesday, February 4, the health organization launched an information platform of epidemic diseases which, according to WHO Director of Global Infectious Hazard Preparedness Sylvie Briand, provides a new channel for enterprises, media and the public to acquire epidemic information.

Italian Ministry of Health announced on the same day that it has reached an agreement with Twitter to contain the fake news about the

novel coronavirus outbreak on the social media platform. The Minister of Health, Roberto Speranza, noted that they must properly manage the spreading of information and combat fake news.

Singaporean Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong said that the government will release information as soon as it can, and advised people to verify relevant information with public channels such as the government's page on social media and mainstream media.

Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen called on pressmen and mainstream media to report the epidemic based on truth and contain the misinformation on social media platforms. In recent days, Cambodia's Ministry of Health has released statements, opened lectures and held press conferences to

spread relevant knowledge and raise the public's capability of identifying information. The Tourism Authority of Thailand has set up a crisis operation center to control the epidemic information about the tourism industry, so as to make immediate response and guide the public.

Mikhail Varshavski, known as "Doctor Mike" on U.S. social media, has millions of followers. He recently made a video titled The Truths About Novel Coronavirus, calling on people to look for reputable organizations to get information from. "Alert, but not anxious," he says in the video. So far, the video has been watched 4.8 million times.

Harvard Health Publishing under Harvard Medical School recently published articles on social media

to inform the public about the novel coronavirus and remind them of the importance of getting reliable information. In one of the articles, Dr. Todd Ellerin introduced in detail the symptoms of the novel coronavirus infection - something that causes the most public concern.

"In the U.S., the average person is at extremely low risk of catching this novel coronavirus. This winter, in fact, we are much more likely to get influenza B - the flu - than any other virus," Ellerin said in the article.

Marc Van Ranst, dean of the School of Microbiology, Immunology and Transplantation at the Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Belgium told People's Daily that comprehensive and precise information helps global scientists make correct judgement over

the epidemic and contribute proper strategies. Chinese scientists have made huge contribution by sharing the sequencing of the novel coronavirus with the international society, he said.

The website of the American National Public Radio noted that because of poor survivability of these coronaviruses on surfaces, there is likely very low risk of spread from products or packaging that are shipped over a period of days or weeks at ambient temperatures.

News site VOX made a special coverage for the novel coronavirus and denied that the outbreak would turn into a global epidemic, citing WHO information. It gave a high recognition on China's quick response to the outbreak.

People's Daily



# British PM consolidates position in post-Brexit era with cabinet reshuffle

LONDON

BRITISH Prime Minister Boris Johnson held the first meeting of his new cabinet Friday following a reshuffle of his top team which saw further consolidation of Johnson's political strength after his landslide general election victory in December.

The fall-out from Johnson's shake-up following the dramatic resignation of Chancellor of the Exchequer Sajid Javid continued over the weekend with the big question being debated by political commentators: whether Javid's sudden departure was an unintended consequence or engineered from within Downing Street.

Johnson (pictured) wanted closer liaison between Downing Street and the Treasury, but Javid reportedly refused to accept an order to fire his team of advisers, and instead resigned. Shortly after Javid's decision, Johnson named then Chief Secretary to the Treasury Rishi Sunak as the new chancellor of the exchequer.

Professor Anthony Glee from the University of Buckingham said the new cabinet and the exit of Javid shows that Johnson has garnered "massive political strength".

With his new team, Johnson is more likely to "produce some tangible ben-

efit for Brexit and for the new Red Wall Conservative voters," Glee told Xinhua, referring to the millions of voters in traditional Labour heartlands who switched their votes to the Conservatives. Some of the seats to fall in December had been in Labour hands for a century.

On Friday, Sunak sat next to Johnson in the Cabinet room at Downing Street, as the new-look ministerial team smiled for the cameras.

Sunak's elevation to the chancellorship was the only change in the top-four government positions. Prime Minister Johnson, Foreign Secretary Dominic Raab and Home Secretary Priti Patel make up the other three.

Most of Johnson's top team survived the cull, with a small number being exited, including Northern Ireland Secretary Julian Smith, Business Secretary Andrea Leadsom, Environment Secretary Theresa Villiers and Attorney General Geoffrey Cox.

Johnson opened the debut meeting of his new cabinet with a rallying call, urging efforts to tackle such challenges as cutting crime, backing businesses and reducing waiting time in the NHS.

"We have to repay the trust of people who voted for us in huge numbers in December and who look forward to



us delivering," he said.

Local Government and Communities Secretary Robert Jenrick told local radio that bringing together the Treasury and No. 10 would provide a "united front" working for the prime minister to deal with post-Brexit challenges and deliver his election pledges.

"It is right that there's a coordinat-

ed economic function between the Treasury and No. 10 which will enable them to work together as closely as possible to deliver the promises made in the general election."

"We left the EU in January, we want to ensure the (new) budget is a very strong one that really begins to deliver on what we promised in that general election. The prime minister

is very much in charge. He chooses the top team and how they are structured."

It is still not clear whether the new chancellor will deliver the first post-Brexit budget in early March as scheduled, or whether it will be delayed. Some analysts point out that the differences between No. 10 and the Treasury is not entirely eliminated even with the departure of Javid.

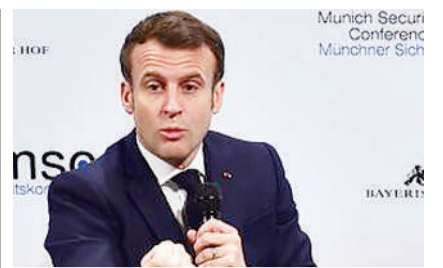
After his exit, Javid told Johnson that it was "crucial for the effectiveness of government that you have people around you who can give you clear and candid advice."

"I would urge you to ensure the Treasury as an institution retains as much credibility as possible," he warned.

Conservative politician and former MP, Daniel Finkelstein, who now sits in the House of Lords commented in the Times: "Even if the new chancellor does not have his own special advisers, he will have his own department, his own departmental position, his own department's interests and his own status."

"Over the centuries, the Treasury has shown repeatedly that it is not easily brought to heel," Finkelstein said.

Xinhua



## Macron calls for 'European strategy' at Munich Security Conference

MUNICH

FRENCH President Emmanuel Macron on Saturday called for a European strategy and more actions at the European level in the face of challenges at the ongoing 56th Munich Security Conference (MSC).

It was Macron's first time attending the MSC since he canceled his trip to the conference last year.

Macron admitted that there is a certain weakness in the West in the last 10 to 15 years, with values changing and new powers emerging.

The French president called on his European counterparts to forge a "European strategy," hoping to see "a Europe that can protect the basis of its sovereignty, a Europe that has more vitality, and a Europe that is enthusiastic about its future."

Macron said Europe needs to develop their own European policy, instead of a transatlantic policy, when it comes to relations with neighbors such as the Middle East, Russia and Africa.

The EU needs to have a budget in proportion with its ambitions and needs, he said.

Commenting on the Franco-German bilateral ties, Macron said it is often a story of "proposals waiting for answers," emphasizing the magnitude and speediness needed for the two countries to address core problems together.

Xinhua

# Russia to continue efforts for crises resolution in Middle East - Lavrov

MUNICH

RUSSIA will continue searching for ways to resolve crises in the Middle East, North Africa and the Persian Gulf area in cooperation with partners in different formats, Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov said at the Munich Security Conference.

"Following principles of international law, Russia will continue assisting the settlement

in Syria within the framework of the Astana format and UN mechanisms, helping to bring closer approaches of Libyan parties as the only way of restoring the statehood of this country that was ruined by NATO," the Minister said.

"The Russian Concept of Collective Security in the Persian Gulf Area is aimed at sustainable normalization of the regional situation," Lavrov said.



Russia also intends to promote the balanced approach towards searching for a fair resolution of the Palestinian-Israeli conflict with consideration of existing international legal agreements, the Minister noted. "We will stand for unacceptability of substituting legally binding decisions on the Iran's nuclear program by illegitimate unilateral actions," Lavrov added.

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Xinhua

# India's position on recent developments of Jammu and Kashmir state

ON August 5, 2019, India decided to non-operationalise certain provision of the temporary Article 370 and to carry out administrative reorganisation of the Jammu and Kashmir State.

A recent report indicates that these initiatives were taken to promote socio-economic justice and better governance in Jammu and Kashmir.

The reorganization of Jammu and Kashmir is also not a unique happening. Ever since India's independence, reorganisation has taken place in 14 states and 6 Union Territories. The intent behind such reorganisation is to improve administrative efficiency.

The Article 370 of the constitution was always intended to be a temporary one. However, some of the restrictive provisions under this Article were found to be unfair to the population of Jammu and Kashmir.

The state lagged behind the rest of the country in development and employment. While provisions relating to restrictions on investment, acquisition of property etc resulted in discouraging private investment.

Certain recent initiatives of India relating to protection and promotion of rights of women and children were also not implemented by the State Authorities in Jammu and Kashmir citing their right to do so under Article 370.



border terrorism. The existing bilateral agreements between the two countries clearly stipulate that all outstanding issues must be resolved through bilateral means and hence there is no room for any outside intervention or mediation.

In the last few months, Pakistan has constantly tried to use regional and international platforms, including the UN to spread misleading information about the situation in Jammu and Kashmir.

It's attempt to call for special sessions for an urgent debate in the UN Human Rights Commission was blocked by member countries.

India seeks the support of all friendly countries including Tanzania to not to endorse any statement floated by Pakistan and to vote against any resolution that Pakistan tries to table at the UN or any other international body on matters relating to Jammu and Kashmir.

Meanwhile, India has taken a number of developmental initiatives in Jammu and Kashmir. The restrictions imposed at the initial stage to maintain law and order and to deny terror groups based in Pakistan to exploit the situation have been largely relaxed and normalcy has returned to most parts of the Jammu and Kashmir.

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Article 370 also led to creation of a climate of separation by vested interests. Such separatist forces established linkages with terrorist groups that received continued assistance from Pakistan in the form of funds, weapons and shelter.

Pakistan had also been regularly pushing terrorists trained into the State of Jammu and Kashmir for the last many years.

Pakistan's role as a sponsor of terrorism has been clearly established by many countries and independent organisations.

The non-operationalisation of Article 370 has not led to any change in India's international borders and thus remains entirely an internal matter for India.

Pakistan on the other hand has been trying to politicize this issue.

Its leadership has made provocative statements including threats of war, its leadership has also called upon Pakistani Missions in different countries to organize protests and to disturb the functioning of Indian missions.

"This amounts to a clear abuse of hospitality and facilities offered by a foreign government to the government of Pakistan. Such instances could trigger violence and create law and order problems for the concerned countries." It indicates.

India wants normal neighbourly relations with Pakistan and has consistently worked in that direction. It is also strong belief of India that a meaningful dialogue can only happen in an atmosphere of free of violence and Pakistan, therefore needs to take credible steps to end cross

DURING the Chinese Spring Festival in 2020, Kunming, like the whole country, is confronted with severe pressure of the epidemic prevention and control since the sudden outbreak of pneumonia epidemic of 2019 novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) infection. A prevention and control campaign is mobilized in the city across the board.

How do the foreigners in Kunming respond in this special time? And how are they living? What feelings do they have about the all-out prevention and control in Kunming? Some of them in Kunming are interviewed by journalists and share their own stories.

Matthew is a teacher from New Zealand. "My girlfriend's

hometown is Wuhan. So I may feel more than other foreigners with regard to this novel coronavirus." Matthew said.

Both Matthew and his girlfriend live in Kunming. They planned to go to Wuhan to see her family before the Chinese Spring Festival. But they had to stay in Kunming since Wuhan had been locked down. In the New Year's Eve, they told her family to protect themselves and do not go out as they were having a video call. The would-be mother-in-law showed them the dumplings she made to reassure them. "So long as I have things to eat, I will not go out!" she said with a smile in the video call.

"We all have an unprecedented determination to beat the

# 'We feel reassured, we trust Kunming and China'

epidemic," Matthew said, "There are timely supply of vegetables, fruits and meat in the markets around our home. My girlfriend and I stay at home, feeling a great sense of security and no worries at all."

Ana is also a teacher in Kunming. She comes from Brazil and teaches English. As a person who had been through an epidemic virus event, Ana firstly was not very worried about it since similar things had occurred in her country as well. At present, governments at all levels are very good at prevention and control. She feels very secure.

"Better safe than sorry," Ana said. It was a holiday before the epidemic outbreak. So she prepared to go around for better understanding of China. Yet Ana had to change her plan as the rapid outbreak of novel coronavirus. She said: "Now all authorities are sparing no efforts in controlling the epidemic. I believe the virus will be under control before long and things will get better as well."

Many of them are confident in combating the coronavirus. Canadian Sebastien Genier is a partner of the youth hostel in Xiba Road. He lives in a community around the youth hostel.

He said that Kunming has taken good measures of prevention and control in the face of the sudden epidemic.

"Authorities have been urging people not going out and staying at home. The checking and clearing methods of all kinds are also very strict. Specialized personnel at the food markets and supermarkets will measure customers' body temperature. No need to worry about daily life with abundant supply of necessities."

During the outbreak of the epidemic, his hostel is closed. He stays at home apart from going out for necessities of daily

life. "I pay close attention to the epidemic information every day, and various news reports let me see the power of China. After living in Kunming for 19 years, the city has reassured me and I believe that the epidemic will soon pass."

"The care from my friends makes me no longer worried", Sameera Chaturanga Wijekoon said. As a student from Sri Lanka, he gives himself a Chinese name Feng Wei for communicating with his Chinese friends.

In this winter vacation, Feng Wei chose to stay in Kunming and spend the Spring Festival together with friends. During the

epidemic outbreak, Feng Wei has been living in a friend's home, and the community where they are is also in semi-quarantine.

"Despite the worrying epidemic, the cars and people going through schools and communities will be inspected including temperature measurement. Indoor ventilation is kept at home at all times. The earnest care from my friends and family makes me no longer worried."

During the epidemic outbreak, Feng Wei's family is particularly worried. He has video calls with his parents every day telling his family that Kunming has taken comprehensive prevention and control measures and the problem will be resolved as soon as possible.

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# Sanders says presidential rival Bloomberg will not excite voters

LAS VEGAS

DEMOCRATIC U.S. presidential candidate Bernie Sanders said on Saturday Mike Bloomberg would not generate the "excitement and energy" needed to win the White House, focusing on a rival still not fully participating in the race.

"The simple truth is that Mayor Bloomberg, with all his money, will not create the kind of excitement and energy we need to have the voter turnout we must have to defeat Donald Trump," Sanders said at a Democratic party gala.

Sanders, eager to build momentum after winning New Hampshire and a photo-finish for first place in Iowa, mentioned only the billionaire former New York City mayor among his competitors in a Las Vegas speech. He was critical of Bloomberg's stances on minimum wage laws, policing, taxing the rich and regulating Wall Street.

Nevada will hold on Feb. 22 the next contest in the state-by-state race to pick a Democratic opponent for Republican President Trump in November's election.

Bloomberg was not at the event in Las Vegas and is not competing in Nevada. He is choosing instead to focus on



states that vote starting on March 3's "Super Tuesday," including Virginia, where Bloomberg campaigned on Saturday. His campaign did not immediately respond to a request for comment outside of normal working hours.

Sanders' remarks appeared dismissive of other candidates who did speak at the forum. They included former South Bend, Indiana, Mayor Pete Buttigieg, who raced Sanders to a photo finish in the Iowa caucus and trailed him only narrowly in New Hampshire earlier this month.

Former U.S. Vice President Joe Biden criticized Sanders, though not by name, in his own speech for Sanders' prior support of a law shielding gun manufacturers from some liability for mass shootings.

Earlier in the day, Biden taped an interview with NBC's "Meet the Press" where he said Sanders should "disown" some supporters for aggressive attacks on the senator's critics.

Most of the other candidates avoided confrontations despite just a week until Nevada's caucus.

"The bad news is, after more than 100,000 selfies, I picked up somebody's cold," candidate Elizabeth Warren told the crowd, her voice cracking and barely audible. "The good news is, 'nevertheless she persists.' I'm on this stage tonight because I am a fighter."

Early voting started in Nevada on Saturday, with 11,800 Democrats participating. One party official characterized turnout as higher than expected.

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Mwanza resident, Ngassa Kulwa Simba (L), receives a dummy cheque of 10,814,995/- from SportPesa's Director of Operation, Luca Neghesti, in Dar es Salaam last weekend. Simba received cash prize from the gaming firm after placing right bets on 12 out of 13 matches in the SportPesa Jackpot game. The last week's Jackpot game was won by Yassin Ridhiwani Ally, who was presented with over 437m/- once he placed right bets on all 13 matches. PHOTO: SPORTPESA

## Jones Jr., Adebayo, Hield winners at epic NBA All-Star Saturday

CHICAGO

AARON Gordon lost another epic dunk contest. And it was by a couple of inches - namely, the top of Tacko Fall's head.

Derrick Jones Jr. (pictured) finally got his long-awaited dunk contest title as an exclamation point to an scintillating All-Star Saturday Night, both for him and the Miami Heat. Jones and Gordon needed a dunk-off to decide a winner, Jones prevailing 48-47 in the one that determined who left with the trophy.

Miami's Bam Adebayo won the skills title as well, and Sacramento's Buddy Hield took the 3-point crown. Their wins were absolute, without ambiguity: the ball going in told the tale. But the dunk contest - much like the one between Michael Jordan and Dominique Wilkins in Chicago 32 years earlier - came down to the judges' call.

Gordon brushed against the back of Fall's head, and that was enough to sway three of the judges - they gave 9s, and that combined with two 10s added to the final 47. Jones said he would have settled for another dunk-off round.

"He clipped Tacko's head when he did that dunk, so I knew they couldn't have gave him a 50 for that one," said Jones, who was in the dunk contest in 2017 as well. "I would have respected it if they gave him another 48, so we can go again."

Thing is, it wasn't clear if they would have dunked again had it still been tied after Gordon's final attempt. The NBA was not going to permit co-champions, and there would have been a point - which they were possibly at - when judges would have had to vote and decide a winner.

Controversy reigned regardless. And much like 2016, when Gordon lost to Zach LaVine in one of the best dunk contests ever, the Magic forward - who set a dunk contest record with five perfect scores - left frustrated.

"I feel like I should have two trophies," Gordon said.

When Gordon the 7-foot-5 Fall to come out for his last dunk - Fall played college basketball in Orlando at UCF - it was the ultimate risk-reward moment.

Gordon, who wanted to jump over the slightly shorter-than-Fall Shaquille O'Neal but got that invitation declined, needed a 49 to win. But he didn't totally clear his very tall prop, and just like that Jones was the champion.

"Tallest dude in the gym," Gordon said. "Jumping over somebody 7-5 and dunking it, it's no easy feat. What'd I get, a 47? Come on, man. What are we doing?"

Jones lauded Gordon for trying a dunk over Fall.

"If I would have thought of it earlier, I'd have did it," Jones said.

The first round was full of props: Jones - celebrating his 23rd birthday - had a birthday cake and Adebayo on the court for his first dunk, Gordon went over Chicago native Chance The Rapper for a slam, Milwaukee's Pat Connaughton leaped over Bucks teammate Giannis Antetokounmpo and kissed the ball off the glass before his second dunk, and the Los Angeles Lakers' Dwight Howard brought back his Superman dunk from 11 years ago as well.

Jones Jr. and Gordon emerged as the two finalists. Gordon was perfect on every dunk until his last one. But in the end, Jones proved prophetic.

"I said I would do it," Jones said.

Adebayo drew 2018 skills champion Spencer Dinwiddie of Brooklyn in the first round, having



no problem with the accurate pass into a tight window, layup and 3-pointer that, to win, need to be made before an opponent completes the same course. Same thing in the second round, Adebayo finished off Toronto's Pascal Siakam without a miss once again to earn his spot in the final.

"I told Spencer I'm going to be the champion," Adebayo said. "We were walking in, and I told Spencer I was going to be a champion."

It came down to big men: Adebayo against Indiana's Domantas Sabonis. It took three tries for Adebayo to make his 3-pointer to win, and he still wound up beating Sabonis to the final make. Sabonis felt he rushed his second shot, and that gave Adebayo a leg up.

Neither Sabonis nor Adebayo was surprised that a pair of bigs wound up dueling for the skills title.

"It's just showing how the game is changing and how big men and power forwards are basically bringing up the ball, passing the ball," Sabonis said.

Adebayo dedicated the win to his mother - she'll be getting the trophy as well - and said he was particularly honored to compete with a patch on that paid tribute to Kobe Bryant, his daughter Gianna and the other seven victims of the helicopter crash that took their lives in Southern California on Jan. 26.

All competitors Saturday wore a patch with the numbers 2 and 24 - for Gianna and Kobe - surrounded by nine stars, signifying nine victims.

"When I was in high school, I said if I get to the NBA, I want to meet Kobe," Adebayo said. "I felt like this (was) my All-Star to do it. I feel like he's been more of an impact now than he was back then. Not saying that him living didn't do anything for me, but it just means more now that I know I can never meet him. I feel like he knows who I am now. So just keep trying to make him proud."

Adebayo won his trophy with a 3-pointer on the final shot, so perhaps it was fitting that Hield won his in the same manner.

The 3-point contest came down to Hield, Booker and Washington's Davis Bertans after five others - including defending champion Joe Harris - were knocked out in the first round. Bertans went first in the final round, scoring 22. Booker went next, scoring 26.

And that left Hield, who made his last six shots of the opening round and needed to get hot again late in the final.

No problem.

His "money ball" rack - the one where every shot was worth two points - was the final of his five full racks, and he got to that corner with 19 points. That meant he had to go 4 for 5 on the last rack to catch Booker. **AP**

## Films, sea sports, music: Isles culture of excitement year round, in pristine isolation

By Correspondent Michael Eneza

VIRTUALLY every three or four months there is a cultural gathering that is either starting, taking place or drawing to a close in Zanzibar, not just out of someone's unique imagination but having a population, a cultural environment suited to this situation.

When one looks at the situation one idea that comes to mind is that as a small island nation, Zanzibar is making full use of its tourist potential by adding festivals, sea cruises and even films to add to the package. Then it comes around that it isn't that easy, that these aren't just packaged products but a cultural state.

A scan of the list of events and festivals that Zanzibar hosts annually and unfailingly is likely to water the mouths of tourism marketing managers across the channel, but it hasn't been possible to imitate the Isles scenario.

One doubts if anyone ever thought of it, as it would be unsuccessful even then, as it isn't possible to adapt the features of those festivals to the scene on this side. In contrast, other festivals have come up which are held periodically, and they are scattered across a wider territory, belong to specific groups and especially the youth; aren't national events per se.

There are signs that even on the Mainland one may see cultural events that seem to approximate Isles festivals, but only at limited zones especially in enclaves of Dar es Salaam and Coast regions. It is the 'ngoma' phenomenon. It occasionally comes up during transition events in a house or neighbourhood, for instance in relation to marriage or initiation ceremonies, though a minimum of closeness to that culture is necessary to actually say who decides that it should be a community-level festival instead of limiting itself to a family reception.

That is how the coastal zone differs from others, as they have gradually lost week long tribal festivities existing earlier.

Still there is a measure of wildlife tourism in the Isles, on spots that hardly feature in the wider marketing drives say of the Tanzania Tourism



A section of Tanzania's actors and actresses participate in a play at a recent edition of Zanzibar International Film Festival (ZIFF), which took place in the Isles. PHOTO: COURTESY OF ZANZIBARNEWS

Board (TTB). Relevant brochures available online for instance direct attention at wildlife viewing classified as fauna.

It says the verdant dynamism of Jozani National Park, the rainforest endemism of Ngezi and the coastal profusions of some endangered mangrove 'offer a compelling experience to our visitors. Indeed there is a wide variety of birdlife, and a large number of butterflies in rural areas that make Zanzibar a unique destination in the world.'

On the Mainland birds and butterflies aren't part of the standard scene of tourism but fall close to horticulture - exotic products to breed, or catch in the wild for export.

Sea Safari is a popular activity offering an ideal opportunity to view diverse marine species.

A Sea Safari across the coast of Zanzibar, journeying through the famous Mnemba Marine Nature Reserve, cruising close to the Pemba Channel and much more, is a leaflet entry that would to some people on the Mainland appear to be talking

about some picturesque Caribbean island rather than right at our doorstep.

So the issue there isn't the product per se but the state of mind that produces the product, the number of people devoting their energies to it, the friends they seek after, and consequently the sort of environment arising from it. It's the service, stupid...!

Equally non-habitual in Mainland tourism packages is an entry that says Zanzibar food tells much about the history of Zanzibar, reflecting a number of different influences from many different places around the world.

It says that 'in Zanzibar you will enjoy the diversity of our cuisine whereby spices, fruits, and sea foods are 100% fresh.

There are several restaurants serving special cuisine: Indian cuisine, Chinese cuisine and Swahili cuisine.' It is hard to say that there is any such imagination across the channel, and thus without this basic enthusiasm, scant ideas of food

tourism commerce don't add up to a thriving business but for isolated hotels, etc.

Then comes an entry devoted to festivals as such, which says that 'Zanzibar is never short of festivals and celebrations,' while the next part of that entry is a bit of an understatement, that Zanzibar 'is one of the countries with highest number of celebrations/festivals in East Africa.'

It ought to have said the highest or record holder for such festivals, if not for their number then for the manner in which it draws a significant part of the population, creating a unique environment. Listed on that entry are the Zanzibar International Film Festival (ZIFF), Mwaka Kogwa, "Sauti ya Busara," Cultural Festivals, Mangapwani Festival and Makunduchi Food Festival.

The entry noticeably underlines that these features 'are among events that showcase the best of Zanzibar culture,' which is precisely what makes it different; a visitor tells this upon arrival, by feelings.

## Reworked charges in Chicago cite another R. Kelly accuser

CHICAGO

AN updated federal indictment against R. Kelly unsealed Friday in Chicago includes sex abuse allegations involving a new accuser, adding to the jailed singer's mounting legal challenges across three states.

The 13-count superseding indictment doesn't add more charges against Kelly. It includes multiple counts of child pornography and isn't substantially different from the original July indictment, which also had 13 counts.

What's new in the filing is a reference to an accuser called "Minor 6." But the indictment no longer includes any reference to a "Minor 2," meaning there are still a total of five alleged victims in the Chicago federal case.

The indictment offers few details about the new accuser.

It says she met Kelly around 1997 or 1998, when she would have been 14- or 15-years-old. It says Kelly engaged in sexual contact or sexual acts around that time and several years before she turned 18.

In a tweet later Friday, Kelly's lead attorney, Steve Greenberg, said, "We continue to fight for him and look forward to the day he is free." He added the hashtag #notguilty.

Kelly, 53, will be arraigned under the reworked indictment. That could happen March 5, a date set previously for a status hearing. The trial date remains April 27, though that will likely be pushed to later this year.

It's unclear why Minor 2 no longer appears to be on the prosecutors' list of alleged victims.

Kelly faces several dozen counts of state and federal sexual misconduct charges in Illinois, Minnesota and New York, from sexual assault to heading a racketeering scheme aimed at supplying Kelly with girls.

The Grammy Award-winner was jailed in July and has been awaiting



In this June 6, 2019, file photo, singer R. Kelly pleaded not guilty to 11 additional sex-related felonies during a court hearing before Judge Lawrence Flood at Leighton Criminal Court Building in Chicago. (AP)

trial at a Chicago federal jail a block from the courthouse where he attends pretrial hearings. He has participated in hearings in his New York case by video.

The federal charges in Chicago accuse Kelly of filming himself having sex with underage girls and of paying off potential witnesses in his 2008 trial - at which he was acquitted - to

get them to change their stories.

Kelly has denied ever sexually abusing anyone.

In December, he pleaded not guilty via a video feed to added charges in New York that he schemed to pay for a fake ID for an unnamed female a day before he married R&B singer Aaliyah, then 15, in a secret ceremony in 1994.

Drama surrounding Kelly's case included what authorities say was a fight in January between two of the singer's girlfriends living at his home in Trump Tower in Chicago. Joycelyn Savage, 24, has pleaded not guilty to punching and kicking 22-year-old Azriel Clary.

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## Liverpool the team to beat as Champions League returns

LONDON

LIVERPOOL return to the scene of their Champions League triumph when they visit Atletico Madrid's Wanda Metropolitan on Tuesday very much the team to beat for those hoping to succeed Jurgen Klopp's men as European champions.

Liverpool are coasting towards a first Premier League title in 30 years having dropped just two points all season and are likely to be crowned English champions before the Champions League quarter-finals commence in early April.

Liverpool remain on course for a potential five-trophy haul this season. They have already lifted the UEFA Super Cup and Club World Cup and are used to reaching European finals under Klopp.

The German has overseen three in four seasons at Anfield, losing the Europa League final to Sevilla in 2016 and Champions League to Real Madrid two years later before getting over the line against Tottenham in the Spanish capital last year.

"I have no clue if we can win the Champions League again but we should be ready to go for it," said Klopp. "What I know and what we showed last year is that we can beat the best."

On current form Atletico are little match for the holders.

For the first time in over eight years in charge, the future of Diego Simeone has been questioned with Los Rojiblancos languishing well off the pace in La Liga and battling just to qualify for next season's Champions League.

A chronic struggle to score goals has hampered Simeone's side all season.

Joao Felix has failed to deliver on his £26 million euro (\$138 million) price tag and the Portuguese wonder kid is a doubt for Tuesday's first leg.

By contrast, Liverpool have hit the money with almost every major signing in recent years.

With Allison Becker, Virgil van Dijk, Fabinho, Sadio Mane and Mohamed Salah they have built a side capable of not just winning, but retaining the Champions League.

Simeone's Atletico sides that came so close to winning the competition in losing two finals to rivals Real in 2014 and 2016 were built on the most miserly defence.

## Man United visit is not about revenge, says Chelsea's Kante

LONDON

NGOLO Kante says Chelsea's home clash with Manchester United on Monday is not about avenging an opening-day hammering at Old Trafford but keeping their noses in front in the scrap for a Premier League top-four finish.

Chelsea are still in fourth spot but after only one win in their last four league games, the gap over the clubs beneath them has been steadily eroded.

They are just two points above fifth-placed Sheffield United while Tottenham Hotspur can move within a point of the Blues if they win at Aston Villa on Sunday. United are six points behind.

"Man United were a bit behind but now they have closed the gap so it's a big opportunity either for us to keep them behind or for them to close the gap more," midfielder Kante said.

"It's an important game for both teams. We all know that Man United at home is a very difficult game, especially after what happened in the first game but we don't look at this.

## Haaland Player of Month after 60 mins on pitch

BERLIN

ERLING Haaland has won the Bundesliga's Player of the Month award for January despite having played just 60 minutes last month.

Nineteen-year-old Haaland, who joined Borussia Dortmund from Austrian side FC Salzburg in the January transfer window, played twice that month, scoring a hat-trick on his debut against Augsburg and netting twice against Cologne.

(Agencies)

But even the Argentine would be impressed by Liverpool's run of winning their last 11 league games by the combined score of 24-1.

Now or never for Guardiola's City Across the continent, no other side looks as well-balanced and settled heading into the latter stages.

Manchester City's stunning two-season ban from the competition handed down by UEFA on Friday means it could be now or never if the English champions are ever to conquer Europe with Pep Guardiola in charge.

However, City are running into a rejuvenated Real Madrid in the last 16, who have shot to the top of La Liga on a 14-game unbeaten run.

Zinedine Zidane has again revived the Spanish giants in his second spell in charge and is yet to lose a Champions League tie after winning the competition during his previous three seasons in charge.

Paris Saint-Germain also begin their quest to overcome three years of heartbreak at the last 16 stage on Tuesday when they visit Borussia Dortmund.

Dortmund have the firepower to cause their former coach Thomas Tuchel more Champions League pain in free-scoring new signing Erling Braut Haaland, who already has eight goals in the competition this season as a Red Bull Salzburg player.

Barcelona lurch from one institutional crisis to another and have a new coach, Quique Setien, with no previous Champions League experience for a tricky tie against Napoli.

The success or otherwise of Juventus' season will also be judged on winning the Champions League for the first time in 24 years.

A kind last-16 draw against Lyon should give Maurizio Sarri more time to turn the Italian champions into potential conquerors of Europe, but big questions are already being asked of Sarri's suitability for that target as Juve are struggling to hold off Inter Milan and Lazio to preserve their domestic dominance in Italy.

Bayern Munich's grip on the Bundesliga is also being challenged this season, but the German giants will be confident of gaining revenge for losing the 2012 Champions League final on home soil to Chelsea, who have won just four of their last 13 Premier League games.

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# What Man City's UEFA ban means and what happens next

By Gabriele Marcotti, Senior Writer, ESPN FC

THE independent Adjudicatory Chamber of UEFA's Club Financial Control Body (CFCB) has decided to ban Manchester City from UEFA competition for two seasons while hitting them with a €30 million (\$32.5m) fine. The club were found to have committed "serious breaches" of Financial Fair Play (FFP) while submitting inaccurate information to UEFA between 2012 and 2016. They were also found to have "failed to cooperate" with the investigation.

**Q: So what does this mean? That Manchester City won't be playing Real Madrid in the Champions League in 10 days' time?**

A: No. The earliest that the ban could be enforced is from next season, which would mean they miss out on 2020-21 and 2021-22. So City can still win the Champions League this season, but there's a lot that needs to happen first.

**Q: Like what?**

A: City have already said they will appeal to the Court of Arbitration of Sport (CAS) in Lausanne. Based on FFP regulations, a CAS decision is the final word on the subject. CAS has the power to confirm the ban, reduce it or send it back to the CFCB.

It will need to examine all the material and come up with a verdict pretty quickly, most likely by early July, because that's when the Europa League's second qualifying round takes place and a possible City exclusion impacts other clubs. But, it might not end with CAS.

**Q: How so?**

A: City could take this out of a sporting court and into a civil court. The Swiss Supreme Court would presumably have jurisdiction over UEFA. The club believe the investigation was "flawed" and that UEFA were out to get them from the start, acting as judge, jury and executioner.

Leaving sporting justice behind and moving into the "real world" is nearly unprecedented, and it would open a massive can of worms, as well as likely delaying everything. Theoretically, a Swiss court could force UEFA to reinstate City while they adjudicate the case.

**Q: Were City treated unfairly?**

A: I think it's impossible to tell from the outside, and if you're on the inside, you're likely to be biased one way or the other. So that's for the courts to decide. I don't think City's issue is so much with the Adjudicatory Chamber of the CFCB, though. Their five members are mostly very senior judges who come from outside the world of football, and some of them sit on the European Court of Justice, too. They simply adjudicate based on the evidence presented. They're not UEFA employees, they're independent judges who come in and issue a ruling.

City's issue is with the Investigatory Chamber, who act as prosecutors at the hearing. They're the ones who collect the evidence and frame it for the court. City already brought a case to CAS, arguing the Investigatory Chamber was responsible for leaking information to the media. That one was turned down (if you like reading legal documents, knock yourself out) but it offers a good measure of the acrimony between the club and the CFCB.

**Q: Why are City being punished now if these breaches occurred years ago? Weren't they already punished for this in 2014?**

A: Yes, but that was before Football Leaks in 2018. The publication of private documents and emails by the German newsmagazine Der Spiegel effectively reopened the case. They appeared to show that City effectively cooked the books by overstating income



from "related parties" and engaged in various shenanigans to hide costs. Those documents were almost certainly hacked, and City haven't taken a view on whether they're authentic, but it was enough for UEFA to reopen the investigation. Effectively UEFA asked for more evidence to back up the information City submitted in light of what was suggested in the documents. Also, some of the documents relate to 2015 and 2016 and those were years in which City were not sanctioned by FFP.

**Q: Is that why the punishment is so harsh?**

A: We won't know until we get the written reasons, but judging from the statement put out by the CFCB, it would appear that way. The CFCB claims City cooked the books and failed to cooperate when questioned about it. And if the books were cooked, well, they may have breached in subsequent seasons too.

**Q: Could City just go to court and argue this whole Financial Fair Play nonsense is illegal and an example of restraint of trade?**

A: They could certainly try, but even if they win, it would raise the question of why they went along with it for nearly a decade. And ultimately, UEFA's defence -- "this is our competition, these are our rules, if you want to play in it you need to respect them" -- is pretty strong. Nobody is forcing City to compete in the Champions League.

**Q: OK, so if City are banned, what is**

**the fallout going to be?**

A: Well, for starters, the team finishing fifth in this year's Premier League will get a spot in the Champions League (assuming City finish in the top four). Right now, that team is Sheffield United, which would be quite the story.

Beyond that, it is going to be a mighty financial blow to the club. Apart from the €30m (\$32.5m) fine, they'll be without Champions League revenue for two seasons. That always depends on how far they advance, of course, but considering they made €93m (\$100m) last season and prize money has gone up, you'd imagine it will be around \$200m or more. Throw in the loss of gate receipts and reduced exposure hurting sponsorship deals (some contracts automatically get reduced if you don't qualify for the Champions League) and the total could easily be north of \$300m. That's more than 25 percent of what the club's likely revenue is going to be across those two seasons.

**Q: Ouch!**

A: Ouch, indeed. But it doesn't end there. If you're making 25 percent less money, you will need to cut costs accordingly. And that might mean sacrificing some players. Then there's the evident fact that some players may wish to move because they don't want to go two years without Champions League football. That applies to the manager, Pep Guardiola, as well. He talked this week about how badly he wants to win his third Champions League.

**Q: What about this story that City**

**could be in trouble with the Premier League, too?**

A: Theoretically, that's a risk too. The Premier League has a licensing system that is predicated upon submitting genuine accounts. While the Premier League doesn't have the same FFP rules as UEFA, accounts are accounts. If those submitted to UEFA are deemed to be fraudulent and City sent the same ones to the Premier League, then they could be in trouble there too. I doubt they'd get expelled, but they could face a hefty fine and maybe a points penalty.

**Q: I've read some pretty dramatic stuff about how if UEFA hadn't been so hard on City it would have undermined their credibility and likely spelled the end of FFP.**

A: Yeah, I think that's a bit over the top. As I said, City weren't just sentenced for breaching FFP, they were sentenced for misstating their accounts, cooking the books and not cooperating. Those aren't FFP violations, that's accounting fraud. It goes way beyond what we've seen so far.

I don't see how they had a choice. Conversely, if CAS upholds City's argument, that they acted in good faith all along and that UEFA were exercising some kind of biased vendetta against them (perhaps at the prompting of some of City's rivals) and their accounts are true and fine and on the level, then, yes, FFP is in serious trouble. At least in its current form.

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## Financial rules at risk of being 'scuppered' if Man City overturn European ban

LONDON

EUROPEAN football's financial fair play rules risk being "scuppered" if Manchester City overturn their two-season ban from continental competition, according to a soccer analyst.

UEFA announced the punishment on Friday and also imposed a fine of 30 million euros (\$32 million, £25 million) on the English champions for what it said were City's serious breaches of its FFP regime.

City, however, wasted little time in responding by saying they would appeal to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in the hope of securing an "impartial judgment".

Since the Sheikh Mansour takeover in 2008, which put the financial might of Abu Dhabi behind them, City have won 10 major trophies -- including four Premier League titles.

Yet the prize that has eluded them is the one the Abu Dhabi project most desires -- the UEFA Champions League.

The Chinese government have provided City with additional backing, as has US private equity firm Silver Lake.

They are all set to ensure City has a no expense spared legal team that will challenge the validity of UEFA's ruling.

Should City succeed, the entire FFP system could collapse, according to Professor Simon Chadwick, director at the Centre for the Eurasian Sport Industry.

"Transnational power" - "In essence UEFA has to try to win this because, if it doesn't win or is undermined in any way, then its position on Financial Fair Play begins to unravel...FFP is scuppered," Chadwick told Britain's Press Association news agency.

**Gwiji** by David Chikoko



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## National Paralympic athletes to feature in 2020 Paralympic qualifying tourney



Tanzania Paralympic Committee (TPC) secretary general, Tuma Dandi.

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

TANZANIA'S Paralympic athletes are expected to jet off to Dubai next month where they will compete at the qualifiers for Tokyo Paralympics.

Tanzania Paralympic Committee (TPC) secretary general, Tuma Dandi, on Saturday said two athletes, Ignas Mtweve and Sauda Njopeka, accompanied by coach Taratibu Makachu, will leave on March 10 for the qualifying event.

Dandi said the Agitos Foundation has agreed to fund the two athletes' trip, with the athletes set to feature in shot put and discus.

He said Mtweve represented the country at the 2016 Rio Games and using the experience he gained, Dandi said he is confident that Mtweve and Njopeka will perform well at the Dubai qualifying meet.

"We are very delighted that the Agitos Foundation has agreed to pay for our athletes and coach's trip to Dubai to seek qualification for Tokyo Paralympic Games, they will depart on March 10 and I'm confident they will perform well at the event," he said.

The team's coach, Makachu, in an interview said despite the challenges they are facing during training, he is confident the two will perform well at the Dubai event and qualify for Tokyo Paralympics.

Makachu said he has been with the team for three weeks but he is encouraged by the spirit displayed by his athletes.

The coach disclosed some of the challenges they are facing include lack of modern training equipment and money to pay for training at gym.

"I have been with the athletes for three weeks now, I can assure you that the team will do well at Dubai qualifying games, the spirit among the players is very high, we are training near the National Indoor Stadium, but we are facing some challenges like lack of modern shot put and discus and we, as well, don't have money to pay for gym session," he disclosed.

"There is a sponsor who has offered Mtweve a chance to train at the former's gym three days a week but for Njopeka, who is also supposed to attend gym three days a week, we are asked to pay 10,000/- every day, it may seem little but TPC does not have that money, we ask people to help us," he said.

He said currently in shot put, Mtweve has posted 30.12m and 6.5m in discus while Njopeka has recorded 4.5m in discus and for them to qualify for the games, Mtweve must record 33 meters in shot put while Njopeka must record 8m in discus.

"I'm sure they will qualify for the Tokyo Paralympics, so far Mtweve has recorded 30.12m in shot put while Njopeka has recorded 6.5 meters, in this remaining two weeks we are working hard so as by the time we travel to Dubai they will have all reached the required meters for the qualifiers," he said.

## Dar boxers urged to excel in Olympic qualifiers



National Sports Council (NSC) Acting Secretary General, Neema Msitha (L), presents national flag to boxers, who will represent Tanzania in the qualifiers for Tokyo Olympics, slated to take place in Senegal later this week. Standing (R) is Tanzania Olympic Committee (TOC)'s vice-president, Henry Tandau, and the committee's secretary general, Filbert Bayi (2nd R). PHOTO: COURTESY OF TOC

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

TANZANIA'S amateur boxers, who departed for Dakar, Senegal yesterday to compete at the qualifiers for the 2020 Olympic Games, have been challenged to fight for their country's pride.

The challenge was made on Saturday by National Sports Council (NSC)'s Acting Secretary General, Neema Msitha, who represented Minister for Information, Culture, Arts and Sports, Harrison Mwakyembe, at national flag handover ceremony held in Dar es Salaam.

She said the government values the importance of sports for the social welfare of the people and it

is the wish of Tanzanians to see the country's boxers qualify for Tokyo Olympics.

Msitha said the government and its stakeholders worked tirelessly to see to it that the country's boxers are competing at the Dakar event.

"Our aim is to see to it that you qualify for the Tokyo Games, the government really appreciates the power which sports has in developing the people," she disclosed.

"Sports are also one of the tools used in strengthening diplomacy, the government wishes to see to it that we have many athletes at the Tokyo Olympics," she said.

She also warned the boxers, who are travelling to Senegal, to desist from involvement in drug trafficking.

She pointed out it is better they return home empty handed than colluding with drug barons and transport illicit drugs.

"Crime in sports is not only about doping but also involves being used by people to carry their illicit drugs, this is a shame not only to you but also the whole country," she said.

The NSC official also thanked Boxing Federation of Tanzania (BFT) secretary general, Lukelo Willilo, the Chief of Defense Forces (CDF), and Tanzania Olympic Committee (TOC) for working hard to see to it that the boxers compete at the event.

"For the boxers to travel to Senegal it was not that easy but it took the personal efforts and scarifies of BFT secretary general and TOC leadership to work hard to see to it that the trip is

realized," she disclosed.

"I also thank the CDF for setting up camp for the boxers, I'm told they are all soldiers, I'm sure if all government agencies and departments join hands, we can develop sports in our country," she disclosed.

"We have all heard here today that the BFT secretary general had to work day and night for the team," she said.

The boxers, who made the trip, are Yusuf Changarawe (Light Heavy), Alex Kisimbi (Light Welterweight), Boniface Mligwa (Bantamweight), and Haruna Swanga (Heavyweight).

David Yomba Yomba is the team's head coach and Samuel Mwera serves as leader of delegation.

On his remarks, TOC secretary general, Filbert Bayi, disclosed

that it was not easy for the committee to send the boxers to Senegal as the body received the information of their attendance at the event late.

"As you all know the International Boxing Association, AIBA, was suspended from attending all International Olympic Committee (IOC)-sanctioned events, but after some time IOC thought it wise to allow boxers to compete at its games and instructed TOC to start arranging for the qualifying event," he disclosed.

"It was already late but with support from the government we have managed to send the boxers to Senegal, I'm asking them to work hard to earn qualification for Tokyo Olympics," he said.

The Senegal event will be the last boxing qualifying event to be held in Africa, the other one will take place at the Grand Dôme, Villebon-sur-Yvette, in France in May.

He said the final world event in Paris will give athletes a second chance to qualify, and will therefore only be open to boxers who have not yet qualified from the continental events, making it not easy for many boxers including those from Tanzania to qualify.

Other officials, who attended the ceremony, include TOC president, Gulam Rashid, and the committee's vice-president, Henry Tandau, who both appealed to the boxers to work hard in Senegal for their country's pride.

They also echoed Bayi's remarks that the last qualifying event in Paris will hardly be easy hence the need to make use of the Dakar championship which is solely open to African boxers.

## MIS wins top honour in Moshi tournament

Guardian Correspondent

MOROGORO International School (MIS) team have been crowned overall winners of the United World College East Africa (UWCEA) sports weekend after finishing top in various sports competitions.

The school's team managed to clinch the first position in swimming before taking home the trophy in mixed rugby competition for the U-9 players in the event, which took place in Kilimanjaro.

Aga Khan Secondary School team from Mombasa, Kenya, finished third in swimming event while the competition hosts UWCEA Moshi finished second in swimming.

Dar es Salaam's Aga Khan Secondary School team also competed in the event.

The tournament also involved UWCEA Moshi, UWCEA Arusha, Agha Khan Mombasa, Dar es Salaam International Academy (DIA), Dar es Salaam Independent School (DIS), Rafiki, Arusha's Braeburn, and International School of Tanganyika (IST).

Apart from the U-9 category, the event also



Morogoro International School (MIS) combine team celebrate after emerging as overall winners in the United World College East Africa (UWCEA) School sports weekend competition, which took place in Kilimanjaro. PHOTO: MIS

featured U-11 boys football, U-11 girls football, U-9 boys football, and U-9 girls football. There was also U-11 mixed rugby and U-9 mixed rugby.

The Morogoro school also won U-9 football event in boys' category before finishing second in the girls' event, which also featured the other nine teams.

According to the results, MIS defeated DIS 1-0 in the U-9 boys' football

final to lay their hands on the trophy while Dar es Salaam's Aga Khan registered 2-0 victory over Arusha's Braeburn to win the third position in the competition.

Speaking after the completion of the competition, MIS team manager, Lisa Talley, said the competition was extremely tough and commended her team players for winning the overall trophy.

Talley said the competition helped MIS young players gain experience.

"Our players gained exposure while they are still at an early age. They have shown the fighting spirit during the competition and managed to lift overall trophy and medals, they won accolades and we hope they would be inspired for that," the manager disclosed.

## Chess League draws 11 teams

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

ELEVEN teams are battling it out in this year's edition of the Chess League which started yesterday at Russian Cultural Centre in Dar es Salaam.

Hemed Mlawa, the tournament organizing committee secretary, disclosed that the league will come to an end on April 17 and top three teams and best performing individuals will be awarded.

He further disclosed that Nurdin Hassuji is the tournament director, while chief arbiter is Mustafa Ebrahim.

The tournament, he disclosed, has attracted players from all over the country.

Mlawa said participating teams competed in round 1-2 yesterday while next Sunday will have teams play in round three and four.

Round 5-6 matches will take place on March 29 and the final day, slated for 19 April, will have participating teams taking part in round 7-8 matches.

He named teams competing at the league as Flashnet, Ahead Africa, Kamal Steel, Don Bosco Rising Star, Alliance Insurance, HS Computers, Specialized Engineering, Bekertilly, Unique, My World Pre School and Pawn Pushers.

"The tournament has attracted 11 teams, they will compete in round robin format, the league has attracted players from many regions, Tanzania Chess Association is happy with the response of clubs," he said.

He said clubs which will finish in top two spots will be presented with trophies, medals and 500,000/- and 250,000/- respectively in cash prize."

"The third-placed winner will only get trophy and medals, the best performer on board 1-5 will each get 100,000/-."

This is the second year in a row that Tanzania Chess Association is hosting the league which is recognized by the International Chess Federation (FIDE). Ahead Africa team were last year's champions.

## Flexibles by David Chikoko

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WELL, WITHOUT GLASSES, I CAN'T TELL!