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Felix Tshisekedi forced to cut short inauguration speech

KINSHASA

DR Congo's new President Felix Tshisekedi was taken ill as he was delivering his inauguration speech in the country's first peaceful handover of power.

"I don't feel well," he said on live TV before halting his speech.

Tshisekedi was sworn in yesterday as President of Democratic Republic of Congo, marking the country's first-ever peaceful handover of power after chaotic and bitterly disputed elections.

Tshisekedi, 55, took the oath of office before receiving the national flag and a copy of the constitution from outgoing president Joseph Kabila, who is stepping aside after 18 years at the helm of sub-Saharan Africa's biggest country.

Thousands of Tshisekedi supporters, many of them dressed in white, celebrated the historic event outside the Palace of the Nation, the seat of the presidency.

Among foreign nations attending the ceremony, Kenya and Zambia were



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represented by their presidents and Tanzania by its vice president, according to the RTNC state television, while China, France, Japan and the United States sent their ambassadors.

On Tuesday, this week the inauguration of Felix Tshisekedi as president of the Democratic Republic of the Congo was postponed.

Government spokesman Lambert Mende did not give reasons for the delay, but said it would probably take place on Thursday, the Associated Press reports.

On Monday, Congo police dispersed a gathering of supporters waiting to hear a speech by presidential runner-up Martin Fayulu, his spokeswoman said.

Dozens of people gathered outside his coalition's headquarters in Kinshasa before police arrived and cancelled the event, Eve Bazaiba told AP.

On Sunday, the Constitutional Court refused Fayulu's request for a vote recount and reaffirmed Tshisekedi's victory in the presidential race.

AGENCIES



Girls edge boys in Form IV 2018 results top ten



A steel wool vendor walks the streets with the merchandise caged on his back and using a loud speaker to amplify his voice to attract customers, as captured at Mabibo in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Photo: Halima Kambi

In the 2018 exams, 66,046 boys, being 37.43 per cent of those who sat for examinations got between division one and three compared to 47,779 girls, being 37.43 per cent

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

GIRLS have outshined boys in the 2018 National Form Four Examinations results announced yesterday as 163,920 passed examinations compared to 159,045 boys who sat the same exams.

A total of 426,988 students registered for the examination with 219,171 being girls and 207,819 boys. About 368,037 were school candidates while 58,951 were private candidates in the examinations taken between 5th and 11th November, 2018.

Announcing the results yesterday, the National Examination Council of Tanzania (NECTA) Executive Secretary, Dr Charles Msonde said the number who candidates who passed the 2018 examination has increased by 1.2 percent, from 77.09 percent in 2017 to 78.38.

He noted that the number of candidates who scored between division one and three has been on the increase for the past three years with 113,825 candidates making 31.76 percent attained the mark in 2018, compared with 95,337 candidates, being 30.15 percent in 2017 and around 27.60 percent of candidates in 2016.

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47,779 girls, being 37.43 percent.

"In totality the pass rate in 2018 has increased by 4.16 percent compared to 2016 and 1.61 percent in 2017," said Dr Msonde, noting that this improvement is impressive but teachers need to put in more effort for better results.

Unlike in past years, in the 2018 Form IV results boys and girls have tied on the top ten best students as Mbeya-based St Francis Girls produced six students in the category, Marian Boys in Coast region produced four students and Ilboru Secondary School one student.

Hope Mwaibanje from Ilboru Secondary School in Arusha was declared the best overall student followed by Avith Kibani from Marian Boys in Coast Region.

St Francis Girls of Mbeya produced the third, fourth and fifth best overall students in the top ten. They are Maria Manyima, Atughulile Mlimba, Flavia Nkongoki and Leticia Ulaya.

Gibson Katuma and Bryson Jandwa from Marian Boys came seventh and eighth followed by Idegalda Kiluba of St Francis and Isack Julius

NECTA closes Lutheran seminary exams centre in the cheating saga

●252 results annulled, 381 candidates' results suspended

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

TUMAINI Lutheran Seminary in Morogoro region has been closed as an examination centre by the National Examinations Council of Tanzania (NECTA) and results of 57 candidates in that centre annulled.

This measure followed serious examination malpractices involving the centre's administrative staff, teachers and police officers who were manning the examination centre.

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Announcing examination results yesterday, NECTA Executive Secretary Dr Charles Msonde said the council has annulled results for 252 candidates, 180 of them being school based candidates, 71 private candidates and one qualifying test candidate.

While two of the candidates had their results nullified for writing abusive language

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Power access project ends low voltage

By Guardian Reporter, Arusha

LOW voltage and constant power cuts that dogged Arusha region for years have been declared history following the completion of the Tanzania Energy Development Access and Expansion Project (TEDAP), also ending dependence on electricity from Kenya.

Talking to reporters here on Wednesday, the Tanzania Electricity Supply Company (Tanesco) Senior Manager for Projects, Emmanuel Manirabona, said power supply in Arusha has improved tremendously after upgrading and construction of substations



and distribution lines.

He named the substations which have helped to improve power supply in Arusha City as Njiro B, Themti, Kiltex, Unga Limited, Sakina and Mount Meru.

The project has relieved Tanzania of reliance on Kenya for supply of power which was mainly used in Longodo District in the region.

"We have built a new substation at Sakina with the capacity of five megawatts. This substation supplies power to surrounding areas but it also supplies power to Namanga,

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Govt arrests 198 foreigners in crackdown on illegal fishing

By Guardian Reporter and agencies

At least 198 foreigners have been arrested in connection with illegal fishing in Lake Tanganyika since Tanzanian authorities launched a massive crackdown on illegal fishing in the lake.

Kigoma regional commissioner, Emmanuel Maganga said that 284 Tanzanians were also arrested and 11,529 illegal fishing nets were seized during the ongoing crackdown that was launched in November last year.

He said authorities were making arrangements to prosecute the suspects in courts, adding that apart from illegal fishing, the suspects will also be charged with catching undersized fish.

Maganga said the impounded fishing nets included beach seine, drift nets, monofilaments and fishing solar lights.

Launching the crackdown in November last year, Minister for

Livestock and Fisheries, Luhaga Mpina said the crackdown should go in tandem with the arrest of local government officials and fisheries officers who protected syndicates of people involved in illegal fishing.

"The government's position is to make sure that illegal fishing is put to an end not only in Lake Tanganyika but also in all lakes in this country," said Mpina.

The minister said illegal fishing resulted in depletion of fish stocks in the country's lakes, forcing Tanzania to spend more money to import fish.

In March last year, Tanzanian President John Magufuli supported ongoing crackdown on illegal fishing in Lake Victoria that was aimed at replenishing fish stocks in the lake.

Magufuli's remarks came a week after the Council of Ministers of the Lake Victoria Fisheries Organization approved scaling up anti-illegal fishing operations in the lake.



Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa talks with Wages and Incentives Board Members at his residence in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Photo: PMO

Uganda seeks to regulate lucrative fish maw trade

KAMPALA

At the Gaba landing site in Kampala, Uganda fishermen dock their boats filled with both tilapia and Nile perch.

Waiting along the shores, donning white gum boots and white coats, fish traders wait to offload the Nile perch that has turned profitable for many traders.

The fish's commodity, known as a swim bladder, is used as an aphrodisiac in China and is now being recognised by the Ugandan government as water gold, but fishermen at the forefront say they are being exploited.

A study by the Lake Victoria Fisheries Organization has shown that a growing appetite in Asia has seen the former waste by-product becoming a multi-million-dollar export.

Idrisa Walusimbi began working as a fisherman 20 years ago. Now, he has his own boat and is chairman of

the fish protection unit. He says in the early 1990s, Nile perch fish maw would be fried and eaten by locals. But lately, the Chinese market has made it more lucrative, especially for the exporter.

"You find that from the lowest fisherman, as you know, that he gains, but not so much. Then you find the middleman gains more, and the trader above gains even more, the levels keep increasing and the ones that profit the most are the final local buyer and exporter," Walusimbi said.

Uganda, Kenya, and Tanzania collectively earn \$86 million from trading the commodity. Uganda alone earned \$40 million in 2017 as the largest exporter of the Nile perch swim bladder to China.

Vincent Ssempejja, Uganda's Minister for Agriculture, Industry and Fisheries, says fish maw is a new item that needs to be regulated.

By Mtapa Wilson

AS the one of its marketing strategy to enable their customers enjoying more refreshment for all at the price of 600/- in their beverage including Pepsi, Mirinda fruity and Mirinda orange only, SBL Tanzania has launched a brand new 500ml glass bottle named 'Mkubwa Wao'.

National head, training and capacity for SBC Tanzania Ltd, Rashid Chenja said that for the past 17 years, his company has been proud to be operating and thriving in the market.

Chenja said over the years SBC Tanzania has been very fortunate to provide Tanzanians across the nation with variety of beverages including pepsi, 7-up, Mirinda, Mountain dew, Evervess and H2O.

He said SBC Tanzania Ltd has designed this new pack using the latest technology to give a unique and attractive appearance as far as lighter than the other 350ml glass bottles in the market.

SBC Tanzania launches the new 500ml bottle

"Being in the business of providing refreshment, we wanted to bring this bottle to the market to truly provide more refreshment. This technology brought to you by SBC Tanzania Ltd is used for the first time, not only in Tanzania, but across all of the East African market," said Chenja.

Chenja added that with this brand new 500ml glass bottle, through the line of their beverages, he noted that the company is going to earn a strong place in the hearts of their customers in their daily lives.

"For us, this is very important in providing our consumers with an opportunity to get more value, more excitement and more satisfaction," he added.

For his part, the head of commerce to SBC Tanzania, Paul Richards said that there has never been a bottle of this type that is why his company decided to call it 'Mkubwa Wao' just because it is the biggest one of all the bottles in the market.

"It is Mkubwa Wao in the amount it provides refreshment. And even when it comes to the consideration of value, it is truly Mkubwa Wao. It is 500ml pack at the affordable price of just 600/-," said Richards.

He said that the Mkubwa Wao bottle will be available for Pepsi, Mirinda fruity and Mirinda orange only in Dar es Salaam and Mwanza for a limited period of time as the SBC prepares for the future to launch it in other regions

of the country.

Meanwhile, the Diamond Platnumz, an artist and brand ambassador for Pepsi in Tanzania in 2019 who has developed local and international fame by making hit after hit music, said that he got interested in not just Pepsi and Mirinda, but especially with this new 'Mkubwa Wao' 500ml glass bottle.

"I'm very excited to launch this brand new 500ml glass bottle from a great company. Apart from being ambassador to this company, I am interested to work with SBC Tanzania since it is reputable company that also contributes a lot to the society by doing social corporate responsibilities," he said.



Vice-President Samia Suluhu Hassan (L) talks with Tanzania Women Judges and Magistrates Association chairperson Imani Aboud moments after officiating at their meeting in Zanzibar yesterday. Photo: VPO

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which used to depend on electricity from the other side of the border," he said.

"In the past we used to have constant misunderstandings with the Kenya electricity company on power tariffs, but we have done away with that problem as we now have enough power," he declared.

For his part, the Chief Distribution Engineer in Arusha region, Donasiano Shamba, said that before the project many parts of Arusha city, especially in the periphery, used to experience low voltage and constant power cuts. But after the completion of the project power supply has been improved such that there is a lot of extra energy which

Power access project ends low voltage

awaits new customers.

"For instance at Kiltex we used to have a 5mva transformer which was not enough to satisfy customers, including the Tanzania Breweries Limited factory which uses about 1.1 megawatts. But through TEDAP we have installed a 15mva transformer and now we have two extra feeds which are not used and TBL gets all the power it needs," he pointed out.

The TEDAP project involved improvement of power infrastructures in Dar es Salaam, Arusha and Kilimanjaro. A total of 15 kilometers

of 132kV transmission lines have been installed and more than 20 substations in the three regions put up.

Some of substations which have been constructed or upgraded in Dar es Salaam include Kurasini, Mbagala, Gongolamboto and Kipawa.

"All these stations use modern technology which enables us to detect any problems, instantly. Because we can rapidly detect problems, sometimes customers call us while our emergency team is already on the way to the site to attend the problem," the TANESCO engineer noted.

He said in the past they used the radial technology method, in which power was transmitted from one point to another. The currently added substations have been built under the ring circuit system where all substations are connected so that each station can receive or transmit power to another substation.

"This means that if you experience problem in one substation, another station which receives power through that line can continue to receive power from another side where it is connected to other substations," he added.

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of Marian Boys. No student from Dar es Salaam region schools made it to the top ten over all best category.

St Francis Girls produced nine candidates in the top ten best performing girls candidates in the 2018, leaving only one slot to Anwarite Girls of Kilimanjaro.

Marian Boys in Coast region was in the lead in the top ten best boys candidates with four positions, followed by Arusha based Ilboru Boys with two positions.

Other schools in the category are Katoke Seminary in Kagera, Uwata in Mbeya, Feza Boys of Dar es Salaam and Pandahill of Mbeya.

Ten schools that performed poorly in the 2018 examination include Pwani Mchangani of Zanzibar North region,

Ukitini in Pemba South region, and Kwediboma in Tanga region.

Others are Rwemondo (Kagera), Namatula (Lindi), Kijini (Zanzibar North), Komkalakala (Tanga), Kwizu (Kilimanjaro), Seuta (Tanga) and Masjid Qubah Muslim (Dar es Salaam).

While there was increased performance in the form four national examinations, performance in Physics, Basic Mathematics, Commerce and Book Keeping was still below 50 percent. "There is need for concerted efforts to help uplift performance in these subjects," Dr Msonde intoned.

NECTA will conduct an intense analysis on every subject and publish results to be shared among other stakeholders in order to see how best to change the downward trend, he added.

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in the answer sheets, others were involved in examination malpractices, he said.

Apart from the nullified results, NECTA has held results for 381 candidates from two sister schools of St Mathew's (228) and St. Mark's (153) be suspended for examination irregularities, pending investigations.

Explaining the Tumaini Lutheran Seminary incident, he said that NECTA obtained information from well-wishers that there were abnormalities going on at the examination centre.

NECTA in collaboration with the Milinyi district examination committee and the Morogoro region exams body went to the school to establish the truth, he elaborated.

It was proved that the school's management in collusion with six teachers, some form four candidates, some form two and form three students, two examination supervisors and a police officer had colluded

to allow examination cheating, he explained.

The school management had directed the said form two and three students to pick examination papers from the supervisors through the window and holes in the examination halls then take to teachers to provide answers.

The students, according to Dr Msonde also mastered the answers from the teachers and through cooperation with the police officer, return the answered sheets to the candidates.

"The committee discovered that there were many papers with answers outside the Chemistry examination room with similar answers to the examination that was going on," he said.

All the teachers who were involved confessed after arrest and questioning, saying they did the same in Basic Mathematics, Geography, History and Chemistry, the NECTA administrator intoned.



Gynaecologist Dr. Geoffrey Marandu airs his views at the meeting chaired by Muhimbili National Hospital director general Prof. Lawrence Museru to discuss improving clinic services yesterday. Photo: Correspondent John Stephen

4 dead, 42 injured in Kigoma road crash

By Correspondent Deogratius Nsokolo, Kigoma

FOUR people died and 42 others injured in a road crash at Minarani, Uvinza District in Kigoma Region.

The accident occurred after the passenger bus with registration numbers T 400 AUV heading to Kigoma from Mwanza overturned due to speeding.

Kigoma Regional Police Commander, Martin Otieno said the driver of the passenger bus, Abdalah Ramadhan lost control due to speeding.

Otieno said the accident occurred on Wednesday night at around 9:30pm.

The 42 injured passengers were taken to Kigoma regional hospital while the bodies were preserved at Uvinza health centre.

"We are yet to identify the dead bodies", said the Commander calling upon drivers to adhere to traffic rules as well as road signs to reduce the risks.

Doctor in charge at Maweni hospital, Dr Osmund Dyegula said they have so far discharged 20 people among those who were injured while 22 are still admitted.

According to the World Health Organization (WHO), approximately 1.35 million people die each year as a result of road traffic crashes. Road traffic crashes cost most countries 3 per cent of their gross domestic product.

It said that 93 per cent of the world's fatalities on the roads occur in low- and middle-income countries, although the countries have approximately 60 per cent of the world's vehicles.

Road traffic injuries are the leading cause of death for children and young adults aged 5-29 years.



NBS to partner with UN Women on gender programme

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

THE National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) in collaboration with UN Women will carry out a programme aimed at among others, ending all forms of discrimination against women and girls.

Briefing journalists here yesterday, NBS director general, Dr Albina Chuwa said the aim is to address the urgent need to increase the availability of accurate information on gender equality and women's rights.

She noted that the programme dubbed, "Making Every Woman and Girl Count" is in line with Goal 5 of Sustainable Development Goals, which aims at ending all forms of

discrimination against women and girls.

Dr Chuwa added that Tanzania is one of few African countries which will benefit from the three year UN Women programme worth 2bn/-.

Speaking after a meeting with officials from the UN Women yesterday, the NBS boss said, "Tanzania like some few African countries will benefit from the programme aimed at gender empowerment"

On her part, the UN Women's Regional Director for Eastern and Southern Africa, Dr Izeduwa Derex-Briggs, informed that Tanzania is one of twelve pathfinder countries chosen by UN Women to implement the three years programme.

She said programme aims to bring about a radical shift in how gender statistics are used, created and promoted, saying the programme will build a supportive policy and institutional environment to priorities gender data and effective monitoring of the SDGs.

Country's Representative for UN Women, Hodan Addou, said UN Women came up with the idea after realising that getting data on women and girls was a challenge, saying the programme will improve access to data to inform policy and advocacy makers.

"The programme will provide technical and financial support to countries to improve the production

and use of gender statistics," she said.

NBS programme manager, Mariam Kitembe, said the programme would improve availability of gender statistics, saying the availability of gender statistics was vital in decision making for development programmes.

Mother, baby killed in lightning strike

By Guardian Correspondent,

Geita

A MOTHER and her six-month baby daughter at Nyatika village in Busanda District, Geita Region have died after being hit by lightning strike following heavy rains pounding the area.

The ward's Councillor Elias Simon said that the incident occurred yesterday at around 4pm, when the mother was carrying her baby on her back. It happened when the woman was working in her rice farm.

He named the deceased as Zainab William (30) and her child, Happiness Bahati.

John Magelane, one of the witnesses of the incident said that deaths caused by lightning strike is seldomly happen in the village but heavy rain which pounded the area was the major cause of the disaster.

In October last year, at least six children at Emaco Vision primary school in Geita Region were killed and 25 injured after lightning struck the school in the morning.

Acting Geita Regional Commissioner Josephat Maganga said the lightning that struck the English Medium School also left 23 other people seriously injured.

"It was about 09:00, six pupils were killed and 25 others injured," he said.

The lightning tore through the roof of the school building and hit two classrooms, leaving the six pupils dead. At that time, classes were in session, Maganga said.

In 2015 four school children and their teacher died in Kigoma Region when their classroom was struck by lightning.



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Water and Sanitation Kigoma Region Project

CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

To undertake studies, prepare designs and tender documents for rehabilitation and extension of Mkongoro I Group Gravity Water Supply scheme, Kigoma District, Kigoma Region.

Water and Sanitation Kigoma Region Project (WASKIRP), jointly supported by the Governments of Tanzania and Belgium, plans to rehabilitate and extend Mkongoro I Group piped water supply scheme in Kigoma District, Kigoma region.

Through Enabel-Belgian Development Agency, the project now calls for expression of interest from qualified consulting entities to provide services which include: carrying out feasibility studies, detailed engineering designs, drawings, bills of quantities, specification and preparation of tender documents for the scheme rehabilitation and extension.

Consultants are required to submit their expression of interest to be considered for this assignment. In their submissions, the consultant should provide adequate information indicating their qualifications to perform the services. This shall include their organizational profile that indicates: skills and experience of team members for the assignment; experience of the firm in carrying out similar assignment, proof of registration with appropriate professional bodies. Consultants with demonstrable experience in working with water supply entities, or gravity-fed piped water supply systems are desirable. It is expected that the consulting firm shall have within their team members, among other professionals an engineer with graduate/postgraduate education in civil engineering /water supply engineering; water resources specialist/hydrologist, water engineering, land surveyor.

**The Expressions of Interest must be submitted before 5 pm on
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Lands, Housing and Human Settlements Development deputy minister Angeline Mabula (2nd L) looks at revenue collections through the electronic system during her visit in Kondo District, Dodoma Region yesterday. Right is Kondo District Commissioner Sezarria Makota. Others are Council director Msoleni Dakana (2nd L) and Kondo land officer Fatuma Mwasingo. Photo: Correspondent Munir Shemweta

JOHANNESBURG

Tanzanian universities urged to strengthen collaboration

UNIVERSITIES in Tanzania have been urged to strengthen collaboration among themselves.

Zanzibar President, Ali Mohamed Shein, said universities should not be competitors but rather work as allies towards meeting their goals.

"We need professionals, but in areas of priority," said President Shein in a statement read by the Minister of Education and Vocational Training Riziki Pembe Juma on his behalf.

Minister Juma was reading the statement of behalf of the President during the 18th graduation ceremony at

the Abdulrahman Al-Sumait Memorial University (SUMAIT University) recently.

Dr Shein advised the institutions to get together and agree on the type of programmes they are introducing in order to avoid duplication of programmes that ultimately saturate market demands.

"A well thought-out divarication of marketable programmes is important. We need more skilled teachers, engineers, medical

doctors, ICT experts, visionary leaders and other professionals. Our universities must spearhead our efforts to groom all those needed professionals," he added.

The President noted that one of the challenges that University graduates face was unemployment, and that lack of jobs for the youth poses a great challenge to the globe, particularly developing countries like Zanzibar.

He commended SUMAIT

University for working with Direct Aid organisation to introduce a special programme that offers scholarships and interest-free loans for its students, as it is in line with the government's plans to increase opportunities for students seeking higher learning. "Our collective efforts will hugely improve the enrollment of new students in our universities as well as eliminating the undesired postponement of studies due to lack of funds for fees," he added.

Construction of Jangwani waste water plant set to start in March

By Francis Kajubi

CONSTRUCTION of the Dar es Salaam's Jangwani waste water plant is set to start in March, this year, a senior official has said.

Community liaison manager, of the Dar es Salaam Water and Sewerage Authority (DAWASA) Nelly Msuya said the country's giant water authority awaits for the 'no objection' statement from the project financier, the South Korean Exim Bank to commence construction activities.

The Jangwani waste water plant is one of the three water treatment plants, which are being constructed in the country's business district Dar es Salaam for environmental conservation and economic benefits. Other plants are to be built at Mbezi Beach and Kurasini in the outskirts of Dar es Salaam.

Dawasa's community liaison manager, Nelly Msuya, told this paper on Monday that phase one of the project's implementation was supposed to kick off early in 2018, but it was delayed for a number of reasons.

"The projects of this kind are so sensitive that you can promise this in the first place but things might change any time which may delay its implementation," said Msuya.

She noted that Jangwani waste water treatment plant will be implemented with local funding and a loan from South Korean Exim Bank and is expected to be accomplished within the next three years.

According to her, the World Bank had already agreed to fund the construction of the Mbezi Beach plant pending the NEMC assessment that whose draft is

expected to be submitted early in March, this year.

For Kurasini plant French AFD has agreed to fund the project and Dawasa had been allowed to carry on with the feasibility study and other procedures.

"The government through Dawasa will construct modern stench water treatment facilities at the three places worth US\$155million (about 348.01bn/-) for Jangwani and Mbezi Beach plants while the Kurasini plant will cost 100million Euros (about 264.10bn/-);



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Dawasa says Jangwani project scheduled in the first phase will involve construction of sewer main pipes from Magomeni suburb.

She said the plant which is to be built opposite BRT bus depot at Jangwani will treat 25 million litres of waste water per day. The Mbezi Beach plant will have the capacity of treating 16 million litres a day while the Kurasini plant will treat 11 million litres per day.

According to her, the current waste water disposal system which goes into the sea is obsolete and needs overhauling to accommodate Dar es Salaam's growing population.

She further noted that

environmental pollution concerns have raised issues with disposal of such waste into the ocean.

"The project brings in a number of economic benefits as the plants will also be used to generate power to be used within the plants but also supply the national grid. Treated water will be used for irrigation and industrial production.

Sludge produced from the treatment plants will be used as manure in city gardens for improvement of the commercial capital's image and other towns of the country," said Msuya.

A 2017 report released by Dar es Salaam based Economic and Social Research Foundation (ESRF) dubbed 'Better Urban Growth Tanzania-BUGT' indicates that 70 per cent of the commercial capital's population lives in slums without adequate housing, safe drinking water and sanitation systems.

"In urban Tanzania, only 25.4 per cent of the population has access to tap water into their homes while a further 23.7 per cent get the commodity from neighbors," the report states.

Similarly, only 9.1 per cent of urban dwellers had sanitation facilities linked to a sewer or septic tank as of December 2016 while. On the same vein, the Demographic and Health Survey 2015/16 by the Ministry of Health states that 62.2 per cent of people living in urban areas experience at least one day without access to tap water.

Data from the First Five Years Development Plan-2010/15 shows that the proportion of people accessing clean tap water in rural areas and district towns has reached 60 per cent.



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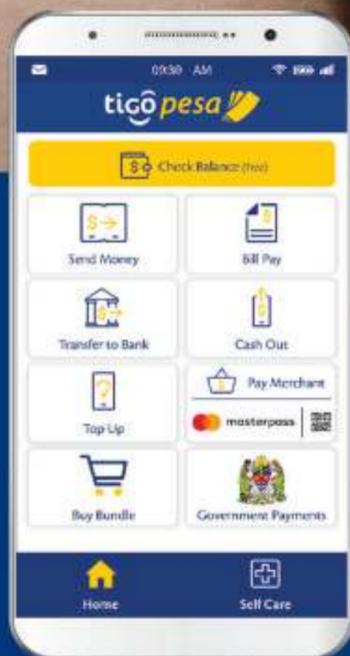
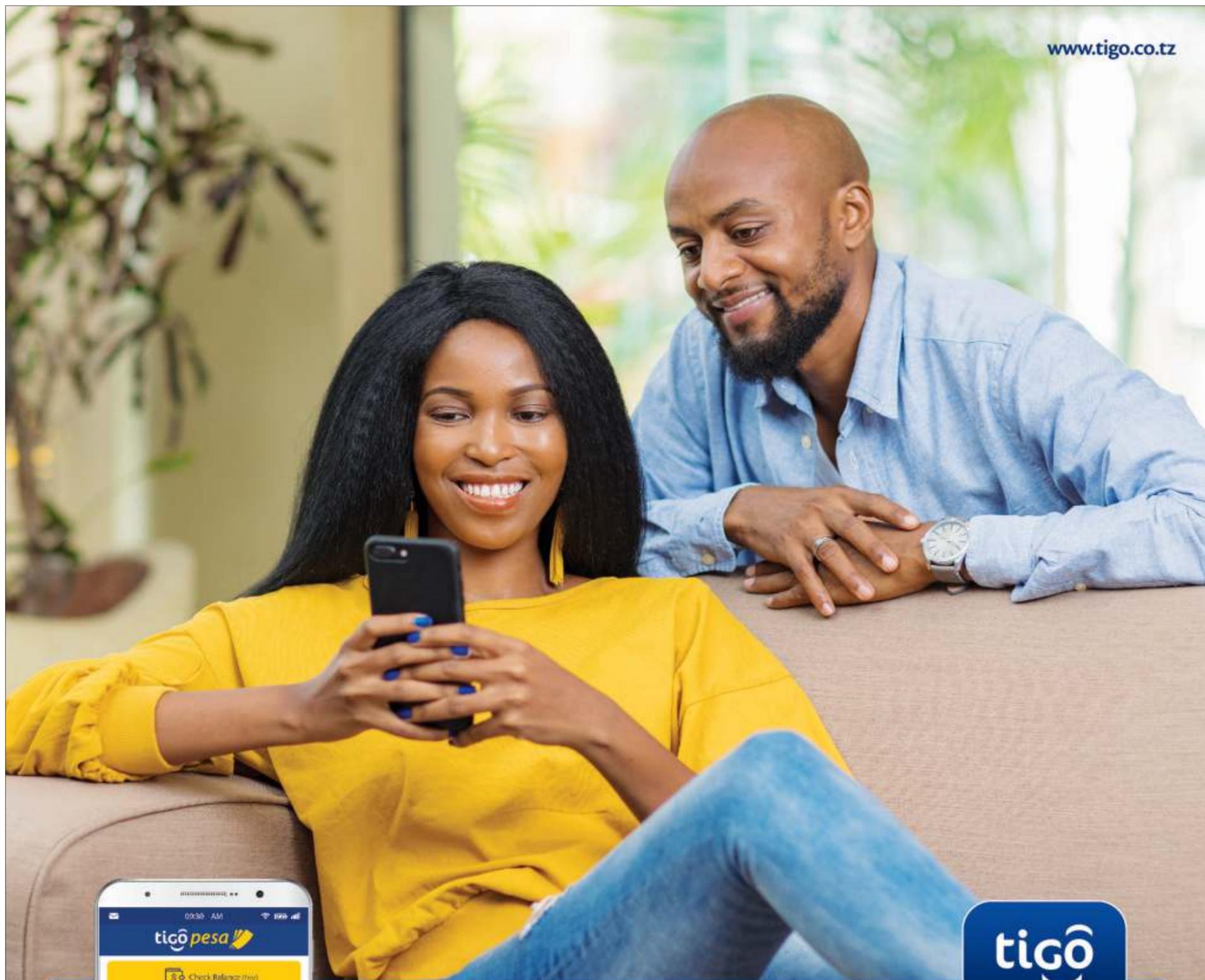
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VP warns use of explosives at mining sites

By Correspondent Crispin Gerald

VICE-President Samia Suluhu Hassan has warned small and medium miners from using the explosives at the mining, saying it affects the health of the people.

Speaking at the closing of the two-day general conference on mining yesterday in Dar es Salaam, the Vice-President said the explosives polluted water bodies which are used by people living near the mining sites.

The VP urged the miners to consider environmental impacts assessment in their daily activities as it will help them to add value in the mining produce.

"I urge you to stop the use of dynamite in the mining activities as it is public's health risk and may also destroy the soil fertility," she said.

The government is working closely with National Environment Management Council (NEMC) to intensify the fight against environment destruction.

"We need to work together to make sure the environment remains safe for the next generations to come, adding that the miners ought to be faithful and to engage in transparent businesses," she insisted.

She said there are some of government officials who are delaying to issue certificates for environmental assessment to the miners the factor which also hinders the miners to proceeding with their normal activities on time.

She urges the miners to ensure no mining open-pits are left after the extraction in order to avoid possible impacts like injuries and deaths.

The conference brought on board

more than 1,500 small and medium miners, government officials, Members of the Parliament, head of government mineral institutions to discuss the challenges facing the sector and to find ways for addressing them.

Presenting a joint recommendation to VP, the president of the Federation of Miners Association of Tanzania John Bina proposed the withholding taxes of 5 per cent to be reduced to 3 per cent, while the municipal tax of 0.3 per cent to be increased to 1 per cent in order for them to contribute to national economy.

He added that the royalty tax should be reduce from 6 to 3per cent to enable them to pay confidently; he also proposed the establishment of mineral bank in order for the miners to easily access loans.

Bina recommend to the government to allocate mineral officers in the mining areas so as to supervise and control gold smuggling.



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Bank of Africa- Tanzania, Kahama branch manager, Bernadetha Mndemi (R) presents 1m/- cash prize to the winner Aslam Said (L) after 'HamiaKwetu' campaign draw that was held on 7 January 2019. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

MNH set to improve quality of health care and patients safety

By Getrude Mbagu

THE Muhimbili National Hospital (MNH) has said that it was working to revamp its clinical system to enable the provision of quality and timely services for all patients.

MNH director, Prof Lawrence Museru announced this during the meeting with the hospital specialists on how to improve medical service provision at the facility.

Prof Mseru said that the move was aimed at addressing patients' congestion when seeking for specialist service at the facility. The National Referral Hospital attends 1,500 out-patients per day and 1,000 to 1,300 inpatients.

"Heads of departments should bring their recommendations on what they need to improve the services to ensure that patients spend less time waiting to see specialists. Our aim to do away with congestion challenges facing our facility," he said.

He said that the management through the facility's board of trustees continues to improve working environment for better services provision.

Prof Mseru called on all staff to continue working efficiently and with due diligence in serving those who are in need of services. "I am happy that service providers and all staff have been working tirelessly when attending to their duties to ensure that people's health and lives are served," he said.

He further assured the public that drugs availability at the hospital was at 95 per cent and efforts were ongoing to ensure that every patient who receives services at the facility gets medicines on time.

According to him, in the last three years, MHN had done a number of improvements including bringing new and high quality services and thus saving the government billions of shillings which otherwise should have been spent for sending patients outside the country.

The Muhimbili National Hospital has a total of 2,705 workers, among them, 328 are doctors (186 specialists and 142 normal doctors). The facility also have 946 nurses.



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KAMPALA

Ugandan company has started using blockchain, the technology behind virtual currency Bitcoin, to certify shipments of coffee to try to meet growing demand from consumers for more information about where products have come from.

Carico Café Connoisseur CEO Mwambu Wanendeya said that a blockchain-certified shipment of one of its coffee products, Bugisu Blue, arrived in South Africa last month.

He declined to give the size of the shipment, but said it was several tonnes.

Blockchain works by providing a shared record of data held by a net-

Ugandan firm uses blockchain to trace coffee from farms to stores

work of individual computers rather than a single party. Its supporters say this makes it hard to tamper with, and so a secure way to track goods along the supply chain

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Uganda is Africa's largest coffee exporter followed by Ethiopia, according to the International Coffee Organisation, and has some of the world's highest quality beans. It predominantly cultivates the robusta variety, but also has extensive fields of arabica trees.

Limited domestic processing capacity means the country exports nearly all of its beans in raw form.

The blockchain certification means consumers can trace the coffee's journey by using their smartphones to scan

the product's QR codes or via the certification site provenance.org.

Every step of the beans' journey - from when farmers drop them off at collection centers to warehousing, inspection by regulators and shipping - is recorded.

"The idea is to give the consumer an appreciation of what happens on the journey and also to ensure that there's more linkages with the farmer," Wanendeya said.

"Traceability is important because

people are increasingly concerned that ... farmers get rewarded for their work."

The process will provide consumers with information such as the type of coffee bean, the year it was harvested, and where it was grown.

Founded in 2016, Carico Café is working with two farmer cooperatives with hundreds of members. Wanendeya predicted the innovation could boost farmers' incomes by 10 percent.

"Consumers are willing to pay more if they can know where exactly the cof-

fee is coming from," he said.

Just a phone scan away - website reveals ethically sourced food

Uganda is keen to increase coffee exports from the current level of around 4 million 60-kilogramme bags per year.

However, a seedlings distribution program it hoped would boost production has yielded modest results, in part because of a decline in interest in coffee among farmers due to often low and unstable prices.



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TICTS achieves a New Annual Record Throughput of 592,000 TEUS in 2018.

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Tanzania International Container Terminal Services (TICTS), the only specialized container terminal operator in Tanzania's largest seaport, have achieved a new record annual throughput of 592,000 TEUS in 2018. The last record annual throughput of 501,690 TEUS was achieved during the year 2017. In the year 2018, TICTS also achieved a monthly record throughput of 54,447 TEUS achieved in August and a monthly record of 31,239 gate moves was also handled in March 2018.

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Chief Executive Officer, Jared Zerbe said, "The assistance and cooperation received from the Government of Tanzania, Tanzania Port Authority (TPA), Tanzania Revenue Authority

(TRA), our great employees, and our customers/stakeholders using the Port have been the source of growth for TICTS in 2018. I am especially proud of our very good team at TICTS who have worked together so well to meet the challenge of strong growth in cargo handling."

To increase efficiency in handling increasing volumes, TICTS will continue working with the Government of Tanzania, TPA, TRA and our Customers to address all challenges affecting cargo clearance efficiency at the Dar-es-salaam Port.



About TICTS

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Tanzanian duo arrested with KSh500,000 bhang

HOMA BAY

TWO Tanzanians have been arrested for allegedly smuggling marijuana worth Sh500,000 into Kenya.

Annah Mwisawa, 34, and Jackson Josephat, 20, were found in possession of the narcotic on Remba island in Suba North sub-county on Tuesday evening.

Administration Police officers patrolling Lake Victoria found the bhang hidden in three sacks.

According to Suba North Deputy AP Commander Elias Wasonga, the officers acted on a tip-off from the public that the suspects were ferrying the drugs.

Wasonga said the suspects were followed after they tried to evade police officers on the lake.

"The suspects used a fishing boat to mislead the public that they were on a legal trip yet they were not," said Wasonga.

The Tanzanians managed to travel to Remba island, off-floated the drugs from the boat and hid it in a deserted house to avoid detection.

But police officers, who were hot on their trail, stormed the house, confiscated the narcotics and arrested the two suspects.

Suba North OCPD Charles Mwangi said the suspects and the drugs were transported to Mbita Police Station.

Mwangi said officers were conducting investigations to aid in the arrest of Kenyans who were suspected to be colluding with foreigners to smuggle drugs into the area.

"Any Kenyans colluding with foreigners to undertake illegal business will not be spared.



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By Getrude Mbago

WHO calls on African nations to strengthen routine immunisation

THE World Health Organization (WHO) has called on African governments to strengthen their routine immunisation to eradicate extreme poverty in their respective countries.

WHO Regional Director for Africa, Dr Matshidiso Moeti made the call on Wednesday during the biannual Regional Immunization Technical Advisory Group (RITAG) meeting in Brazzaville, Congo.

According to Dr Moeti, over the past five years, immunisation coverage in sub-Saharan Africa has stagnated at 72 per cent exposing populations to vaccine-preventable diseases and outbreaks.

He said the immunisation experts also emphasised the importance of increased domestic investment in disease surveillance and the need for community engagement to drive vac-

cine deployment during outbreaks.

"By vaccinating children, we are doing more than preventing diseases and saving lives. We are also ensuring that children get the education they deserve and returning valuable time to their families because they no longer need to make long hospital visits. Vaccinations also release scarce government funds," Dr Moeti said.

This year, the World Health Organization's (WHO) Regional Office for Africa, in partnership with the African Union Commission, will launch a progress report on the implementation status of the 10 commitments outlined in the

Addis Declaration. The report will take stock of progress made over the past two years, highlight gaps and issue recommendations to guide progress towards stronger immunization systems.

For her part, RITAG Chair, Prof Helen Rees said that the regional experts' meeting presented a unique opportunity to assess current and future immunisation needs in Africa.

Rees said: "We have mapped out what can and must be done to secure the future of millions of children on this continent."

In sub-Saharan Africa, nearly 31 million children younger than 5 years suf-

fer from vaccine-preventable diseases every year. More than a half million of them die due to lack of access to the vaccines they needed.

According to WHO data, illness and deaths due to vaccine-preventable diseases cost sub-Saharan Africa US\$13 billion each year - funding that could be channelled towards strengthening health systems and building economies.

The immunization experts also discussed a range of pressing issues, including the ongoing Ebola outbreak,

polio eradication and progress against the Regional Strategic Plan for Immunization.

In contrast, other diseases, such as polio, are on the brink of eradication. The last case of wild poliovirus in Africa was reported in August 2016 in the north-eastern state of Borno, Nigeria. If no new cases of wild poliovirus are detected in Nigeria by August 2019, Africa will attain the wild poliovirus eradication goal.

As the world nears polio eradication, funds for fighting the disease are

declining. Between 2016 and 2019, the Global Polio Eradication Initiative budget more than halved, from US\$ 322 million to US\$ 153 million.

That initiative provides more than 90 percent of all funding for disease surveillance in sub-Saharan Africa, including 16 polio-funded laboratories that process clinical and environmental samples for acute flaccid paralysis surveillance (used for detecting poliomyelitis) and other vaccine-preventable diseases, such as yellow fever and measles.

The Regional Immunization Technical Advisory Group also emphasized the need for greater government ownership of disease surveillance programmes to ensure that the progress made in curbing vaccine-preventable diseases is not reversed.



Correction: Zantel Head of Human Resources Joan Makwaia Kazimoto speaks to staff at the company's 1st team building event in Bagamoyo, Coast Region to kick start the New Year with new energy and staff bonding towards reaching the company goals for this year. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Foundation urges local photojournalists to take development oriented pictures

By Guardian Reporter

THE World Press Photo Foundation has called upon local photojournalists to take development oriented pictures that would facilitate mindsets and change in the society.

According to the foundation, photos if well illustrated can make people feel, think and act for development changes.

The foundation made the statement in Dar es Salaam where together with the embassy of Kingdom of the Netherlands, Hivos, Oxfam and the Tanzania Media Women's Association (TAMWA) who had organised the World Press Photo Exhibition 2018.

This is the fifth exhibition to be held in Tanzania with the aim of creating a platform under-recognised talents from each of the world's six continents,

and gives them opportunity to connect to a global audience.

Curator of the foundation, Sophie Boshouwers, who doubles as exhibition manager, said the two-week exhibition which started on Wednesday would provide opportunity to local photojournalists as well as students to learn from the winners during the last year's world photo competition.

"The stories about the pictures we have chosen are very diverse, we have eight categories...we stand for transparency, accuracy and diverse," she said as she encouraged the local photojournalists to participate in the coming competitions.

This is the world's leading contest. Last year it drew entries from all over the world over 4540 photographers from 125 countries submitted 73,044

images.

She said this year's exhibition is special for Tanzania because one of the winning stories includes photos taken by Anna Boyiazis of women having swimming lessons from instructor Kazija in the northern tip of Zanzibar through the Panje project.

Deputy Head of Mission at the embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, Lianne Houben, remarked that the exhibition was special for Tanzania, inviting people to the exhibition at Alliance Francaise in Dar es Salaam to see wonderful pictures.

Deputy executive director of TAMWA, Davis Lumala, argued that images have powers to highlight knowledge, adding that through images the journalists can make the public tackle issues such as gender issues.

Acacia's education drive sheds new light on Tanzanian students from poor families

By Guardian Reporter

KABULA Mariba is Form Six graduate, from Komalela village in Tarime District; Mara region recounts how poverty almost shattered his dream to complete his secondary studies.

"My parents' income was limited, forcing them to brew illegal spirits and engage in charcoal burning activities to put me through secondary school," Kabula explains.

"I managed to pass my exams and became eligible to proceed with advanced level studies. My dreams were almost shattered because at this stage my parents could not afford to pay for my expenses."

However, thanks to a joint programme run by Acacia Mining and a Canadian charity called CanEducate, Kabula's plans for his advanced education received a lifeline.

He was able to apply to Acacia Mining for a grant that would help him with additional costs associated with exam fees, travel expenses to school and even the purchase of vital text books to support his studies.

"Fortunately, I learned that Acacia Mining had a programme that provides funding for students from low-income

families. I applied and received the grant," Kabula, who resides in a village near Acacia's North Mara Mine, says.

Acacia's community investment arm in Tanzania works in partnership with CanEducate to provide educational sponsorship programmes for underprivileged students in the Lake Zone.

The programme supports local students with school uniforms and scholastic materials such as books, stationery and other supplies that enable the pupils to be fully equipped for learning.

The programme also enables advanced "A" level students to receive other vital support in the form of exam fees, bedding and transport costs.

Acacia works in close partnership with schools and local authorities in the vicinity of its mines to select suitable candidates to receive the grants or other support. Since the programme began in 2011, Acacia has invested an average of 450m/- each year, supporting over 5000 students at more than 20 schools.

According to Acacia's Acting Managing Director for Tanzania, Sam Pobee, over the last five years the company has invested 38 percent of its strategic community investment spending in Tanzania's education sector. This in-

cludes investments in infrastructure such as school buildings, staff houses, dormitories and libraries.

"The CanEducate programme is part of Acacia's community investment strategy; we are committed to playing a greater role in improving access to education - particularly for girls - as a way out of poverty and as a cornerstone of Tanzania's social and economic advancement under the Government's Development Vision 2025," Pobee said.

As CanEducate's sole partner in Tanzania, Acacia actively raises funds for its programmes through staff donations, company contributions and public fundraising events. In November last year, Acacia organized a charity cycle race in Mwanza that raised more than 300 million Tanzanian shillings. All proceeds from the event - dubbed Imara Pamoja Cycle Challenge - were channelled into the Can Educate programme and will be used to significantly improve children's access to education in the communities around the company's mine sites.

Kabula, who is now set for a University place after passing his "A" level studies with flying colors, attributes his success to the support he received from the programme.



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Mpina doing livestock herders, farmers a favour

LIVESTOCK and Fisheries minister Luhaga Mpina has done commendable work in discarding the usual 'esprit du corps' where different government functionaries let their colleagues in some public agencies and private sector cronies get away literally with murder. He has taken to task authorities at the Kibaha-based veterinary centre and laboratory for letting middlemen market and distributing the vaccines they made in the centre to sell the products at five times the relevant price, or more.

The reason is that the herders don't know the link between the cost of manufacturing and the prices quoted; the suppliers harvest the difference spot on.

The measures that are now being taken in relation to animal vaccines were earlier taken for human drugs by President John Magufuli, in moving to eliminate the class of importing middlemen who connived with the Medical Stores Department (MSD) to whom they delivered the drugs.

The price hiatus where it is importing companies and MSD who know the relevant prices led to hospitals and of course patients paying a fortune to middlemen with connivance of the state drugs storekeeper and distributor. Much of that has been addressed but a bitter taste remained in the mouth, thinking of how many people died due to overcharging in drugs, etc.

For decades non-governmental organizations and stakeholders in various sectors raised transparency issues in purchase contracts and procurement among other issues, but these demands remained vague and too general.

Only with a change of will at the top,

to end malpractices being conducted by public agencies or with their nod of the head, did such preoccupation start making a difference.

Yet by the time real change was being put into action so many of those who were seeking change audibly in various forums were no longer around to admit it.

The reason is that their demands were actually part of a culture, whose underlining tenet is freedom for actors in all spheres of public activity, in which case those who overcharged were free to do so, and those who were talking about lack of transparency and the cost to the people in general terms were also enjoying their freedom of expression.

Changing the reality to erode ability of government agencies to use middlemen to mistreat people by burdening them with overpriced drugs or vaccines was real change, the sort that matters and makes life easier. What remains to be seen is resilience of these measures, if they will last the course of a single minister.

There is still a problem of institutionalising change, such that it is no longer possible for ministerial or agency bureaucrats to collude with private sector operators and decide prices without the rest of the public being aware what is happening. While minister Mpina's measures will bring huge relief to users of the vaccines just like the president's eradication of middlemen brought down prices of drugs, the net problem of institutionalising these changes remains in place.

Otherwise it is just a matter of time before these queries are forgotten, and Ali Baba and the forty thieves are back in business.

Mutual respect and tolerance fundamental to all religions

THERE is no gainsaying on religious tolerance in Tanzania. The cohabitation of people of different religious backgrounds with each going about their activities unperturbed by the other is testament to how Tanzanians freely worship their God.

Be they Muslims on Friday, Seven Day Adventist on Saturday or other Christian bodies on Sunday, the sacred days are given utmost respect by the population likewise the laws and authorities of the land.

Even beyond worshipping separately in their corners and carrying out other religious activities in view of advancing the gospel within and without the country, religious bodies have occasionally showcased the values of togetherness.

The services are held on several occasions during which each religious body prays in its own way, but all for a common purpose. Such moments are usually used to exalt the values of peace, tolerance and mutual respect to build a more united Tanzania, in its diversity, peaceful and prosperous.

Even though there are increasing revolutions in some denominations where people have left some churches to create others and give them whatever names they want, almost all have respected each other. Hardly would one denomination claim to be more than the other, irrespective of the number and calibre of its worshippers.

After all, they are supposedly praying to one God which the Bible says is true, just and faithful. The cohabitation of religions in the country is a veritable lesson of national unity that all Tanzanians need to embrace to stand the tests of time.

True worshippers of God do so in humility, simplicity and letting the final word be God's, their maker and guide.

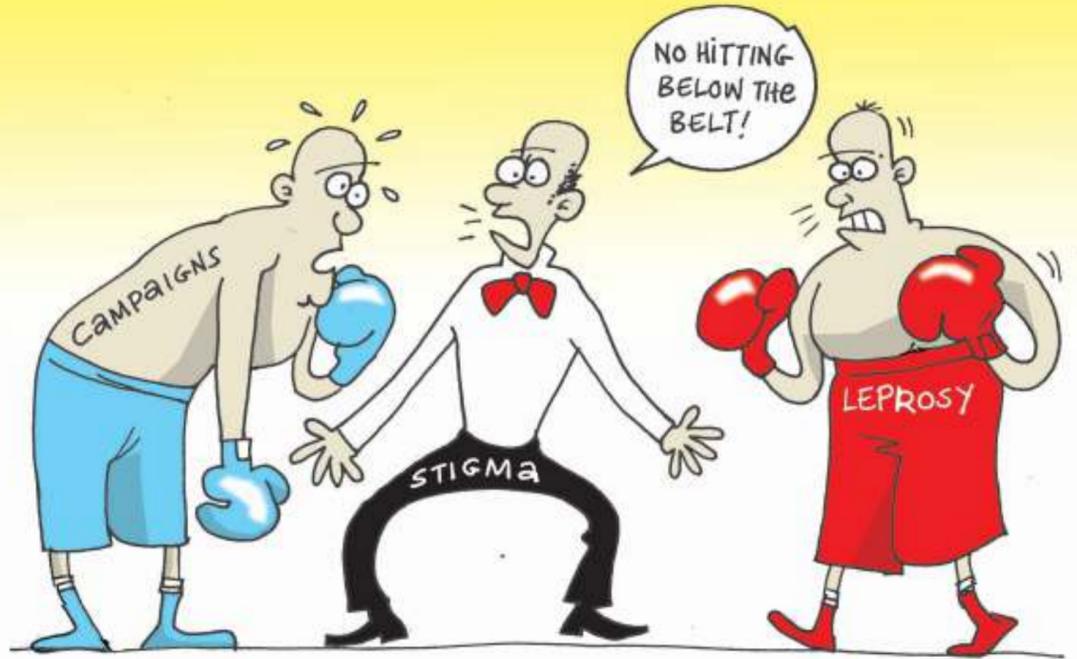
Even vengeance in hurtful moments are left to Him. A feeling of superiority sometimes gives undue consideration over others meanwhile that of inferiority brings in defeatism.

All these are damaging to unity and collective development whereby all and sundry are supposed to feel as one, though in diversity, and all useful for shared development.

The nation respects the churches and mosques and all the churches and mosques should equally do likewise. In fact, genuine respect is when it is mutual.

It is a give and take. The churches and mosques should reflect God, the architect of peace, in advancing the peace and national unity wherein leaders and laws of the land are respected by all and sundry and where all are equal and important.

Sitting on the fence when they are supposed to speak out or worse still misusing the tolerance accorded them to be intolerant with one another and jeopardising togetherness and progress should be avoided.



South Sudanese refugees face uncertain future in Ethiopia

By Special Correspondent

ETHIOPIA has been praised for its open door policy to refugees feeling war-torn South Sudan. But with no signs of the conflict ending, concerns are growing over how they can integrate into Ethiopian society.

Gambela is a beautiful but dangerous region. The remote lowland in Ethiopia is impoverished and has become a hotbed for conflicts between different ethnic groups.

But for about 400,000 refugees from South Sudan the Gambela region has become their new home. Over two million people have fled the ongoing civil war in South Sudan to neighboring countries. Ethiopia has now become Africa's second largest refugee hosting country after Uganda. But given the numerous challenges Ethiopia faces, what does the future hold for these refugees?

We travelled to a refugee camp near the South Sudan border, which provides shelter to around 60,000 refugees. It is jointly run by the United

Nations (UN) and the Ethiopian government. Our camera team is a welcome distraction for the children. Due to limited facilities, not all of them have the opportunity to attend school and spend much of their time struggling to cope with the trauma they experienced on their journey to Ethiopia.

Camp fails to meet UN standards

Nyjawech Ruey is a young mother with four children. She fled South Sudan in 2014. "When the war erupted the children were set on fire, many of them were abducted," she tells DW.

She feels safe in the refugee camp. For now, it is her "temporary" home -- but it's already been 4 years since she arrived. Without permission to seek work outside the camp, her future is uncertain. Lack of education is another challenge for her and her children.

"When you compare the number of refugees with the service, it is less than the standards set out by the UN commission for refugees (UNHCR)," Negese Demesa, the regional coordinator for refugees explains as

he shows us around the camp. "More people means fewer resources. We are only providing the basics, which is life saving service." According to the UN, this simply means providing refugees with food and water.

Refugees putting strain on resources

Outside the camp, locals harbor mixed feelings about the refugee population. Those who belong to the Nuer ethnic group are generally more welcoming because those arriving from South Sudan are from the same group. But the Anuaks say they feel threatened.

We meet two Anuak men laying underneath a tree, trying to avoid the hot afternoon sun. "Many of these refugees come mainly from South Sudan. They strain our resources," one man tells us. "We are getting poorer and poorer; so the government should help us, too. If not, clashes will start between refugees and us."

Our translator does not belong to the Anuak ethnic group. He is a highlander, and quickly urges us to wrap up our

interview.

It doesn't take much for ethnic tensions to erupt here. It's all about minimizing any risk that somebody in the group may turn against him -- and ultimately against us.

It's amid these delicate issues of ethnicity, identity and struggles over jobs and resources that Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed is trying to shape a new, united Ethiopia. He has promised to provide opportunities for everyone -- and this means refugees and locals alike.

But unemployment remains very high, especially among young people. It was a lack of prospects that spurred Ethiopians to take to the streets last year. They want jobs. And if Abiy doesn't deliver, it will only heighten already existing tensions over land and ethnicity.

At the same time Ethiopia wants to maintain its open door policy for refugees. But with the conflict in South Sudan showing no signs of abating, it remains unclear how and when they will be integrated into Ethiopian society.

Fear and loathing in the 'year of accountability'

By Frederico Links

So, let's talk about this 'year of accountability'.

This is supposed to be the Geingob administration's 'year of reckoning' 2.0 (for accountability and reckoning are basically synonymous).

The question that needs to be asked as we go into 2019 is: who will be held accountable, and by whom for what?

Perhaps the president should point to himself first in terms of finding people to hold accountable, and ask "what have I done to bring us to this point?"

I'm sure there's much he can account for if he chooses to play open cards with the nation, for everything we face today has a long history which invariably points to poor decision-making, bad planning and weak or absent implementation by politicians and senior bureaucrats.

For instance, blaming the bloated state wage bill and endlessly discussing cutting from that substantial fat has seemingly become the hottest topic at senior government level and the solution of choice to help drag the country out of its economic morass.

But here's the thing. When over two decades ago, in 1996, the government was advised to start implementing a phased process of capping and even downsizing the civil service - following the Wages and Salary Commission

(Wascom) recommendations of 1996 - Hage Geingob was prime minister, and instrumental in not decisively pushing the implementation of those recommendations, with Swapo fearing at the time that the political ramifications would not be worth it.

And now, here we are, and one can only speculate what impact the gradual implementation and management of the Wascom recommendations - essentially very moderate against some of what is being proposed or discussed now - would have had on mitigating prevailing conditions.

For it was after the shelving of the Wascom proposals as politically unpalatable that the size of the civil service really ballooned and fuelled unsustainable expansionary budgeting over a decade and a half to about 2015.

But let's not go that far back.

Remember, when Geingob's then economic planning minister Tom Alweendo admitted that government planners had been planning without considering the probability or possibility of a downturn striking the country - which essentially was an admission of poor planning by the state's chief economic planner - at the start of 2017, almost exactly two years ago.

Well, this doesn't appear to have changed much over the intervening years, even as socio-economic conditions have worsened significantly across the length and breadth of the

country.

For the International Monetary Fund (IMF) has concluded, in late 2018, that basically the Geingob administration has largely failed to plan and implement responses and mitigating interventions for the economic troubles the country is experiencing.

This is two years after minister Alweendo's confession at the early stages of our great recession, when we still could have done something bold to not come to where we are now. Two years is a long time and not a long time, but it is enough time within which something could've been engineered, even if the results only become clear years down the line.

Considering this, let's admit a truth about the people who rule this country - their collective hubris simply does not allow them to even admit to themselves that they have done anything wrong or performed poorly, despite the evidence of such piling up in their faces.

So, in a climate like that, who do we hold accountable for what we have become? Who do we hold accountable for the numerous unimplemented proposals and recommendations strewn in our wake?

Who will be first to take responsibility?

For there's one thing we can be certain of right now, despite all claims to the contrary, and that is that the people in charge now are clearly not listening, which was exemplified by

the president in December praising his ministers for a collective job well done in 2018, even as the IMF criticisms and recommendations lay on the table in front of him.

Yet, here some of us are mocking and jeering the US's Trump administration, when we have an even more dystopian state and dysfunctional society to contend with.

And disturbingly, we are again called upon to trust this divided iteration of the ruling party and the current administration to drag us out of the quicksand, which is significantly of their own making. We are also to believe that they are seized with improving everyone's lot, even as indications point in the opposite direction.

So, we find ourselves in a situation where the 1980 campaign trail words of former US president Ronald Reagan ring so fittingly, when he uttered: "The nine most terrifying words in the English language are: I'm from the government, and I'm here to help."

In light of this, let us be cautious in this election year of the promises of accountable governance, for the 'year of reckoning' was a rather underwhelming experience.

And let us be clear that the potential for change, in this year, is in our hands once again.

For accountability falls on us, ordinary citizens, and we should embrace that responsibility.



REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF BANK PURSUANT TO SECTION 7 AND 8 OF THE BANKING AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS ACT 2014

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2018		
(Amounts in Million Shillings)		
	Current Quarter 31-Dec-18	Previous Quarter 30-Sep-18
A ASSETS		
1 Cash	3,068	1,686
2 Balances with Bank of Tanzania	18,426	8,096
3 Investment in Government Securities	40,609	45,417
4 Balances with other banks and financial institutions	3,164	15,631
5 Cheques and Items for Clearing	(48)	270
6 Interbranch float items	-	-
7 Bills Negotiated	-	-
8 Customers Liabilities on Acceptances	-	-
9 Interbank Loans Receivables	74,683	56,234
10 Investment in Other Securities	-	-
11 Loans, Advances and Overdrafts (Net of Allowances for Probable Losses)	140,868	151,340
12 Other Assets	27,776	29,149
13 Equity Investments	1,000	1,000
14 Underwriting accounts	-	-
15 Property, Plant and Equipment	4,364	4,533
16 TOTAL ASSETS	313,910	313,355
B LIABILITIES		
17 Deposits From Other Banks and financial institutions	91,491	95,651
18 Customer Deposits	107,371	122,718
19 Cash letters of credit	-	-
20 Special deposits	-	-
21 Payment Orders/ transfers payable	-	-
22 Bankers Cheques and Drafts Issued	1,044	937
23 Accrued Taxes and Expenses payable	102	248
24 Acceptances Outstanding	-	-
25 Interbranch float items	-	-
26 Unearned income and other deferred charges	84	74
27 Other Liabilities	3,430	4,881
28 Borrowings	64,764	40,870
29 TOTAL LIABILITIES	268,284	265,379
30 NET ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)	45,625	47,976
C CAPITAL AND RESERVES		
31 Paid-up Share Capital	116,014	116,014
32 Capital reserves	(4,633)	(4,633)
33 Retained Earnings	(59,639)	(59,639)
34 Profit (Loss) Account	(7,182)	(5,151)
35 Other capital accounts	1,065	1,384
36 Minority Interest	-	-
37 TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS FUNDS	45,625	47,976
D PERFORMANCE INDICATORS		
(i) Shareholders Funds to Total Assets	14.5%	18.3%
(ii) Non performing Loans & Advances to total gross loans	12.9%	19.0%
(iii) Gross Loans and Advances to Total Deposits	81.2%	67.0%
(iv) Loans and Advances to Total Assets	44.9%	46.5%
(v) Earning Assets to Total Assets	82.6%	84.6%
(vi) Deposit Growth	-8.9%	-5.4%
(vii) Assets growth	0.2%	-4.3%

INCOME STATEMENT FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 31ST DECEMBER				
(Amounts in Million Shillings)				
	Current Quarter 31-Dec-18	Comparative Quarter 31-Dec-17	Current Year Cumulative Profits/Losses 31-Dec-18	Previous Year Cumulative Profits/Losses 31-Dec-17
1 Interest Income	11,694	13,970	50,810	59,885
2 Interest Expense	(5,620)	(7,044)	(22,334)	(30,913)
3 Net Interest Income (1 minus 2)	6,074	6,926	28,476	28,974
4 Bad Debts Written Off	(1,037)	-	(7,290)	-
5 Impairment losses on Loans and Advances	734.45	(1,293)	(744.29)	(5,397)
6 Non Interest Income	1,493	1,253	5,714	5,269
6.1. Foreign Currency Dealings and Translation Gains(Loss)	498	481	1,938	1,194
6.2. Fees and Commissions	181	199	980	1,406
6.3. Dividend Income	-	-	-	-
6.4. Other Operating Income	814	573	2,796	2,670
7 Non Interest Expense	(9,189)	(8,817)	(32,684)	(32,172)
7.1. Salaries and benefits	(2,376)	(3,611)	(9,943)	(13,106)
7.2. Fees and Commission	-	-	-	-
7.3. Other Operating Expenses	(6,813)	(5,206)	(22,741)	(19,066)
8 Operating Income/(Loss)	(1,925)	(1,931)	(7,027)	(3,326)
9 Income Tax Provision	(106)	(75)	(154)	2,300
10 Net Income/(Loss) After Income Tax	(2,031)	(2,006)	(7,182)	(1,026)
11 Other Comprehensive Income	-	-	-	-
12 Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the year	(2,031)	(2,006)	(7,182)	(1,026)
13 Number of Employees	158	163	158	163
14 Basic Earnings Per Share	(0.83)	(0.82)	(0.73)	(0.10)
15 Diluted Earnings Per Share	-	-	-	-
16 Number of Branches	7	5	7	5
SELECTED PERFORMANCE INDICATORS				
(i) Return on Average Total Assets	-2.99%	0.19%	-2.29%	-0.83%
(ii) Return on Ordinary Shareholders' Funds	-17.38%	1.41%	-15.35%	-5.42%
(iii) Non Interest Expense to Gross Income	121.43%	107.80%	97.01%	-93.95%
(iv) Net Interest Income to Average Earning Assets	3.06%	2.82%	3.52%	8.35%

CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 31ST DECEMBER		
(Amounts in Million Shillings)		
	Current Quarter 31-Dec-18	Previous Quarter 30-Sep-18
I Cash flow from operating activities:		
Net income (loss)	(1,925)	(1,208)
Adjustment for:		
- Impairment/amortization	(45)	-
- net change in loans and advances	10,372	1,026
- gain/loss on sale of assets	-	-
- net change in deposits	(19,508)	(63,659)
- net change in short term negotiable securities	4,808	4,275
- net change in other liabilities	(1,481)	(7,490)
- net change in other assets	1,890	4,144
- tax paid	-	-
- Net change in SMR	-	-
Net cash provided/(used) by operating activities	(6,089)	(60,689)
II Cash flow from investing activities:		
Dividend received	-	(85)
Purchase of fixed assets	(112)	-
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets	-	-
Purchase of non-dealing securities	-	-
Proceeds from sale of non-dealing securities	-	-
Others (specify)	-	-
Net cash provided/(used) by investing activities	(112)	(85)
III Cash flow from financing activities:		
Repayment of long-term debt	-	-
Proceeds from issuance of long term debt	23,893	34,292
Proceeds from issuance of share capital	-	-
Payment of cash dividends	-	-
Net change in other borrowings	-	-
Issue of preference shares	-	-
Net cash provided (used) by financing activities	23,893	34,292
IV Cash and cash equivalents:		
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	17,693	(26,482)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the quarter	81,647	108,129
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the quarter	99,340	81,647

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY AS AT 31ST DECEMBER							
	Share Capital	Share Premium	Retained Earnings	Regulatory Reserve	General Provision Reserve	Others	Total
Current Year 2018							
Balance as at the beginning of the year	116,014	-	(57,322)	9,119	1,114	1,384	70,308
Profit for the year	-	-	(7,182)	-	-	-	(7,182)
Issue of share	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Comprehensive Income	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transactions with owners	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dividends Paid	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Regulatory Reserve	-	-	-	(10,232)	-	-	(10,232)
General Provision Reserve	-	-	(2,316)	(177)	177	(4,633)	(6,949)
Others	-	-	-	-	-	(201)	(201)
Balance as at the end of the current period	116,014	-	(66,821)	(1,291)	1,291	(3,568)	45,625
Previous Year 2017							
Balance as at the beginning of the year	88,174	-	(48,717)	2,387	1,265	346	52,455
Profit for the year	-	-	(1,026)	-	-	-	(1,026)
Issue of share	17,840	-	-	-	-	-	17,840
Other Comprehensive Income	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transactions with owners	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dividends Paid	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Regulatory Reserve	-	-	(6,731)	6,731	-	-	-
General Provision Reserve	-	-	152	-	(152)	-	-
Others	-	-	-	-	-	1,038	1,038
Balance as at the end of the previous period	116,014	-	(57,322)	9,119	1,114	1,384	70,308

	Name	Signature	Date
Ag. Managing Director	I. John		24th January 2019
Ag. Head of Finance	H. Kandi		24th January 2019
Head of Internal Audit	J. Kilato		24th January 2019

We, the under-named, non executive members of the board of directors, attest to the correctness of the above statements. We declare that the above statements have been examined by us, and to the best of our knowledge and belief have been prepared in conformance with the instructions and are true and correct.

	Name	Signature	Date
1 Director	Dr J P. Kipokola		24th January 2019
2 Director	Mr. R. Dave		24th January 2019

MINIMUM DISCLOSURE OF BANK CHARGES AND FEES

	PRICING (TZS)	PRICING (US \$ / EUR)	PRICING (GBP)
PERSONAL BANKING			
SAVINGS ACCOUNT			
FAHARI			
Account Opening Fee	Free	Free	Free
Opening balance	TZS 10,000.00	\$ 50.00	£ 50.00
Minimum Operating Balance	TZS 10,000.00	\$ 50.00	£ 50.00
Minimum Interest Bearing Balance	TZS 50,000.00	\$ 100.00	£ 100.00
Monthly Service Fee	Free	Free	Free
MWANGAZA JUNIOR ACCOUNT			
Account Opening Fee	Free	Free	Free
Opening balance	TZS 20,000.00	\$ 50.00	£ 50.00
Minimum Operating Balance	TZS 20,000.00	\$ 50.00	£ 50.00
Minimum Interest Bearing Balance	TZS 20,000.00	\$ 500.00	£ 500.00
Monthly Service Fee (1 free w/drawal per quarter)	Free	Free	Free
Extra fee for more than 1 w/drawal per quarter	TZS 1,500.00	\$ 2.00	£ 2.00
WEKEZA SAVINGS ACCOUNT (BALANCE BUILD UP)			
Account Opening Fee	Free	Free	N/A
Opening balance	Free	Free	N/A
Minimum Operating Balance	NIL	NIL	N/A
Minimum Interest Bearing Balance	TZS 50,000.00	\$ 25.00	N/A
Monthly Service Fee*	Free	Free	N/A
CURRENT ACCOUNT			
AMANA			
Account Opening Fee	Free	N/A	N/A
Opening balance	TZS 20,000.00	N/A	N/A
Minimum Operating Balance	TZS 3,000.00	N/A	N/A
Minimum Interest Bearing Balance	N/A	N/A	N/A
Monthly Service Fee*	TZS 2,000.00	N/A	N/A
MARIDHAWA			
Account Opening Fee	Free	Free	N/A
Opening balance	TZS 25,000.00	\$ 25.00	N/A
Minimum Operating Balance	TZS 6,000.00	\$ 5.00	N/A
Minimum Interest Bearing Balance	TZS 2,000,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	N/A
Monthly Service Fee*	TZS 5,000.00	\$ 10.00	N/A
PREMIUM			
Account Opening Fee	Free	Free	Free
Opening balance	TZS 35,000.00	\$ 30.00	£ 30.00
Minimum Operating Balance	NIL	NIL	NIL
Minimum Interest Bearing Balance	TZS 3,000,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	£ 3,000.00
Monthly Service Fee*	TZS 10,000.00	\$ 10.00	£ 10.00
SME BANKING			
AMANA BIZ ACCOUNTS			
Account Opening Fee	Free	Free	Free
Opening balance	TZS 100,000.00	\$ 100.00	£ 100.00
Minimum Operating Balance	TZS 1,000,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	£ 1,000.00
Minimum Interest Bearing Balance	TZS 5,000,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	£ 5,000.00
Monthly Service Fee*	TZS 20,000.00	\$ 15.00	£ 15.00
CORPORATE BANKING			
CORPORATE CURRENT ACCOUNTS			
Account Opening Fee	Free	Free	Free
Opening balance	TZS 500,000.00	\$ 250.00	£ 250.00
Minimum Operating Balance	NIL	NIL	NIL
Minimum Interest Bearing Balance	NIL	NIL	NIL
Monthly Service Fee*	TZS 25,000.00	\$ 20.00	£ 15.00
CORPORATE CALL ACCOUNTS			
Account Opening Fee	Free	Free	Free
Opening balance	TZS 10,000,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	£ 10,000.00
Minimum Operating Balance	TZS 10,000,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	£ 10,000.00
Minimum Interest Bearing Balance	NIL	NIL	NIL
Monthly Service Fee*	TZS 25,000.00	\$ 20.00	£ 15.00
GENERAL CHARGES			
Bankers Cheque	TZS 50,000.00	\$ 25.00	N/A
DISHONORED/UNPAID CHEQUE			
Fund related	TZS 120,000.00	\$ 120.00	N/A
Technical	TZS 60,000.00	\$ 60.00	N/A
Cheque book Processing Fee:			
25 leaves	TZS 15,000.00	\$ 15.00	£ 15.00
50 leaves	TZS 30,000.00	\$ 30.00	£ 30.00
100 leaves	TZS 60,000.00	\$ 60.00	£ 60.00
Uncollected cheque book after 3 months	TZS 15,000.00	\$ 15.00	£ 15.00
3rd party encashment (with 3rd party indemnity)	TZS 25,000.00	10% Per Cheque	10% Per Cheque
Stop Payment Charges	TZS 60,000.00	\$ 60.00	£ 50.00
TRANSACTIONAL SERVICE FEES			
With banks via Standing Orders			
Standing Order - internal same customer (set up fee - once off)	TZS 10,000.00	\$ 5.00	£ 5.00
Standing Order - internal other customers (per transaction)	TZS 4,000.00	\$ 3.00	£ 2.00
Standing Order - Other local bank	TZS 40,000.00	\$ 30.00	£ 20.00
Amendment	TZS 5,000.00	\$ 5.00	£ 5.00
DEPOSIT/WITHDRAWAL TRANSACTIONS:			
- Cash Deposit at Branch	Free	Free	Free
- Cash Deposit at Branch small denominations 500 above 500	0.3% Min 1,000	3% On Small denominations	N/A
- Cash Deposit at Branch small denominations (2,000 and below)	0.3% Min 1,000	3% On Small denominations	N/A
- Cash Deposit at Branch coins above 100,000	0.3% Min 1,000	N/A	N/A
With Account Transfers (Internal)	N/A	N/A	N/A
- Cheque deposit	Free	Free	Free
- Cash withdrawal Personal Banking (over the counter) up to 2,500,000	TZS 2,500.00	1% Min 10	1% min 10
- Cash withdrawal Personal Banking (over the counter) b/n 500,000 and 2,500,000	TZS 6,000.00	1% Min 10	1% min 10
- Cash withdrawal Personal Banking (over the counter) above 2,500,000	TZS 75,000.00	1% Min 10	1% min 10
- Cash withdrawal SME (over the counter)	0.15% Min 3000 Max 200000	1% Min 10	1% min 10
- Cash withdrawal Corporate Banking	0.15% Min 7,500 Max 200,000	1% Min 10	1% min 10
- Deposit charges - Financial Institution.	Free	Free	Free
- Deposit charges - Financial Institution - small denominations	Free	2% On small denominations*	2% On small denominations*
Account Closure	TZS 10,000.00	\$ 10.00	£ 10.00
Dormant Account Reactivation	TZS 10,000.00	\$ 10.00	£ 10.00
Dormant Account monthly fee	TZS 10,00		

By Sam Mednick

It has been more than a year since government soldiers attacked Mary Poni's house in the South Sudanese town of Yei. They raped her elder sister and decapitated her father - part of a harrowing string of events that would eventually push her to attempt suicide, twice.

"I don't sleep," 25-year-old Poni said in the capital, Juba, where she now lives. "Whenever I try closing my eyes, I see my dad's head falling before me."

Since December Poni has received some psychological support, not as part of an organised programme but because she showed up - along with several other traumatised people - at the offices of Humanity & Inclusion, an NGO formerly known as Handicap International.

Five years of civil war in South Sudan have not only killed almost 400,000 people, they've also left a nation of traumatised survivors in their wake - millions of them displaced and living in camps or squalid conditions that add to the mental and emotional strain.

The government, reeling from the day-to-day fallout of the war and political dysfunction, offers little to no support. The entire mental health programme for a country of more than 10 million people relies on one hospital ward equipped with eight beds and served by one psychologist.

Less than two percent of nationwide funding is put towards the health sector, and no money is specifically allocated for mental health services, according to Dr. Felix Lado Johnson, the state minister of health in Juba.

Earlier this month India committed to building the country's first mental health centre, but construction on the project, which will treat patients and train staff in Juba, has yet to begin. The Indian embassy wouldn't comment on an expected date of completion.

In the meantime, the burden falls on humanitarians.

Koen Sevenants, a doctor in psychology who leads the mental health and psychosocial support network in South Sudan on behalf of the International Organization for Migration, said that 76 agencies including the UN and international and national aid groups are involved in initiatives across the country.

Informal support also exists, like the sessions Poni attends. Humanity & Inclusion psychologist Melodie Safieddine explained that she usually treats NGO workers, but when people arrive at her clinic in Juba in search of care, she tries to help the ones she can.

Decades of fighting within Sudan caused widespread psychological distress even before the South gained independence in 2011. But the civil war that began in 2013 led to a large increase in the number of people dealing with mental health conditions, according to a 2016 report by Amnesty International.

The country has no official mental health data, but a 2015 study by the South Sudan Law Society and the United Nations Development Programme reported that more than 40 percent of people surveyed across six states showed symptoms consistent with post-traumatic stress disorder, or PTSD. Aid group Médecins Sans Frontières documented more than 51,500 people seeking psychosocial support in 2017, a 35 percent increase from 2016.

Psychologists warn that years of conflict have normalised violence and death to an extreme degree, threatening people's moral framework and mental health for the foreseeable future.

"The level of disaster is enormous," said Sevenants. "The consequences of what's happening will be felt for the whole generation of kids growing up."

Anthony Feinstein, professor for the department of psychiatry at the University of Toronto and Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre, believes stunted developmental growth as a result of persistent trauma could even have far-reaching effects on South Sudan's future leaders.

"There will be those whose development has been scarred by



Mothers and their recovering children affected by severe acute malnutrition

South Sudan: "The whole country is traumatised"



The whole country is traumatized, we all really need help," says woman who witnessed her 03 sisters raped to death, husband beheaded by govt ...
PHOTO/IRIN

war and conflict and their political decisions may well be influenced by this," he said. "Decisions that are emotion-based may lack rationality, which... can generate further discord and conflict."

For Poni, the past year has been one devastation after the next. After her father was murdered, she escaped with her four sisters, leading them out of town towards the village where she thought it would be safer, rather than joining the thousands fleeing across the border to neighbouring Uganda. But on the way, the girls were brutally attacked by five government soldiers who tied them down and systematically gang raped each one until they bled, Poni said.

"I cried for death," she said, recounting how several hours later their five bloodied and beaten bodies were rescued from the bush by the driver of

a passing truck, who took them to a nearby church. But Poni's three younger sisters were too badly injured and all died in the chapel. The youngest was 13 years old.

Since their deaths Poni has blamed herself for leading the family into the village instead of going straight to Uganda. "That's why they were raped and killed," she said.

Safieddine, who has been treating Poni, said this "blame effect" is common in South Sudan because of the nature of the attacks. "People are seeing their perpetrators directly; they're facing it," she said.

"The level of disaster is enormous. The consequences of what's happening will be felt for the whole generation of kids growing up."

In her previous work in Afghanistan, many of the trauma patients had survived car bombs

and explosions, but Safieddine said the majority of those in South Sudan had experienced something more intimate and personal, including abductions, being held at gunpoint, and the rampant use of rape as a weapon of war.

Witnessing someone be sexually assaulted or beaten perpetuates a feeling of helplessness because people are watching things they can't do anything about, explained Safieddine. These attacks also take more time, which means people have longer to think about it while it's happening.

Safieddine has treated about 20 non-NGO patients in the past 18 months. She says half have stories similar to Poni, whom she has diagnosed as suffering from PTSD, following the devastating events in her life.

After Poni's three sisters were killed, she and her surviving sis-

ter sheltered in the church for two weeks, until they decided to flee for Uganda. They walked for seven days through the bush; but then, right before crossing into safety, they were attacked and gang raped again by government soldiers, she said.

During the attack Poni said she witnessed an elderly woman being shot and killed in front of her, and watched as soldiers ripped an unborn baby out of a pregnant woman's womb and chopped it to pieces as the mother also died.

"This is not humanity. It's insanity," she said.

Of around 50 people who set out from the church in Yei in December 2017, Poni said, only 11, including her and her sister, made it across the border to Uganda alive.

Once inside Bidi Bidi refugee camp in northern Uganda, something inside Poni snapped.

Traumatized, bitter, and distrustful of everyone, especially men, she retreated into herself.

She said she began to label any man who crossed her path as a rapist. She was also guilt-ridden for being unable to save her sisters. During her 12 months in the camp, she tried to commit suicide twice - the first time on malaria pills, the second by drowning in a lake.

MSF says mental health issues are often compounded when people are forced to live in squalid conditions with a lack of future prospects, like in refugee or internally displaced persons camps.

Almost 200,000 people currently shelter in six UN 'protection of civilian' sites across South Sudan. Last January, MSF reported a spike in the number of attempted suicides in the Malakal site, which is home to almost 30,000 civilians. Eight to 10 people tried to kill themselves each month, 80 percent of whom were under the age of 35. While the number has now stabilised at approximately three to four attempted suicides monthly, MSF says things will only change if the underlying factors are addressed.

"The lack of employment, the lack of prospect, the living conditions: these are the triggers for the mental health problems," said MSF medical coordinator Endasaw Mengistu Aderie. "Dealing with those requires more than what we are doing. It requires stepping up efforts to provide services for the population."

However, issues like mental health are way down the priority list in South Sudan. Against the backdrop of collapsed markets in a devastated, war-torn economy, combating hunger and beating back famine takes precedence.

More than five million people already face severe food insecurity, 36,000 of whom are on the brink of starvation, according to the latest analysis by the government and the UN.

South Sudan is also struggling to fund the implementation of last September's peace deal, while fighting still persists in pockets across the country. During the first week of January, 19 people were killed by armed men in the town of Katigiri, not far from Juba, with warring parties blaming each other for the attack.

A few local counsellors do have some mental health training but it isn't always enough to ensure that people experiencing trauma get the right support and advice.

Safieddine of Humanity & Inclusion recalled how a social worker she knows told a rape victim it was okay because a lot of women are raped and it might happen to her again. She recalled another local counsellor couldn't understand why her patients didn't want to return after she put the perpetrator and the survivor of sexual assault in the same room so they could hold hands and pray.

Together with other trauma experts Safieddine is concerned for the country's future if more isn't done to help this generation of traumatised survivors of war and violence. "You can't rebuild the country without rebuilding the mind and the hope," she said.

After almost a year in the refugee camp in Uganda without assistance, Poni heard from a friend about Humanity & Inclusion in Juba and made the risky journey back to South Sudan to try to get psychological help. Since December she has been working with Safieddine to try to overcome her guilt and stop the disturbing cycle of thoughts in her head.

"The one thing that's changed my life entirely is (when Safieddine told me) 'don't blame yourself because it was not your fault,'" said Poni. Shifting the narrative has helped liberate her mind and for the first time in a year she began socialising again and attending church. She is also experimenting with art therapy and trying to help others.

Last week, while walking to her counselling session, Poni encountered a troubled government soldier, bought him a bottle of water, and gave him some money to feed his starving family. She said he told her that "if he finds a quiet place, he's going to shoot himself so he can rest".

It wasn't easy for her to assist a man she used to regard as complicit with those who butchered her father and raped and murdered her sisters, but Poni said she did it out of human kindness. "The whole country is traumatised," she said. "We all really need help."

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Sustainability manager at Tanzania Breweries Limited Irene Mutiganzi makes a presentation during the launch of the company's youth education programme dubbed be the 'Coach Programme' held in Dar es Salaam yesterday

TBL launches youths training programme

By Guardian Reporter

Tanzania Breweries Limited Group (TBL) through its social support scheme, has introduced a new programme that aims at changing youth lives through training dubbed "Be the Coach."

The programme is coordinated by Lisa Cheche, one of University graduates who is in ongoing training programme preparing her to be a future business leader under Global Management Trainee programme run by TBL's mother company InBev.

Commenting on 'Be the Coach', during the launch held in Dar es Salaam yesterday, sustainability affairs manager at TBL Irene Mutiganzi said, the programme would be run by TBL employees in Dar es Salaam Region.

"TBL under its mother com-

pany AB InBev has a policy on 'Building a Better World' which also aims at bringing sustainable changes in the society. Through the programme, TBL employees with various skills volunteers to transfer the skills and knowledge they have to youths through training and enable them to understand their potential and identify opportunities around them," she said.

She noted that, the said programme would run for a period of three months targeting youths with the age of between 18-26 years.

Commenting on training modal she said, beneficiaries would attend classes where number of topics on areas like self-realisation, how to run a successful business and identifying opportunities among others would be delivered.

"The programme also in-

tends to educate the participants on the importance of smart drinking as we believe youths is one among groups that are affected by excessive drinking making some of them unable to realise their full potential," she added.

She further noted that, 'Be the Coach' is one of TBL initiatives to build a volunteering spirit among its employees where they actively and directly participate in addressing various challenges facing the local communities through training the youths and making them more productive at individual and society level.

"Our target is to use the resource and time we have to influence changes and create a better society especially among the communities which surround our business," she said.

Acacia's education drive sheds new light on Tanzanian students from poor families

By Guardian Reporter

KABULA Mariba is Form Six graduate, from Komalela village in Tarime District; Mara region recounts how poverty almost shattered his dream to complete his secondary studies.

"My parents' income was limited, forcing them to brew illegal spirits and engage in charcoal burning activities to put me through secondary school," Kabula explains.

"I managed to pass my exams and became eligible to proceed with advanced level studies. My dreams were almost shattered because at this stage

my parents could not afford to pay for my expenses."

However, thanks to a joint programme run by Acacia Mining and a Canadian charity called CanEducate, Kabula's plans for his advanced education received a lifeline.

He was able to apply to Acacia Mining for a grant that would help him with additional costs associated with exam fees, travel expenses to school and even the purchase of vital text books to support his studies.

"Fortunately, I learned that Acacia Mining had a programme that provides funding for students from low-income

families. I applied and received the grant," Kabula, who resides in a village near Acacia's North Mara Mine, says.

Acacia's community investment arm in Tanzania works in partnership with CanEducate to provide educational sponsorship programmes for underprivileged students in the Lake Zone.

The programme supports local students with school uniforms and scholastic materials such as books, stationery and other supplies that enable the pupils to be fully equipped for learning.

The programme also enables advanced "A" level students to receive other vital support in the form of exam

fees, bedding and transport costs.

Acacia works in close partnership with schools and local authorities in the vicinity of its mines to select suitable candidates to receive the grants or other support. Since the programme began in 2011, Acacia has invested an average of 450m/- each year, supporting over 5000 students at more than 20 schools.

According to Acacia's Acting Managing Director for Tanzania, Sam Pobee, over the last five years the company has invested 38 percent of its strategic community investment spending in Tanzania's education sector. This in-

cludes investments in infrastructure such as school buildings, staff houses, dormitories and libraries.

"The CanEducate programme is part of Acacia's community investment strategy; we are committed to playing a greater role in improving access to education - particularly for girls - as a way out of poverty and as a cornerstone of Tanzania's social and economic advancement under the Government's Development Vision 2025," Pobee said.

As CanEducate's sole partner in Tanzania, Acacia actively raises funds for its programmes through staff donations, company contributions and public fun-

draising events. In November last year, Acacia organized a charity cycle race in Mwanza that raised more than 300 million Tanzanian shillings. All proceeds from the event - dubbed Imara Pamoja Cycle Challenge - were channeled into the Can Educate programme and will be used to significantly improve children's access to education in the communities around the company's mine sites.

Kabula, who is now set for a University place after passing his "A" level studies with flying colors, attributes his success to the support he received from the programme.



GENERAL PROCUREMENT NOTICE

COUNTRY: TANZANIA

CLIENT: ALLIANCE FOR A GREEN REVOLUTION IN AFRICA

Background: Founded in 2006, the Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA), is an African-led African-based organization that seeks to catalyze Agriculture Transformation in Africa. AGRA is focused on putting smallholder farmers at the center of the continent's growing economy by transforming agriculture from a solitary struggle to survive into farming as a business that thrives. As the sector that employs the majority of Africa's people, nearly all of them small-scale farmers, AGRA recognizes that developing smallholder agriculture into a productive, efficient, and sustainable system is essential to ensuring food security, lifting millions out of poverty, and driving equitable growth across the continent.

Objective: The purpose of this general procurement notice is to request for firms and individual consultants specialized in the following areas to register on our data base. Areas of interest include:

1. Seed production and distribution systems
2. Demand creation for accelerated utilization of improved agricultural technologies
3. Agricultural market development
4. Food safety, agro-processing and post-harvest management system
5. Agricultural policy analysis, monitoring and evaluation systems
6. Mechanization and irrigation systems
7. Capacity building in various areas of agricultural development including partnerships
8. Financial inclusion for agribusiness SMEs and smallholder farmers
9. Soil health
10. Gender and other cross-cutting issues (e.g. climate change) in relation to agricultural transformation

Interested eligible consultants (firms and individuals) are required to provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services (brochures, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, general qualifications of key staff, and so forth).

Submission details: Interested consultants are requested to register on the link below: <https://agra.org/careers/consultancies/> by 1st February 2019.

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VACANCY: CARE - WWF ALLIANCE PROGRAMME MANAGER

The CARE-WWF Alliance is seeking a competent and motivated CARE -WWF Alliance Programme Manager for its office in Tanzania, based in Dar es Salaam.

Main Tasks

Under the direction of the CARE-Tanzania and WWF-Tanzania Country Directors, and working closely with the Tanzania Alliance Country Team, Global Alliance Team, and with the WWF Practices and CARE technical groups, and external partners in the public, civil society and private sectors the core responsibilities of the Programme Manager are as follows.

Strategy Development

- Provide leadership in the development of the Alliance Programme's vision, strategic plan and implementation plan and ensure alignment between Country and Global teams;

Representation & Advocacy

Represent the Alliance in events relevant to the Alliance's Programme organized by the Government of Tanzania, donor organizations, community leaders, private sector companies, the research community, national civil society, and counterpart/NGO representatives as needed; and participate in Local, District, Regional and international meetings as required;

Fundraising

Facilitate the coordination of the Alliance Programme's Country and Global team's development of a fund raising strategy and the convening and building a coalition of donors and other partners to design a long term comprehensive fund raising plan.

Project administration & management

Develop project concepts, implement Alliance management procedures, oversee timely preparation and execution of budgets and work plans, manage contracts (in collaboration with CARE & WWF recruitment offices) and ensure timely, high quality reporting to donors and Alliance senior management according to procedures and timelines established.

Required Qualifications and Skills:

At least 15 years of experience and demonstrated success in: engaging in multi-stakeholder processes that includes a diverse and large number of stakeholders across different sectors; developing partnerships including with the private sector; promoting an inclusive green growth agenda managing projects; and working with diverse teams.

Candidate Profile - Essential (E) and Desirable (D)

- Minimum qualification of a Master's degree in a relevant discipline (E)
- Minimum 15 years of relevant working experience including programme management (E)
- Proven experience in addressing inclusive (e.g. gender equality, pro-poor) and green (e.g. climate resilience and adaptation, water and land management, biodiversity conservation) agricultural growth in programme approaches (E)
- Proven high level writing and analytical skills in English (E)
- Advanced oral communication skills and ability engage political stakeholders and donors research, and policy institutions (E)
- Ability to work as a self-starter and part of a global team (E)
- Experience in and understanding of Tanzanian agriculture and natural resources issues (E)
- Experience in programme design, resource mobilization, working with multiple partners and facilitating a network approach (E)

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Democracy in Africa? What democracy in Africa

By Marianne Thamm

During the weekend, the data leaked by a whistle-blower claiming to be a DRC National Independent Electoral Commission (CENI) high-level insider appears to confirm the claim by the Catholic election observers that Felix Tshisekedi was not a true winner.

According to the leak, Martin Fayulu garnered 59.42% of the vote and not 34.7%, as announced in provisional results released by the commission on 10 January. This would indicate potential massive electoral fraud.

The whistle-blower-supplied data, which has not yet been fully independently verified, indicates that Fayulu received 9,325,786 (or 59.42%) of some 15 million votes cast, compared with the provisional victor, Tshisekedi, of the Union for Democracy and Social Progress's 2,977,290 votes, which amounts to only 18.9%.

Outgoing President Joseph Kabila's hand-picked successor, the little known Emmanuel Ramazan Shadary, according to the leaked data based on a 2,060-page breakdown of votes cast from each and every voting post in DRC, received 2,910,227 or 18.5% of the vote.

With a voting population of about 40 million, the 15 million votes cast, as claimed by the whistle-blower, reveal a low turnout for these crucial presidential elections.

Thamm's reporting was fully backed the following day by the Financial Times, whose excellent deep analysis of the leaked results also pointed to a clear Fayulu victory.

Make no mistake, every single leader of SADC, and beyond, knows that this is true, that Fayulu is the winner of the Congolese elections. SADC's original reaction was to even ask for the recount.

The UN Security Council also heard from the French representative who refused to accept the interim results and Tshisekedi as the winner.

On 17 January 2019, the African Union (AU) concluded:



Supporters of Martin Fayulu chant slogans as he delivers his appeal contesting the results of the presidential election at the constitutional court in Kinshasa, DRC, January 12, 2019 [Reuters]

"...The Heads of State and Government attending the meeting concluded that there were serious doubts on the conformity of the provisional results, as proclaimed by the National Independent Electoral Commission, with the verdict of the ballot boxes.

Accordingly, the Heads of State and Government called for the suspension of the proclamation of the final results of the elections..."

And yet, Congo's constitutional court announced late on 19 January 2019, that it confirmed the by now infamous preliminary results, declaring Tshisekedi the winner and the new president of Democratic Republic of Congo.

Tshisekedi will have to share power with a parliament that is two-thirds pro-Kabila, keeping the kleptocratic incumbent very much in the pound seats.

How convenient

DRC court's decision was indeed expected – it is stuffed with pro-Kabila judges. The recipe is simple – present the AU with the fait accompli and wait for its commitment to justice and fairness in Congo to ebb away. It's happened too many times not to succeed now.

But how does one understand the lightning-quick acceptance of the clearly corrupt process, and the deeply flawed court decision, by SADC and, even more disturbingly, the government of South Africa?

Once more in Africa, a bunch of hardened autocrats and professional thieves, enabled by developed world bankers, corporations and mercenaries, but rejected by their own people, were allowed to steal a country. And South Africa will be remembered as being

eager to offer congratulations on a job well done.

South Africans with a memory longer than that of larvae will remember the earlier Zimbabwean elections and our government's shameful role.

In 2008, Morgan Tsvangirai and MDC had clearly won, defeating Zanu-PF and its patriarch Robert Mugabe.

And yet, South Africa's Thabo Mbeki-led SADC enabled the grand theft of the Zimbabwean future. Quiet diplomacy, remember?

In its continued support of Zanu-PF, the SA government went so far as to even suppress the release of the Khampepe-Moseneke report and then fought all the way to the Constitutional Court, which clearly proved that Mugabe also stole the 2002 elections. It took 12 years for Mail and Guardian to win in the

courts.

And the band played on

Zimbabwe kept sinking deeper into oblivion. Recently, Mugabe gone and Zanu-PF's Emmerson Mnangagwa winning another disputed victory, the petrol shortage in the country became so bad that the queue in Bulawayo reached a world record-breaking 19.4km.

The country has descended into a medieval survival state, with a massive, and violent, spillover soon to possibly spread into South Africa.

So, how did the shielding of the election thieves work for Zimbabwe, dear SA government?

Care to predict how the latest stealing of Congo elections will work for its people?

It's time for Africa to be strategic and not tactical. It's time to think long term and not just as far as the next two weeks. It's time we help African countries once they choose who they want to lead them.

Let's not even try to suggest governments of "national unity" when we know it is only a tool to keep dictators in power forever.

Africa needs the country of Mandela to behave like it is still one. We need to once again become owners of a spine.

It's time to hold elections where we count votes won and not the weaponry certain sides control or the money the privileged elites will make. We need to finally stop behaving like it doesn't matter to us down here. It does.

Elections results should matter. People's true will should matter.

Otherwise, they are just a smokescreen designed to keep foreign aid flowing in. That charade cannot last forever.

Or maybe it's time we collectively say democracy doesn't work for Africa and it's time to openly switch to "might beats right", foreign aid be damned?

One way or another, it's time to stop lying to the world. And, it's time to stop lying to ourselves. Your move, South Africa.

DM

By Stephanie J. Urdang

When I immigrated to the United States from South Africa towards the end of the 1960s I was totally unaware of the wars of liberation against Portuguese colonialism that had begun in the early 1960s in the neighboring countries of Mozambique and Angola. All I knew about Mozambique was the reputation of its capital, Lourenço Marques, as a cosmopolitan Portuguese-style city where white South Africans went on holiday.

I had grown up in a staunchly anti-apartheid family and my hatred of apartheid was the main reason for leaving. When I arrived in the U.S., I entertained the notion that if average peace-loving Americans could only understand the repressive and brutal nature of apartheid, they would be so outraged they would pressure their own government who in turn would pressure the South African government to end apartheid. I was quickly disabused of my naiveté by the members of the Southern Africa Committee, a small anti-apartheid and solidarity organization which I joined soon after arriving, who viewed U.S. complicity with apartheid as self-evident. I was now learning that trade wasn't simply trade; that U.S. corporate investment and bank loans played a critical role in expanding the South African economy and bolstering the apartheid system. U.S. corporations were reaping huge profits by investing in South Africa while the regime grew strong and ever more repressive.

I began editing a small magazine published monthly by the committee. It would later lead me into journalism, resulting in invitations to the liberated zones of Guinea-Bissau in 1974, newly independent Guinea-Bissau in 1976, and post-independent Mozambique through the 1980s. My subsequent books focused on the impact of the revolutions and post-independence on women in these two countries.

For those of us working in the anti-apartheid and divestment movement in the 1970s and 1980s it seemed easy to write history forward. We harbored dreams and hopes. When the Portuguese colonies won independence in 1974 and 1975 and Zimbabwe in 1980 we were filled with a sense of possibility. We felt confident that the ideology of the liberation movements would, if not ensure, then contribute to national reconstruction based on far-reaching social and economic transformation and devoid of

the corruption and tyranny plaguing many African countries independent since the late 1950s and early 1960s.

We studied the writings of brilliant thinkers such as Amílcar Cabral, founder and president of PAIGC, the liberation movement of Guinea-Bissau and Cape Verde. One of the benefits of living in New York was the regular visits by leaders of these movements who had observer status at the United Nations. It meant I met Cabral, literally sitting at the feet of this great man at a meeting with solidarity group members in a friend's living room shortly before he was assassinated in 1973. With seeming ease, he could turn complex ideology and political analysis into simple words that gave us the wherewithal to argue the importance of solidarity with their struggle. My copy of his *Revolution in Guinea: Selected Texts* was held together with elastic bands, the spine cracked and unglued from use. What he said about the aim of the struggle stayed with me over the years. He insisted that people were not fighting for ideas, for things in anyone's head. "They are fighting to win material benefits, to live better and in peace, to guarantee the future of their children." This is what gave the revolution its meaning.

Looking back in the harsh light of current history we see a very different picture. I look for symbols, stories, that will provide a barometer for change. South Africa is where I return again and again, trying to figure out, after all these years, what "home" means to me and trying to understand what the newly democratic nation means to its citizens. My notion of "home" has been resolved. The richness of my life is that there are a number of places I call home because of the communities I have established there. What has not been resolved is how the not-so new South Africa will benefit those who know it as their only home. One way I chart change is through my friendship with Kate Ncisana who I spend time with on my fairly regular visits back to Cape Town.

On a windy but sunny afternoon four years ago, Kate and I stroll through the Company's Garden in the center of the city. I admire the verdant flower beds

Africa's revolutions have brought disappointment - but hope remains



and shrubs. I take in the soft scented air. I remember walking there as a child, a white privileged child, when I was just becoming aware of the gross inequality and brutality of apartheid that bound us all in its unforgiving grip. Except it was a grip aimed at protecting me and the small percentage of South Africans who were white, while it wound itself increasingly tightly around the lives of the majority of South Africa's people. Now some twenty years after South Africa became a democracy, I can walk freely with this African friend who lives in Khayelitsha, a vast mostly shanty-town sprawl of poverty on the edge of the most beautiful city in the world. Kate and I sit on a bench to talk as cheeky squirrels come close to demand peanuts we don't have and doves provide a background music of rhythmic cooing.

I first met Kate in 2011 in Khayelitsha when I interviewed her and other members of a group of fifty-seven, mostly women, who in 1982 staged a twenty-three-day hunger strike at St George's Cathedral in Cape Town against the pernicious pass system which restricted their movement and ripped families apart. They had entered Cape Town illegally in order to reunite with their families and to find work. Their protest helped end the pass laws a few years before the downfall of apartheid itself. In April 1994 Kate joined in the dancing and

partying in the streets of Khayelitsha to celebrate the inauguration of President Nelson Mandela. Her joy was unbounded, her hopes high with the prospect of a better life to come. Now, seventeen years later, she and others with the Cathedral protest, sit with me in a semi-circle in a small community center, recalling that time and talking about their disappointments. They are still waiting for that better life, they say. They wait for basic services. I already know that twenty-three percent of Cape Town's household live in informal settlements but are allocated one percent of the city's water; fifty-two percent of Khayelitsha's youth face unemployment. They may not be familiar with such figures, but they know the impact.

I am in familiar territory -- the journalist, sitting poised with a pen and paper, a white among Africans. I have played this role in Guinea-Bissau and in Mozambique and other African countries I have written about: listening to women tell their stories. But this time I am not in a foreign country. My pen freezes above my notebook. Who am I really at this moment? A Capetonian wanting a sense of the complexity and diversity of the city I was born and raised in? Am I simply the recorder of stories for a book I am writing that are not mine? That's obviously the point but I can't help but feel more than a tad voyeuristic. I am

reassured by the eagerness with which the women tell me about their lives - as activists and resisters, as full citizens of a democratic South Africa. They trust that I will convey their stories well. It is a weighty responsibility but as I absorb this a thought surfaces: these may not be my personal stories, but they are the stories of South Africa. We are all part of the crazy patchwork that makes up the tale of my country. As I return to their vivid telling I feel welcomed and my discomfort vanishes. But not my acknowledgement of my white privilege.

It gets late and the stories wind down. Kate sums up the mood of the group: "Apartheid is over but our struggle is not."

Four years later, sitting with her on the park bench, the bright sun filtering through the leaves, I ask, "How are you doing, Kate?" She shakes her head. She is still making beautiful beadwork. She has brought me a necklace which I finger like worry beads as I listen to her. Her daily life is good, she says. I am aware that a little bit of light has gone from her gentle, lovely face. She shakes her head ever so slightly at the deeper intent of my question given the state of South Africa. President Jacob Zuma is casting a shadow on our conversation. "If I had known what South Africa would become I would not have fought so hard against apartheid," she says. I have no answer. I just listen.

As I did once again a few months ago. This time Kate and I meet at an NGO office in Mowbray, a suburb where I lived until I was eight. It is now a diverse suburb, more black than white. Before I meet her, I walk down the quiet side streets, past my old house, buried behind a high wall, and look up at the magnificence of Table Mountain whose beauty was the cause of much nostalgia while apartheid kept me in exile. I take deep, satisfying breaths. I feel at one with the streets; every corner I turn brings back memories. I snap photo after photo.

Sitting with her in the conference room over cups of tea, I ask Kate what she thinks of the new president, Cyril Ramaphosa. It is the question I ask repeatedly this visit of friends involved actively in political life, both black and

white, of Uber drivers, of everyone I speak to. The responses vary from cautiousness to optimism. Certainly, all are pleased to see the end of the Zuma presidency. But is Ramaphosa seriously willing to tackle poverty and improve the lives of the majority of South Africans such as Kate's? And if so, will he be able? She shakes her head. So much bad has happened, she is not sure how it can change. She is firmly in the "wait and see" camp.

I give her a copy of my memoir. She calls me the next day. "I couldn't sleep last night and it's your fault!" She is laughing. "I couldn't put it down." She calls again the day after. She has finished it. She thanks me for the book and what I wrote about her and South Africa. I thank her for her response. "It means a lot to me," I say. I think back to my doubts when listening to the stories of the group at the community center in Khayelitsha. Publishing a memoir is hard. And when it is finally published, it feels exposing. There were certain people whose opinions I had waited for with some anxiety. One of them was Kate's.

When people like Kate express their caution about the future of South Africa, I think back to those days when we believed that change in southern Africa and Guinea-Bissau would provide models for the world. I think of Cabral's assertion that revolutions are fought to win material benefits and guarantee the future of the children. It didn't turn out that way.

And yet as disappointed as we might be by the outcomes of the revolutions in the southern Africa, angered as we may be by the pervasive corruption, the state capture, and the failure to ensure material benefits for those denied them under apartheid, there is still much to learn from these independence struggles and the victories they won. I am not one to give up hope. What I do know, despite the sobering international reality right now, is that a determined people cannot remain crushed forever. When the people rise up, victory can be theirs.

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ILEJE, MOMBA DCs SALUTE NMB FOR 25M/- DESKS, IRON SHEETS DONATION

By PropertyWatch Reporter

ILEJE and Momba District Commissioners, Joseph Mkude and Juma Irando have commended NMB Bank Plc for supporting the education sector in their district while calling on other companies to borrow a leaf from the banking conglomerate.

Speaking at separate events after receiving desks, laboratory stools and iron sheets for public schools in their districts, the DC said although the government is investing heavily in education, its resources are limited hence the need for support from private companies and not for profit institutions.

Irando said ever since the government of President John Magufuli announced free secondary education after assuming power in November 2015, students enrolment has been on the increase year in year out.

"For example here at Tunduma Township, we have a big challenge because of surging numbers on pupils joining standard one class annually which is also the case with secondary schools," Irando noted.

He said NMB's donation will go a long way in ensuring that students of his district's beneficiary schools have a better learning environ-



Students from Ileje Secondary School carrying school desks donated by NMB Bank as part of the 25m/- worth of educational materials which included laboratory stools and iron sheets for public schools in Ileje and Momba districts. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

ment which will improve their performance.

"We have shortage of classrooms, desks, books and other essential education facilities such as laboratories," the Momba DC added while commending NMB management for the generous support.

On his part, Ileje's Mkude said NMB's support has come at the right time when the new school calendar year begins and students/pupils numbers reach critical stages.

"We promise NMB leadership that this donation will be put to good use and that results will show through performance of our students and pupils," Mkude noted saying the bank responded to their request for support.

Earlier, NMB's Southern Highlands Zone's Manager, Straton Chilongola said the bank recognizes the importance of having a healthy and educated population hence the decision to assist the government in the two sectors.

"We at NMB understand the critical role that education and health plays in a nation hence made a decision to support these areas and disaster relief as priority sectors," Chilongola said.

The bank donated 254 iron sheets, 50 desks and 184 laboratory stools to Nyerere Primary School in Momba with Ileje and Kafule Secondary Schools in Ileje.

Africa on a roll with a clutch of new cities

By Property Watch Reporter and Agencies

ONCE an area that foreign investment shied away from, Africa has become an investment hotspot, changing dramatically with commercial and residential property developments mushrooming in the continent.

While it was a relatively untapped region over a decade ago, with economies too badly managed for there to be any real opportunity for companies with integrity, there has been a massive shift towards encouraging foreign investment in Africa and the continent is on the move.

A number of greenfield city projects have been proposed or are already under development in some parts of the continent.

Eko Atlantic in Nigeria is perhaps the most famous of them but others include Tanzania's Kigamboni New City in Dar es Salaam, Kenya's Tatu City in Nairobi, Ghana's Hope City in Accra, DRC's La Cité du Fleuve in Kinshasa and Diannadio Valley digital city project to be developed in Senegal.

Another joined the list when China's Shanghai Zenda Property announced plans for Modderfontein New City in Johannesburg. Located close to the business centre, Sandton, and Oliver Tambo International Airport, Modderfontein would be developed on a 1,600 hectare

site with housing for 100,000 people. The land was bought from South African explosives company AECI last year for R1bn.

Unlike many similar projects, Shanghai Zenda aims to start with residential development and then move on to business real estate. Homes, schools and leisure facilities will be provided in the first phase, with offices and a light industry park to follow.

Chinese investment in and around Johannesburg is increasing and a number of Chinese shopping malls and centres have been built over the past five years, filled with Chinese shops selling mainly low-cost Chinese goods. As a result, it has been suggested by some that many of the Chinese already living in South Africa could move to Modderfontein. Such an ethnic enclave is surely the last thing that racially divided South Africa needs at this time.

Michael Berkowitz of the Rockefeller Initiative says that Eko Atlantic "hopes to mitigate both the problem of flooding, with debatable protective barriers like a 35-foot-tall seawall, and the problem of growth, by using the extension as a site for new apartments. However, considering that the recent floods occurred after most of the project had been completed, the ultimate effectiveness of the project remains to be seen". Floods hit what is the biggest city in West

Africa in 2012.

However, such ventures have attracted growing levels of criticism over the past year, including from a number of academics, who fear that they will merely exacerbate the disconnect between different levels of society. No government takes into account the millions of urban poor and the fact that their numbers are set to continue growing through high birth rates and inward migration.

There are likely to be 400m more people in Africa's towns and cities in 2050 than there are today. In addition, little attention is paid to the relocation of people who live in informal settlements where these new cities are to be constructed. Such forced removals have caused huge controversy in China and India in recent years.

In a recent paper for the Africa Research Institute, Professor Babatunde Agbola of the University of Ibadan and Professor Vanessa Watson from the University of Cape Town state: "The fantasy designs for African cities win awards.

Typically, they nod in the direction of the needs of shack-dwellers and purport to embrace other laudable aims. But the implementation of plans that are unsustainable in the extreme and inappropriate in terms of climate, available infrastructure - particularly power - and affordability, exposes their shortcoming. Master plans in sub-

Saharan Africa - old and new - are almost always drawn up by central governments. They are usually 'top-down' impositions informed by an anti-urban, anti-poor stance among political leaders."

They argue that such plans are usually drawn up by international architectural and engineering companies, with contracts awarded to other international firms. However, Watson is even more critical of what appears a far more integrated plan - the transformation of the entire city of Kigali - although criticism here appears driven by the plan's massive ambition. She says: "The master plan for Kigali, where 80% of the inhabitants live in informal settlements, is one of the most far-fetched examples - complete with glass-box towers, landscaped lawns and free-ways. It even features a replica of 'The Gherkin', a skyscraper in the financial district of London."

Clearly, there are two distinct views of the development of African cities - with international observers looking for 'sustainability' while African governments and the private sector more enthusiastic about 'dream cities'. Which view will prevail? Perhaps it is instructive to learn that most of the world's great cities began in exactly the same way, at the same stage of development, as African cities today - architectural splendour often in the midst of dire poverty.

Telecom firm launches new App to meet customers' needs

By Francis Kajubi

A TELECOM company-Tigo Tanzania yesterday launched new campaign dubbed; #AppanaChezeaTigoPesa, which embodies the firm's philosophy of innovation and consumer centric approach, by providing digital solutions that address the dynamic consumer needs across the country.

Speaking to reporters in Dar es Salaam, Tigo's Chief Officer for Mobile Financial Services, Hussein Sayed said every smart phone user has an excellent reason to use the Tigo Pesa App that ensures performing transactions is easier, convenient and secure. Moreover, Tigo Pesa App does not consume data.

"We are delighted to share exciting news to all smartphones users. When customers download or activate the Tigo Pesa App they will receive free minutes and free Mbs. To add to this, when Tigo customers send money to any other customers they will receive a cashback bonus," said Hussein.

According to him, for the past 18 months, Tigo has been heavily investing in the digital payments space aiming to provide customers with world-class financial services experience. The App is a new landmark on the way of improving telecom's customer's experience.

In addition to the outstanding experience which the App offers, he said throughout the promotion period, customers will enjoy numerous benefits such as cash-back, free data and free minutes when they use Tigo Pesa App."

The App has security features that allow customers to make safe and secure transactions. Furthermore, customers using the App will enjoy the access to more than 300 government ministries, agencies, utility companies and service providers to pay their bills easily' he asserted.

On his [part, the Chief Commercial Officer, Tarik Boudiaf, said "As Tigo, one of our highest priority is to make our customers' life simple and easy. With this App checking your balance is done in one click and for free.

Reloading and buying a bundle is within only three simple steps and your transaction is completed. This is the reason why 9 out of 10 Tigo customers that use Tigo Pesa App are satisfied and strongly recommended"

He explained that with its simple, fast and easy features, the App strongly continues to demonstrate how the App is the easiest and simplest to use.



Tigo Chief Officer Mobile Financial Services Hussein Sayed (L) addresses a news conference in Dar es Salaam yesterday at the launch of the firm Tigo Pesa App dubbed #AppanaChezea App campaign. Others (from R-L) are the firm's Internal Communication Manager Umi Mtiro, Chief Commercial Officer Tarik Boudiaf and Tigo Pesa App Product Manager Ian Ludovic. Photo: John Badi



CHINESE VICE PRESIDENT CALLS FOR SHAPING GLOBAL ARCHITECTURE FOR BETTER FUTURE OF MANKIND

DAVOS, Switzerland

CHINESE Vice President Wang Qishan here on Wednesday called on countries to work together to shape the global architecture in the age of the fourth industrial revolution with the vision to create a better future for all mankind.

While addressing the 2019 annual meeting of the World Economic Forum, Wang said it is imperative to respect national sovereignty and refrain from seeking technological hegemony and interfering in other countries' domestic affairs.

He called for efforts to uphold multilateralism and jointly build a system of rules for technology and new international cooperation framework featuring peace, security, democracy, transparency, inclusiveness and mutual benefit, so that all people can gain from technological innovation. Pointing out that new technologies bring opportunities and also create risks and challenges, Wang said that countries need to uphold

the security of all mankind and need to improve policy environment and promote social prosperity and stability.

"We need to explore the adoption of relevant rules and standards in a phased way, while leaving broad space for the dissemination and application of scientific discovery and technological innovation," he said.

Wang also called for accommodating in a balanced manner the interests of all countries, especially those of emerging market and developing countries.

"One should not ask the whole world to address only the security concern and comply only with the standards of developed countries or individual countries," he said.

This year's Davos forum gathers global elites to discuss "Globalization 4.0," a buzzword that means a new wave of globalization in a digital world. More than 60 heads of state or government, 40 international organization heads and 1,700 business leaders attended the event.

Xinhua



Chinese Vice President Wang Qishan addresses the 2019 annual meeting of the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland, on Wednesday. (Xinhua)

Selcom launches new platform that revamps Tanzania's financial sector

By PropertyWatch Reporter

ONE of the country's digital payments companies—Selcom Tanzania in collaboration with Business Connexion (BCX), has launched a new platform that will revolutionize the Tanzanian financial industry.

Dubbed "Qwiksend", the service will allow customers to make interbank fund transfers, in real-time, through the various digital access channels that are available to them countrywide.

Speaking to journalists yesterday in Dar es Salaam, Executive Director of Selcom, Sameer Hirji said their goal has always been to further financial



inclusion in Tanzania and the launch of interbank transfers brings us one step closer to achieving that goal.

"Not only will interbank transfers open up a new avenue of funds transfers, but it will also enable smoother transactions that are cost effective for individuals, and small-scale merchants alike," said

As of now, interbank transfers involves the traditional physical withdrawal and deposit or alternatively, the mobile transfer route which involves the loading of funds into one's mobile wallet and then deposit into the beneficiary's bank account.

These routes are tedious and costly to the customer, denying the consumer the benefits of real-time transactions," he said.

He added that Qwiksend service eliminates the double-charging effect and only charges the sender once, on sending funds.

Since the Qwiksend service is managed by Selcom/BCX end-to-end, the service is quick, real-time and reliable.

The charges associated with Qwiksend will be significantly cheaper than the current charges of existing transfer options in the market.

"Qwiksend is fully operational and is expect-

ed to have over 20 participating banks by the end of March 2019 with the number expected to grow to 40 banks by the end of June 2019. Participation is through open banking Application Programme Interfaces ("APIs") and settlement is handled by way of existing net-off settlement processes between banks.

"Qwiksend will be available on standard mobile banking (USSD and App), internet banking and various other digital channels offered by banks countrywide, where the only requirement will be to select the recipient's bank and then enter the destination account number, to complete transaction," he said.

White House reportedly preparing for even longer govt shutdown

WASHINGTON

THE White House is seeking to evaluate what programs would be highly impacted if the already month-long partial government shutdown continues for weeks longer, U.S. media reported on Wednesday.

White House Acting Chief of Staff Mick Mulvaney has asked agency leaders to provide him with a list of the programs that will be severely undermined if the shutdown extends into March and April. The Washington Post first reported, citing people familiar with the matter.

The move signals that the White House is preparing for an even longer funding lapse, as the record-long shutdown, now in its 33rd day, still has no solution in sight. Mulvaney wants the list no later than Friday, the sources said.

The record-long shutdown has affected a quarter of the federal government, forcing about 420,000 "essential" employees to work without pay, and 380,000 others to take unpaid leave.

Federal workers gathered Wednesday at the Hart Senate Office Building to hold 33 minutes of silent protest, one minute for each day the shutdown has lasted. They also held paper signs with written messages such as "Open the government" and "Let us work."

The U.S. Senate will vote on two competing bills Thursday in an attempt to end the partial government shutdown, Republican and Democratic Senate leaders said Tuesday.

The two bills, however, still face uncertainty in the Senate as each bill would need to garner 60 votes required to advance.

The two spending bills include one with 5.7 billion U.S. dollars to fund the U.S.-Mexico border wall demanded by President Donald Trump, and another that extends funding for closed agencies until Feb. 8.

The Republicans have long sided with the president and insisted that any legislation to reopen the government include the border wall money, while the Democrats have repeatedly demanded that Congress reopen the government first, and then the two sides could discuss border security funding.



President Donald Trump

PROPERTY MARKETS

SAUDIS TO DAVOS: MOVE ON FROM KHASHOGGI, LET'S DO BUSINESS

DAVOS, Switzerland

If you somehow missed the news about the killing of journalist Jamal Khashoggi by Saudi agents and the global outcry that ensued, you might think Saudi Arabia is the darling of the World Economic Forum in Davos.

The kingdom has sent one of its strongest delegations ever to the Swiss mountain resort and packed its top executives' agendas with meetings with international peers.

It has managed to secure top Western businessmen for a panel debate on 'Next Steps for Saudi Arabia', where French oil major Total's chief executive Patrick Pouyanne and Morgan Stanley's boss James Gorman spoke alongside the Saudi finance and economy ministers.

The Davos gathering in the Swiss Alps is a chance for the Saudis to try to put behind them months of intense criticism over the murder of Khashoggi, a critic of Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, inside the Saudi consulate in Istanbul in October.

His killing by a team of Saudi operatives provoked widespread revulsion and tarnished the image of the crown prince, previously admired in the West for pushing deep changes including tax reform, infrastructure projects and allowing women to drive.

At Davos, the signs are that the damage control is working.

Swiss President Ueli Maurer said on Wednesday his country has moved on, and wanted to build strong relations with Riyadh, a rich, oil-producing kingdom that is itself a major global investor.

"We have long since dealt with the Khashoggi case... We have agreed to continue the financial dialogue and normalize relations again," Maurer told Swiss news agency SDA.

'LISTEN TO INVESTORS'

Western allies including some U.S. politicians have called on Riyadh to hold those responsible for the Khashoggi murder accountable. The Saudi public prosecutor is seeking the death penalty for five suspects, as the kingdom tries to contain its biggest political crisis for a generation.

So there had been doubts about Saudi Arabia's status at Davos. After all, a number of A-list global investors stayed away from the Crown Prince's annual Future Investment Initiative conference in October, overshadowed by the Saudi journalist's death.

Then, at a summit of the G20 big



Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman. FILE PHOTO:

economies in Buenos Aires, leaders appeared to ignore Prince Mohammed on stage during the "family photo," even if many went on to have closed-door bilateral meetings with him afterwards.

But at Davos, the Saudi delegation had dozens of meetings and no Western investor pulled out, Saudi economy minister Mohammad Al Tuwaijri told Reuters on Wednesday.

"On a day-to-day basis in Saudi Arabia it is business as usual. Our job as government is to make sure infrastructure, legal in particular, is stable. This transformation journey hopefully will attract investors," Tuwaijri said.

He said the probe into the killing needed time.

The message he would take back to the crown prince was to "listen to the investors' feedback".

Finance minister Mohammed al-Jadaan said it was "absolutely sad, what happened to Jamal Khashoggi" but also suggested to wait for the probe's results and the trial. He also said the fact that a \$7.5 billion Saudi bond was heavily oversubscribed earlier this month showed investors were regaining confidence.

Mohammed El Kuwaiz, Chairman of the Saudi Capital Market Authority, said the murder of Khashoggi caused investors to pull back, but only temporarily. "Speaking not just as a government employee but as a Saudi citizen, everyone in Saudi has been absolutely horrified by what happened... But a country of 30 million people should not be held hostage by an event, no matter how heinous, particularly at this point in time when we have been working very hard to set a new course for the country," Kuwaiz told Reuters.

NEW DEALS

Latest Saudi data will show new foreign direct investment licenses doubled last year from 377 in 2017, a Saudi government source said. The World Economic Forum has chosen two state Saudi companies - Aramco and Sabic - to be among its 100 strategic partners in 2019.

Oil giant Aramco also plans to issue a mega bond this year and is looking to acquire gas assets in the United States, its chief executive told Reuters.

In the future, Aramco still plans to list its stock sometime in 2021 in what could become the world's largest initial public offering.

Pouyanne said he was carrying on with a \$5 billion refining and petrochemical investment in Saudi Arabia and would also soon announce a new venture for petrol stations.

"What is the alternative for a company like Total? To boycott Saudi Arabia?"

We are always against sanctions and boycotts. Who suffer from boycott and sanctions? It's the normal people, the people on the street," Pouyanne told the panel.

Morgan's Gorman also said investors wanted "clear light and transparency" about the murder which was "utterly unacceptable".

"You have to decide what process you play in a country which has had an incident versus the 30 million people who are going through an extraordinary reform," said Gorman, whose bank has been present in Saudi Arabia for more than 40 years.

Bill Browder, a critic of Vladimir Putin, who successfully pushed through some of the harshest U.S. sanctions against Russia for the killing of his lawyer, known as the Magnitsky Act, said the same sanctions should be applied to Saudi Arabia. "Until Mohammed bin Salman bears responsibility for this crime, there cannot be business as usual with Saudi Arabia," Browder told Reuters.



Undated photo shows a globe standing on stacks of banknotes. (Xinhua)

Arab states should be fully prepared for potential 2020 economic crisis from US

AMMAN

The Arab countries should be fully prepared for a potential economic crisis that may start in 2020 from the United States, a Jordanian expert said in a recent interview with Xinhua.

Arab countries should not entirely rely on the United States as a global economic crisis is expected to hit in 2020, said Talal Abu-Ghazaleh, chairman of Jordan-based Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Organization (TAG) for professional services and education.

The next economic crisis in 2020 is expected to be worse than the 2008 global financial crisis and will result in increased unemployment, inflation and cost of living, he added.

The extent of impact on the Arab states during the next expected crisis will depend on three factors: their reliance on the U.S. economy, the availability of natural resources such as oil, and the level of productivity in the budget and its percentage to the GDP, Abu-Ghazaleh explained.

The Jordanian expert urged Arab states to prepare for the expected global crisis through forming teams of experts to overcome the crisis.

"Crises are also opportunities," he said, adding that his group has presented several recommendations to Jordan's government and private entities to help tackle the potential crises.

Signs of the upcoming crisis can be seen in several European countries, such as demonstrations and the difficult conditions Europeans are going through, Abu-Ghazaleh noted.

The international public debt has reached 244 trillion U.S. dollars, which is more than three times the size of the world economy, he stressed.

Abu-Ghazaleh also called on the Arab states to increase communication with China at the economic, commercial and financial levels as a way to tackle the upcoming economic crises.

TAG is one of the largest groups of professional services firms in the fields of accounting, audit, taxation, education and training in the Arab countries.



A screen in Shanghai shows sales on Alibaba's online marketplace Tmall reaching 213.5 billion yuan during this year's Singles Day shopping spree.

China to become world's largest retail market in 2019

NEW YORK

CHINA may overtake the United States as the world's biggest retail market this year, according to a report published Wednesday by research firm eMarketer.

The report predicted that China's total retail sales will grow 7.5 percent to reach 5.636 trillion US dollars in 2019, while that of the United States will grow 3.3 percent to 5.529 trillion.

The sale boom, according to the report, is a result of China's rising incomes and thriving E-commerce.

"In recent years, consumers in China have experienced rising incomes, catapulting millions into the new middle class," said Monica Peart, senior forecasting director at eMarketer. "The result has been marked rise in purchasing power and average spending per

person."

E-commerce is a major driver of China's retail economy, accounting for almost one fifth of the country's total retail sales in 2018, according to the National Bureau of Statistics.

On China's annual shopping holiday, Singles Day, E-commerce giant Alibaba scooped over 10 billion yuan (US\$1.47 billion) in just two minutes. Its 24-hour sales amounted to a record of 31.46 billion dollars, exceeding that of Cyber Monday and Black Friday combined.

By the end of this year, China will have 55.8 percent of all online retail sales globally, with that figure expected to exceed 63 percent by 2022, according to the report. It also predicted that the US share of the global E-commerce market is expected to drop to 15 percent by 2022.

Kremlin says 'too early' to discuss market impact of potential embargo on Venezuelan oil

MOSCOW

IT is premature to debate any market affects that a potential embargo announcement on Venezuelan oil exports would bring, Kremlin Spokesman Dmitry Peskov told reporters yesterday.

"It is too early to talk about that," the press secretary said.

Peskov chose not to comment on how Russia might help Venezuela if such embargo is announced.

"No, I cannot answer this question so far," he replied.

The press reported earlier that the United States was considering the option of introducing a package of sanctions against the oil sector of Venezuela.



Zambian airline suspends flights to Zimbabwe

LUSAKA

A Zambian airline on Wednesday announced that it will suspend flights between the capitals of Zambia and Zimbabwe.

Proflight Zambia said the suspension will begin on Jan. 29, 2019 and it expects to resume flights from March 1, 2019.

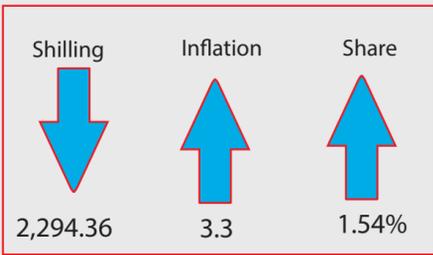
"We regret to announce that due to the current situation in

Zimbabwe and ongoing challenges with the repatriation of funds from Zimbabwe, we are temporarily suspending our Lusaka/Harare route," said Philip Lemba, the airline's director of government and indus-

try affairs, in a statement.

Lemba added that the airline will refund all passengers for tickets purchased for travel during this period.

Xinhua



Total Market Capitalization
TZS 19,347.90 bln (USD 8,488.10 mln)
Indices January 22, 2019

TSI	3,642.48	+1.09
DSEI	2,007.27	-2.57

Top Movers

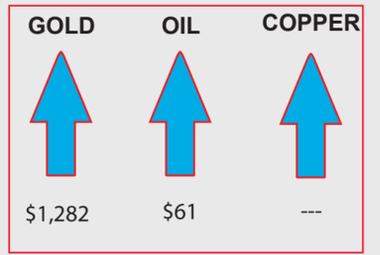
Company	Price	Volume
CRDB	140	90,426
DSE	1,320	10,011
NMB	2,340	2,000

THIS WEEK AVERAGE PRICES FOR FOOD CROPS TSH/100KG

Maize	50,636	Finger Millet	147,632
Rice	173,864	Wheat	121,429
Sorghum	81,056	Beans	172,045
Bulrush Millet	85,818	Round potatoes	85,643

Exchange Rates (DSE)

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



Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange

Date: January 22, 2019

Company	Closing	Prev	Chg (%)
ACA	5,150	5,150	+0.00
CRDB	140	140	+0.00
DCB	340	340	+0.00
DSE	1,320	1,200	+10.00
EABL	3,820	3,780	+1.06
JHL	9,550	9,750	-2.05
KA	175	175	+0.00
KCB	910	920	-1.09
MBP	500	500	+0.00
MCB	500	500	+0.00
MKCB	800	800	+0.00
MUCOB	400	400	+0.00
NICO	265	265	+0.00
NMB	2,340	2,340	+0.00
NMG	1,340	1,420	-5.63
PAL	400	400	+0.00
SWALA	490	490	+0.00
SWIS	2,340	2,340	+0.00
TBL	12,600	12,600	+0.00
TCC	17,000	17,000	+0.00
TCCL	640	640	+0.00
TICL	385	385	+0.00
TOL	660	660	+0.00
TPCC	2,060	2,060	+0.00
TTP	120	120	+0.00
USL	15	15	+0.00
VODA	800	800	+0.00
YETU	600	600	+0.00

DSE MARKET SUMMARY

TSI	3,642.48	+1.09
DSEI	2,007.27	-2.57

TRADING STATS

Market Cap (bln)	19,347.94
Equity Turnover	32,469,740.00
Total Volume	104,332
Total Deals	26

TOP MOVERS

Market Cap (bln)	19,379.47	
CRDB	140	90,426
DSE	1,320	10,011
NMB	2,340	2,000

GAINERS & LOSERS

Company	Price	Change
JHL	9,550	-2.05%
NMG	1,340	-5.63%
KCB	910	-1.09%
EABL	3,820	+1.06%
DSE	1,320	+10.00%

Interbank Foreign Exchange Market (IFEM)

Date	Amount Traded (Mn USD)	High	Low	Weighted Average
23/Jan/2019	.70	2,300.00	2,293.40	2,294.36
22/Jan/2019	.80	2,300.70	2,293.35	2,294.29
21/Jan/2019	.90	2,301.80	2,293.30	2,294.27
18/Jan/2019	.80	2,301.00	2,293.25	2,294.24
17/Jan/2019	.70	2,300.00	2,293.20	2,294.19
16/Jan/2019	.82	2,300.05	2,293.15	2,294.16
15/Jan/2019	.70	2,300.00	2,293.05	2,294.06

Inter-bank Local Money Markets

Date	Volume (million-TZS)	High	Low	Weighted Average Rate (WAR)
23/Jan/2019	44,500	4.20	2.50	3.38
22/Jan/2019	36,300	4.25	2.50	3.51
21/Jan/2019	23,000	4.20	3.50	3.59
18/Jan/2019	34,800	4.20	3.50	3.65
17/Jan/2019	19,000	4.20	3.00	3.84

Tanzania Shilling On Average bases

The USDZTS increased 3.0000 or 0.13% to 2,303.0000 on Friday January 18 from 2,300.0000 in the previous trading session. Historically, the Tanzania Shilling reached an all time high of 2325 in January of 2019 and a record low of 1014.30 in December of 2004.

Gold firm as growth concerns, U.S. govt shutdown drag dollar

* European Central Bank's policy decision due 1245 GMT
* Spot gold may retest support at \$1,278- technicals

LONDON, Jan 24 (Reuters) - Gold held steady on Thursday, supported by a softer dollar due to concerns the prolonged U.S. government shutdown will limit economic growth even as concerns of slowing global growth grew.

Spot gold was mostly steady at \$1,281.54 per ounce, as of 0717 GMT, while U.S. gold futures were down 0.2 percent at \$1,281 per ounce.

"Rising economic and geopolitical uncertainties, a more dovish Federal Reserve and waning U.S. dollar strength continue to underpin gold prices," said Soni Kumari, commodity strategist with ANZ.

"However, the recent rebound in equity markets limits further upside," she added.

The U.S. dollar index, which measures the greenback against a basket of six major currencies, was hamstrung versus its rivals. However, Asian shares rose on Thursday after Wall Street managed to end higher.

"The issue for gold is (that) there is a very heavy resistance seen around \$1,290 and \$1,310. A further weakening of the U.S. dollar could be supportive. But we need something to really push gold through the resistance level," said Michael McCarthy, chief market strategist at CMC Markets.

On Wednesday, U.S. President Donald Trump said that the United States was doing well in trade talks with China, saying at a White House event that China "very much wants to make a deal."

A prolonged U.S. government shutdown, however, reminded investors of risks to growth to the economy.

White House economic adviser Kevin Hassett said in a CNN interview the U.S. economy could see zero growth in the first three months if the partial government shutdown lasts for the whole quarter.

Meanwhile, investor focus turned to the European Central Bank (ECB), which is widely expected to keep its monetary policy unchanged at its first policy meeting of 2019 that ends later on Thursday.

Market watchers also expect ECB to acknowledge growing threats to the euro zone economy.

"Should (ECB President Mario) Draghi take a more dovish tone we may see the euro under pressure, creating a firmer greenback and weighing upon metals prices," MKS PAMP Group said in a note.

Technically, spot gold may retest a support at \$1,278 per ounce, a break below which could cause a loss to the next support at \$1,266, according to Reuters analyst Wang Tao.

Among other metals, palladium, which hit a record high of \$1,434.50 an ounce last week on low inventories and rising demand, was steady at \$1,346 an ounce.

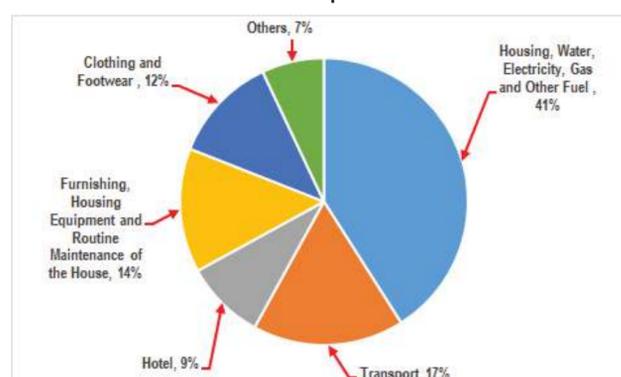
Silver was down 0.3 percent \$15.33 an ounce, while platinum rose 0.3 percent to \$796.

All Share Index : 23 Jan 2019

Africa	Actual	Change	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Yearly
NSE-All Share	30800	63	0.21%	1.11%	-3.65%	-29.94%
JALSH-All Share	53836	243	-0.45%	0.09%	3.37%	-12.64%
FTSE/JSE TOP 40	47686	266	-0.55%	0.08%	3.24%	-12.60%
Egypt EGX 30	13497	22	0.16%	-0.10%	5.57%	-11.03%
Casablanca CFG 25	11,237	8.78	-0.08%	1.01%	0.48%	-13.56%
Nairobi 20	2,871	6.98	0.24%	2.19%	2.65%	-22.69%
NSE All Share	145	0.40	-0.27%	1.19%	3.10%	-19.06%
DSEI	2,007	2.57	-0.13%	0.45%	0.30%	-16.34%
TUN	7,253	8.71	-0.12%	1.11%	0.69%	13.81%
GGSECI	2,436	47.19	-1.90%	-1.98%	-1.85%	-18.55%
SEMDEX	2,231	7.18	0.32%	0.53%	0.80%	-1.66%
Gaborone	7,879	1.94	-0.02%	0.04%	0.32%	-10.01%
NSX Overall	1327	3	0.23%	-1.12%	3.43%	-5.00%
Zimbabwe Index	537.21	12.45	2.37%	8.02%	11.52%	75.52%

DSEI decreased 3 points or 0.13% to 2007 on Tuesday January 22 from 2010 in the previous trading session. Historically, the Tanzania All Share Index DSEI reached an all time high of 3686.97 in January of 2019 and a record low of 1161.30 in December of 2010.

Inflation 3.3% - December 2018: Top Movers



Fluctuation of a Shilling



Oil rises after U.S. threat of sanctions on Venezuela crude

LONDON Jan 24 (Reuters) - Oil rose on Thursday, shaking off persistent concern about the outlook for demand after the U.S. government said it could impose sanctions on OPEC member Venezuela's crude exports.

Venezuela's opposition leader Juan Guaido declared himself interim president on Wednesday, winning backing from Washington and parts of Latin America and prompting socialist Nicolas Maduro, the country's leader since 2013, to break relations with the United States.

Economic crisis under Maduro has decimated Venezuela's oil industry, cutting its crude output to near 70-year lows around 1.2 million barrels per day (bpd), from double that three years ago.

Venezuela's oil is predominantly heavy crude, which requires extensive refining, and as such, is frequently blended with lighter crudes to give refiners higher-value products.

With Iran already crippled by U.S. sanctions on its oil, a further drop in Venezuelan exports could squeeze global supply and rapidly push up prices.

"The potential is that the U.S. is starting to put things in motion and the risk for an acceleration in the decline in production from Venezuela is increasing," Petromatrix strategist Olivier Jakob said.

"For now, it's not being fully priced in, but I think this does provide a new upside risk for the market."

Brent crude futures LCOc1 were up 10 cents at \$61.24 a barrel by 1010 GMT, having touched a session high of \$61.38. West Texas Intermediate (WTI) futures CLc1 were up 14 cents at \$52.76 a barrel.

Neither the Brent nor the WTI contract, both of which are backed by light, sweet crude, are linked directly to Venezuelan oil. But evidence of the concern around supply of heavy crudes is apparent in the U.S. physical market, where prices for Mars Sour WTC-MRS, a medium crude, shot to their highest since early 2011 this week.

Physical markets around the world have already seen a sharp rise in prices for oil cargoes thanks in part to reduced supply from the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries.

OPEC, together with non-members such as Russia, Kazakhstan and Oman, agreed in December to cut crude output this year by 1.2 million bpd to avoid a build-up in unused inventories, particularly if the global economic outlook darkened.

Concern about the U.S. trade war with China, as well as slower European growth and more fragile emerging economies, has undermined confidence in the oil market in the last few months.

The International Monetary Fund this week cut its forecasts for growth in 2019 and 2020.

Fuel Wef. Wednesday, 2nd Jan 2019

Town	Petrol (TZS/Litre)	Diesel (TZS/Litre)	Kerosene (TZS/Litre)
Dar es Salaam	2,295	2,224	2,202
Arusha	2,255	2,299	2,286
Kibaha	2,300	2,228	2,206
Dodoma	2,354	2,283	2,260
Geita	2,461	2,389	2,367
Iringa	2,359	2,288	2,266
Katavi	2,503	2,432	2,410
Kigoma	2,527	2,455	2,433
Moshi	2,245	2,289	2,276
Lindi	2,354	2,283	2,261
Manyara	2,289	2,333	2,320
Mara	2,474	2,403	2,380
Mbeya	2,402	2,331	2,309
Morogoro	2,320	2,249	2,227
Mtwara	2,368	2,296	2,274
Mwanza	2,445	2,374	2,352
Njombe	2,388	2,316	2,294
Sumbawanga	2,468	2,397	2,375
Ruvuma	2,419	2,347	2,325
Shinyanga	2,424	2,353	2,331
Singida	2,386	2,315	2,292
Songwe	2,411	2,340	2,318
Tabora	2,449	2,378	2,356
Tanga	2,198	2,243	2,229

Foreign Exchange- Jan 23

	Actual	Chg	%Chg
EURUSD	1.13623	0.00043	0.04 %
GBPUSD	1.30250	0.0068	0.52 %
AUDUSD	0.71361	0.00141	0.20 %
NZDUSD	0.67914	0.00424	0.63 %
USDJPY	109.67	0.31	0.28 %
USDCNY	6.79706	0.01774	-0.26 %
USDCHE	0.99778	0.00078	0.08 %
USDCAD	1.33192	0.00328	-0.25 %
USDMXN	19.1106	0.0576	-0.30 %
USDINR	71.3350	0.085	0.12 %
USDBRL	3.7943	0.0199	-0.52 %
USDRUB	66.1714	0.3056	-0.46 %
US Dollar	96.27	0.04	-0.04 %
BTCUSD	3,572.50	5	-0.13%

Exchange Rates for 24 / Jan /2019

Currency in 100 Units Spot Buying Spot Selling

EAST AFRICAN CURRENCIES

Kenya SHS	2,243.60	2,261.57
Uganda SHS	57.95	62.09
Rwandan Franc	253.35	256.45
Burundi Franc	217.50	219.14

OTHER SELECTED CURRENCIES

USD	227,164.36	229,436.00
Pound STG	296,017.87	299,001.00
EURO	258,263.16	260,868.73
Canadian \$	170,684.77	172,339.82
Australian \$	162,036.34	163,679.64
Indian RPS	3,185.99	3,216.86
Pakistan RPS	1,555.36	1,627.21
Zambian Kwacha	18,835.24	19,135.61
Malawian Kwacha	290.25	310.87
Mozambique-MET	3,649.23	3,679.81
Zimbabwe \$	42.51	43.37
SDR	315,901.57	319,060.58
Gold (T/O)	291,881,209.94	294,983,570.84
S. African Rand	16,389.92	16,541.89
UAE Dirham	61,850.46	62,457.06
Singapore \$	167,167.82	168,777.40
Hong Kong \$	28,954.73	29,242.79
Saud Arabian Rial	60,572.32	61,171.51
Kuwait Dinar	748,951.09	756,166.37
Botswana Pula	21,467.03	21,819.36
Chinese Yuan	33,473.96	33,803.72
Malaysia Ringgit	54,936.97	55,419.32
South Korea Won	201.58	203.24
New Zealand	154,199.17	155,809.99

World Commodities (\$) 23 January 2019

Energy	Price	Day	Weekly	Monthly	Yearly
Crude Oil Brent	53.4871	1.54%	2.24%	25.75%	-18.49%
Natural gas	3.1145	2.60%	-7.96%	-10.18%	-11.23%
Gasoline	1.4052	0.14%	-0.80%	12.47%	-26.71%
Heating oil	1.9204	0.84%	1.31%	15.48%	-8.96%
Ethanol	1.271	0.00%	-0.08%	2.67%	-5.78%
Naphtha	458.19	-1.06%	-0.92%	-2.28%	-23.01%
Propane	0.67	-0.12%	-0.57%	-2.61%	-26.34%
Uranium	28.9	0.17%	0.00%	1.05%	24.84%

CROPS, PRICE PER 100KG JAN 21, 2019

Region	Maize	Rice	Sorghum	Bulrush Millet	Finger Millet	Wheat	Beans	Irish potatoes
Arusha	Low 43000	High 160000	Low 32000	High 60000	Low 45000	High 73000	Low 65000	High 70000
D'Salaam	65000	70000	160000	220000	60000	80000	60000	70000
Dodoma								



Marzieh Hashemi

Iranian TV anchor held as witness is released from US jail

WASHINGTON

A prominent American-born anchorwoman on Iranian state television who was held in the US as a material witness was released from jail Wednesday evening.

Marzieh Hashemi, 59, was released from jail in Washington after being detained for 10 days, according to Abed Ayoub, an attorney with the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee.

Hashemi, who works for the Press TV network's English-language service, was detained by federal agents Jan 13 in St Louis, Missouri, where she had filmed a Black Lives Matter documentary after visiting relatives in the New Orleans area, her son said. She was then transported to Washington and had remained behind bars since then.

Hashemi appeared at least twice before a US District judge in Washington, and court papers said she would be released immediately after her testimony before a grand jury. Court documents did not include details on the criminal case in which she was named a witness.

Federal law allows judges to order witnesses to be detained if the government can prove that their testimony has extraordinary value for a criminal case and that they would be a flight risk and unlikely to respond to a subpoena. The statute generally requires those witnesses to be promptly released once they are deposed.

A person familiar with the matter said Hashemi had fulfilled her obli-

gation as a material witness and was released. The person was not authorized to discuss the matter publicly and spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity.

Hashemi is a US citizen and was born Melanie Franklin. She lives in Tehran and comes back to the United States about once a year to see her family, usually scheduling documentary work in the US, her son said.

Her son, Hossein Hashemi, didn't immediately respond to a call seeking comment on Wednesday.

Press TV issued a statement Wednesday, saying, "Marzieh Hashemi and her family will not allow this to be swept under the carpet. They still have serious grievances and want answers as to how this was allowed to happen. They want assurances that this won't happen to any Muslim - or any other person - ever again."

The network said Hashemi would remain in Washington for a protest on Friday.

Hashemi's detention comes amid heightened tensions between Iran and the US after President Donald Trump withdrew the United States from a nuclear deal. Iran also faces increasing criticism of its own arrests of dual citizens and other people with Western ties.

Earlier Wednesday, dozens of activists protested outside the federal courthouse in Washington, where Hashemi was scheduled to appear before the grand jury. They held signs and chanted, "Free, free, Marzieh!" and "Shame, shame, USA!" **Agencies**

Sultan Abdullah named as new Malaysian King

KUALA LUMPUR

MALAYSIA'S Conference of Rulers yesterday named Sultan Abdullah Sultan Ahmad Shah as the country's 16th king, who serves as the constitutional head of state, state news agency Bernama reported.

In a statement from the Keeper of the Ruler's Seal, Syed Danial Syed Ahmad, Abdullah will be officially installed as King or Yang di-Pertuan Agong on Jan. 31, replacing his predecessor Sultan Muhammad V of Kelantan state who resigned on Jan. 6.

The 59-year-old Abdullah became sultan of the Malaysian state of Pa-



hang, succeeding his father Sultan Ahmad Shah, 88, who abdicated on Jan. 11 due to ill health.

Abdullah is heavily involved in sports and is a council member of the ASEAN

Football Federation (AFF) and a council member of FIFA, the football international governing body.

He was the president of the Football Association of Malaysia. Also announced was the continuation of Sultan Nazrin Shah of Perak as the deputy head of state.

The 62-year-old, who had been serving as acting king, will continue in this role for the next five years.

Malaysia is a constitutional monarchy, with nine sultans or rulers, who head their respective state and act as the religious leader, taking turns to serve as king for a five-year term.

Xinhua



Lt. Gen. Mikhail Matveyevsky

Russian denies its missile violates INF treaty

MOSCOW

THE Russian 9M729 land-based cruise missile, contrary to the allegations of the United States, does not fall under the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces Treaty (INF), senior Russian officials said Wednesday.

"Russia has fulfilled and continues to strictly observe the provisions of the treaty and does not allow any violations," said Lt. Gen. Mikhail Matveyevsky, Chief of the Missile Troops and Artillery Branch of the Russian Armed Forces.

He spoke at a news briefing on the cruise missile for military attaches and Russian and foreign media, saying that the United States uses the missile to accuse Russia of violating the 1987 treaty and threatens to abandon it.

"The 9M729 missile could not be tested at the prohibited range of 500 to 5,500 km, as it was developed for other purposes," Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Sergei Ryabkov said at the briefing.

According to Matveyevsky, the missile, which was demonstrated at the briefing in the Moscow region, is a modernized version of the 9M728 cruise missile, part of the short-range Iskander-M missile system.

The 9M729 missile is 53 cm longer than its predecessor and its maximum range decreased by 10 km to 480 km, which is below the minimum 500 km range set by the treaty, Matveyevsky said. Under the INF Treaty signed between the Soviet Union and the United States, the parties committed themselves to liquidating their ground-based medium-range and shorter-range missiles, the launchers of such missiles, as well as the associated auxiliary facilities and equipment.

By June 1991, the Soviet Union destroyed 1846 medium- and shorter-range missiles, as well as 106 launchers and 239 Oka missiles with a range of 400 km as a gesture of goodwill, Matveyevsky said.

Meanwhile, Ryabkov said that the United States is testing drones and other systems banned by the INF treaty. He recalled that Russia, which defends the preservation of the treaty, had proposed to the United States "to jointly think over measures of transparency with regard to the means that are the subject of Russian concerns."

In October, U.S. President Donald Trump said Washington would pull out of the INF Treaty on account of Russia's alleged breach of the agreement, which Moscow has repeatedly denied, saying that it has been making every effort to maintain the arms control deal. **Agencies**

State of the Union address drama underscores deep political rift in Washington

WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON was gripped by much drama Wednesday as the White House and House Speaker Nancy Pelosi battled over the State of the Union (SOTU) address, indicating that the political divide that drove the government shutdown into an unprecedented length is as deep as ever.

U.S. President Donald Trump kicked up dust Wednesday morning with a letter addressed to Pelosi, stating that he intends to "honor her invitation" to deliver the SOTU address on Jan. 29 in the House of Representatives chamber before a joint session.

The move directly ran counter to a suggestion made by Pelosi on Jan. 16 for Trump to postpone the address until the government shutdown ended, or submit the address in writing to Congress.

Trump, refuting the reasons Pelosi cited for postponing the address, said in his letter that he had been assured by the Department of Homeland Security that the government shutdown would not undermine security measures for the event.

On Jan. 3, the day Pelosi was sworn in as the speaker of the House, Pelosi first invited Trump to deliver the speech on Jan. 29, despite the fact that the government had been shut down for almost two weeks.

As the stalemate continued, Pelosi tried to persuade Trump to push back the date, an idea Trump did not respond to until Wednesday.

Since Pelosi did not officially disinvite Trump in the Jan. 16 letter, it was for a moment unclear if Trump would have his way.

But the suspense soon dispersed as Pelosi replied to Trump's letter, making it clear that she would not host him on Jan. 29 if the government is still in shutdown.

The House speaker said she did not anticipate that the government shutdown would last until the end of the month when she extended the invitation on Jan. 3.

During a press event Wednesday



Nancy Pelosi

afternoon, Trump slammed Pelosi for denying him the opportunity, saying he was "not surprised" at Pelosi's statement and that the Democrats "have become radicalized."

"It's a sad thing for our country. We'll do something in the alternative," Trump told the press, spurring rumors that he may deliver the speech on the U.S.-Mexican border, among other locations.

Jim Justice, the governor of West Virginia, said in a statement that he had invited Trump to deliver the SOTU address in West Virginia's capitol building. Political leaders in the states of North Carolina and Michigan also made similar gestures.

All of the rumors and speculation were put to rest late Wednesday evening, after Trump said in a two-part tweet that he had decided to concede

to Pelosi's position and wait until the government reopens to deliver the SOTU address in the house chamber.

"I will do the address when the shutdown is over," Trump said. "I am not looking for an alternative venue for the SOTU address because there is no venue that can compete with the history, tradition and importance of the House Chamber."

The back and forth cast a shadow on prospects that both sides will strike a deal in the near future to reopen the government.

The shutdown, stemming from disagreement over funding for a border wall, is about to enter its 34th day. With more votes planned for Thursday, it is unlikely that any of the bills introduced intending to end the shutdown will win enough bipartisan support. **Agencies**

US may be plotting to sow discord between Russia and Turkey in Syria, diplomat cautions

MOSCOW

WASHINGTON'S troop pullout from Syria may well be an attempt to pit Russia and Turkey against each other in the region, Russian Deputy Foreign

Minister Sergey Ryabkov said in an interview with the International Affairs magazine issued yesterday.

"Something like that is quite plausible," he said when asked whether he believes that the US is likely not

to remove all of its troops in the end, but rather just clear enough space for Russia and Turkey to lock horns with each other.

"We, as well as our colleagues in Ankara and others - we all understand

perfectly well that this aspect is also possible. This is also part of the equation that we will have to solve," the diplomat specified.

However, he cautioned against "interpreting the developments [only]

from this angle."

"It is important for us to weigh all sides of this de-facto process," he stressed. "I cannot pass judgement on what this process is all about, at the moment. But it is impossible to draw

any conclusions without analyzing objective data."

"Frankly speaking, it is necessary to judge by deeds and not by words, especially if we are talking about the US," Ryabkov stressed. **Agencies**

Macron calls for cooperation with China on multilateralism

PARIS

FRENCH President Emmanuel Macron said here on Wednesday that France is willing to strengthen communication and coordination with China in international affairs and to work together to safeguard multilateralism.

Macron (pictured) made the remarks during talks with Chinese State Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi at the Elysee Palace. Macron asked Wang to convey his sincere greetings to Chinese President Xi Jinping.

France attaches great importance to France-China relations, and hopes to seize the opportunity of the 55th anniversary of the establishment of bilateral

diplomatic relations to promote high-level exchanges between the two sides, deepen mutual cooperation in areas such as economy, trade, investment, nuclear energy as well as aerospace, and strengthen cultural, educational and youth exchanges, said Macron.

Wang said ever since Macron's visit to China more than a year ago, consensus reached between the two heads of state have been steadily implemented and cooperation in various fields has yielded positive results, demonstrating the highness of the comprehensive strategic partnership between China and France as well as the great potential of bilateral cooperation.

In 2019, China and France will celebrate the 55th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the two countries, said Wang, adding that China is willing to strengthen high-level exchanges between the two sides, and deepen cooperation in areas of nuclear energy and innovation, as well as within the framework of the Belt and Road Initiative.

China is also ready to strengthen communication and cooperation with France on multilateral issues such as climate change, and to safeguard the current international system that has the United Nations at its core, so as to enrich the China-France comprehensive strategic partnership,



said Wang.

China's door will open wider,

Wang stressed, adding that China is willing to provide a sound in-

vestment environment for all foreign companies including those from France.

Earlier, Wang met with Philippe Etienne, diplomatic adviser to the French president, calling for deepening strategic cooperation with France as the world is in the midst of complex changes.

China is ready to strengthen coordination and cooperation with France and add new content to the China-France comprehensive strategic partnership so as to make it constantly vigorous in advancement, Wang said.

China and France, as permanent members of the United Nations Security Council, need to deepen strategic cooperation and bring more positive energy

to the world, said Wang.

For his part, Etienne said the French government attaches great importance to France-China ties and hopes to witness new development in the France-China comprehensive strategic partnership in 2019.

France is ready to work with China to add fresh impetus to bilateral ties and promote coordination and cooperation on multilateral affairs, Etienne said.

Wang arrived in Paris Wednesday for the 18th consultation of the coordinators for the China-France Strategic Dialogue. During his stay in Paris, Wang will also hold talks with French Foreign Minister Jean-Yves Le Drian. **Xinhua**

Singer Chris Brown released in Paris after rape complaint

PARIS

U.S. singer Chris Brown and two other people were released Tuesday from police custody after a woman filed a rape complaint against them, the Paris prosecutor's office said.

The Grammy-winning singer was detained Monday with two other suspects on potential charges of aggravated rape and drug infractions.

The Paris prosecutor's office told The Associated Press that Brown has been authorized to leave France while the investigation is ongoing.

A post late Tuesday on Brown's Instagram page strongly denied the accusations.

"I WANNA MAKE IT PERFECTLY CLEAR..... THIS IS FALSE," the post said. "FOR MY DAUGHTER AND MY FAMILY THIS IS SO DISRESPECTFUL AND IS AGAINST MY CHARACTER AND MORALS!!!!"

Brown's publicists at Sony Music wouldn't comment Tuesday on the complaint or say what Brown, 29, was doing in Paris. His U.S. attorney, Mark Geragos, didn't immediately respond to requests for comment.

Brown has been in repeated legal trouble since pleading guilty to the felony assault in 2009 of his then-girlfriend, Rihanna. He completed his probation in that case in 2015, but has continued to have run-ins with police.

The woman who filed the Paris complaint said she met Brown and his friends overnight Jan. 15-16 at the club Le Crystal in the 8th arrondissement near the Champs-Élysées, and then they all went to the Mandarin Oriental Hotel near the Concorde Plaza in central Paris, according to a police official.

The Mandarin Oriental wouldn't comment on the investigation, and Le Crystal couldn't immediately be reached. There was no unusual activity outside either site.

One of Brown's bodyguards is among the others detained in the Paris investigation, according to the official. They are being held by judicial police in the 17th arrondissement of northwest Paris, the official said.

The police official wasn't authorized to be publicly named to discuss the investigation.

The detention was originally reported by French gossip magazine Closer.

Brown, who burst onto the music scene as a teen, won a Grammy Award in 2011 for best R&B album for "F.A.M.E." and has nominations for other works. His hits include "Look at Me Now," "Run It," and numerous collaborations with other stars, including "Post to Be" and last year's "Freaky Friday" with Lil Dicky.

He released a new single earlier this month and has a new album coming this year. Six of his albums have gone platinum.

He retains a huge following of devoted fans, including nearly 50 million followers on Instagram. He posted an Instagram photo Monday from Paris appearing to show him at a nightclub, among several recent posts. Followers responded with mixed messages to the rape accusation.

It's the latest legal trouble for Brown, who was arrested at the end of a concert last year to face a felony battery charge involving a nightclub photographer.

In 2013, Brown was charged with misdemeanor assault after he was accused of striking a man outside a Washington hotel. He was ordered into rehab but was dismissed for violating facility rules. Brown spent 2½ months in custody.

After he completed court-ordered anger-management classes, Brown was accused of throwing a brick at his mother's car following a counseling session.

After Brown posted a picture to his Instagram followers in January 2018 showing his 3-year-old daughter, Royalty, cuddling with a pet monkey, California fish and wildlife agents seized the capuchin monkey named Fiji from his home in Los Angeles.

Brown was later handed a misdemeanor charge for lacking a permit for the primate. He is scheduled to be arraigned Feb. 6 in Los Angeles.

AP



Chris Brown

Osaka digs deep against Pliskova to set up Kvitova final in Melbourne

MELBOURNE

U.S. Open champion Naomi Osaka staved off a fightback from Karolina Pliskova to reach her maiden Australian Open final with a 6-2 4-6 6-4 win on Thursday setting up a title clash with double Wimbledon champion Petra Kvitova.

Osaka burnished her reputation as one of the cleanest hitters of the ball in women's tennis by smacking winners almost at will from both her forehand and backhand under the roof of the Rod Laver Arena which was closed due to extreme heat.

"I like the heat so I was kind of sad about that... No, but like, they have the roof open and I was like, 'oh, it's my time to shine'," Osaka said in an on-court interview.

She scorched the court further with 56 winners, often going down on one knee to generate immense power often leaving Pliskova stranded.

The Czech could muster only 20, half of which came in the second set when she hung in to level the match despite the barrage of winners from her opponent.

"I mean I kind of expected (the comeback) a little... I was expecting a really hard battle," said the Japanese, who had won once in their three previous meetings before Thursday.

"I just told myself to regroup in the third set and try as hard as I can."

Osaka broke Pliskova's service games twice while facing not a single breakpoint to canter through the first set.

Pliskova, who had stunned Serena Williams in the quarter-finals, failed to live up to her reputation as a big server but showed lot of pluck to level the match with a second break at 5-4 after the players had an early trade of breaks.

Osaka converted her only breakpoint opportunity in the decider while her opponent wasted four and the 21-year-old made it to her second straight Grand Slam final with her 15th ace to seal the match in an hour and 53 minutes.

Osaka will meet another Czech in Kvitova, who will compete in her first Grand Slam final in five years after defeating unseeded American



Naomi Osaka

Danielle Collins 7-6(2) 6-0 in the first semi-final.

Meanwhile, Petra Kvitova will compete in her first Grand Slam final in five years after ending the fairytale run of unseeded American Danielle Collins with a decisive 7-6(2) 6-0 victory on a scorching afternoon at Melbourne Park on Thursday.

The eighth seeded Czech will meet the winner of U.S. Open champion Naomi Osaka as she bids for her first Grand Slam triumph since claiming the second of her Wimbledon titles in 2014.

The match at Rod Laver Arena was riven with tension, with a delay to close the roof during the first set due to the stifling conditions and a malfunction of the net cord sensor at the start of the second that left server Collins fuming.

Kvitova capitalised on the

American's distraction to break her three times in succession on the way to an emphatic victory that made her the first Czech woman to reach the Melbourne final since Jana Novotna lost the 1991 decider to Monica Seles.

"It means everything. I really worked very hard, finally I made it deep in this tournament," Kvitova said in her on-court interview.

"I am going to enjoy the final whatever happens. I am very, very happy."

"The first set was very tight. I was very nervous. I am glad I came through the tiebreak."

Collins was angered when the net cord technology failed at 15-30 when she was on serve during the opening game of the second set.

Having won the point, she was made to replay it and remon-

strated with chair umpire Carlos Ramos.

The technology gave up another phantom beep on Collins's replayed serve and Ramos told both players there had been a malfunction.

Re-starting with a second serve, Collins gave up a backhand unforced error to concede two break points.

She saved one with a big backhand winner but netted on the second.

From there, things quickly went downhill for the American as the Czech ramped up her power game and roared to 5-0.

Collins conceded another unforced error on her forehand to give Kvitova match point and the Czech fired her 30th winner to claim a clinical win.

REUTERS

Weinstein hires pack of new lawyers for NY rape case

NEW YORK

HARVEY Weinstein unveiled a new legal team brimming with star power Wednesday to defend him at his upcoming New York rape and sexual assault trial.

Weinstein's four new lawyers all have experience defending high-profile clients, including Casey Anthony, former sports stars Aaron Hernandez and Kobe Bryant and, in a strange twist, one of Weinstein's own Hollywood accusers.

Two of the attorneys, Jose Baez and Ronald Sullivan, represented actress Rose McGowan last year in a Virginia drug case. McGowan, who pleaded no contest last week, was among the first of dozens of women who came forward to accuse Weinstein of sexual assault.

The pair join Bryant's former lawyer Pamela Robillard Mackey and

ex-Manhattan prosecutor Duncan Levin in representing Weinstein on what's shaping up to be a modern version of the "dream team" that secured an acquittal for O.J. Simpson at his 1995 murder trial.

The quartet of lawyers replaces Benjamin Brafman, a tactical and pugnacious New York City defense lawyer who had been by Weinstein's side since he was arrested and paraded out of a Manhattan police station last spring.

McGowan, who's not involved in the criminal case, blasted the involvement of her former attorneys as a "major conflict of interest."

"I knew there was shadiness going on behind the scenes," the "Charmed" star told The Daily Beast. "This is why my case didn't go to trial — my instinct was my lawyers had been bought off."

"I thought Harvey would get

to them behind the scenes and I wouldn't have fair representation," McGowan added.

Baez and Sullivan said in a statement that McGowan's case had nothing to do with Weinstein and that they were certain there was no conflict.

"We were pleased to represent our former client, Ms. Rose McGowan, in a matter unrelated to Mr. Weinstein's current charges," the lawyers said. "After consultation with ethics counsel, we are certain no conflict of interest exists. We wish Ms. McGowan well with all her future endeavors."

Weinstein, 66, is charged with raping an unidentified female acquaintance in 2013 and performing a forcible sex act on a different woman in 2006. A conviction could put him in prison for the rest of his life.

Brafman and Weinstein said in a statement last week that they had "agreed to part ways amicably."

Their split came a month after they lost a hard fought bid to get his sexual assault case thrown out.

Brafman and Weinstein are due in court Friday for a judge to formally sign off on the lawyer swap.

Baez, perhaps the best-known name on the new legal team, first gained fame for representing Anthony, the Florida mom whose televised trial in 2011 ended in an acquittal on charges accusing her of killing her young daughter.

Baez and Sullivan successfully defended New England Patriots tight end Aaron Hernandez against murder charges in 2017. Hernandez, in prison for a 2015 murder conviction, killed himself five days later.

AP

Zimbabwe and world music star Oliver Mtukudzi dies at 66

HARARE, ZIMBABWE

ONE of Zimbabwe and Africa's most iconic musicians, Oliver Mtukudzi, died on Wednesday at age 66 after decades of rollicking, captivating performances won him devoted fans worldwide.

"It is difficult to accept, I have no words," said musician and poet Albert Nyathi, who joined several other mourners at the hospital in the capital, Harare, where the star passed away. "What is left is to celebrate his life."

Zimbabwe's state-run Herald newspaper reported that Mtukudzi had "succumbed to a long battle with diabetes."

With his distinctive husky voice, Mtukudzi had a career that stretched from white minority-ruled Rhodesia to

majority-ruled Zimbabwe, producing a string of hits that spread his fame across Africa and eventually to an international audience.

Tuku, as he was widely known, avoided political controversy. The closest he came was with his 2001 song "Bvuma," which in the Shona language means "accept that you are old" and was taken as a message to longtime leader Robert Mugabe to retire.

Paul Mangwana, a senior official with Zimbabwe's ruling ZANU-PF party, praised Mtukudzi for remaining "apolitical," saying he supported calls for the singer to be buried at the national heroes' acre, a shrine that is a preserve of ruling party elites.

"He was a nation-builder. Where it was necessary to criticize he would,

and where it was necessary to praise he would," Mangwana said at the hospital. In a country where political tensions are high and party loyalties matter, Mtukudzi cut across the divide, singing at ruling party events but also performing at late opposition leader Morgan Tsvangirai's wedding and funeral.

"Today we said goodbye to a true patriot. Oliver Mtukudzi, your voice has given us comfort during difficult times, and will remain with us for posterity," President Emmerson Mnangagwa said.

One of Mtukudzi's biggest hits was "Neria," a mournful song about the tribulations of a woman who was thrown into poverty when her husband died because customary law did not allow her to inherit his

property. It was the title song of a movie of the same name.

In 1980, Mtukudzi celebrated Zimbabwe's independence by singing the country's new national anthem, "Ishe Komborera Africa" (God Bless Africa) with a reggae inflection.

He sang, played guitar and danced while directing a tight band of guitarists, keyboardists, percussionists and dancers. He released more than 60 albums and made several successful international tours, performing in neighboring South Africa late last year.

He also was known for mentoring young Zimbabwean musicians. "He was like a father figure," said MacDonald Chidavaenzi, a songwriter and producer.

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Oliver Mtukudzi

Hopes fade for soccer star Sala as rescuers suspend search

LONDON/PARIS

RESCUERS said there was almost no chance of Premier League soccer player Emiliano Sala being found alive after a recording emerged of a fearful voice message he apparently sent from his stricken plane before it disappeared over the English Channel.

Rescue teams reviewed satellite imagery and mobile phone data while four aircraft scoured seas off the island of Alderney, where unidentified debris had been spotted. However they suspended their search on Wednesday evening after finding no trace of the missing plane after nine hours of hunting.

Cardiff City's new signing and the aircraft's pilot, named on Wednesday as Briton David Ibbotson, had been missing since Monday night and rescuers said chances of finding either of them alive were almost vanishingly slim.

Police said a decision on whether to resume the search would be taken early on Thursday.

"We're up there looking for stuff that we don't expect to find," John Fitzgerald, chief officer of the Channel Islands Air Search told Reuters. "If there was anything on the surface I think we would have found it on the first night because the weather conditions were really good."

The 28-year-old Argentina-born forward was en route from Nantes in western France to make his debut for Premier League side Cardiff City.

In a chilling voice message sent to friends, which Argentina's Clarin newspaper said was authenticated by Sala's father, the player expressed concerns about the single-engine Piper Malibu aircraft he was flying in.

"I'm in the plane and it looks like it's going to fall apart," he said. "Dad, I'm really scared."

Britain's Air Accident Investigations Branch said it had opened an investiga-

tion into the disappearance of the U.S. registered aircraft.

Air traffic controllers had guided searchers along the path it took before it disappeared from radar screens at a little more than 2,000 feet (600 metres), Fitzgerald said.

"R.I.P. Bro"

Sala joined struggling Cardiff for FC Nantes last week for a club record fee of about 17 million euros (\$19 million), having scored 12 goals for the French club this season.

Both clubs were fearing the worst. Cardiff City fans laid tributes outside their stadium to a player they barely knew but had built high hopes around. "Sala a Bluebird. R.I.P. Bro. Big Love," read one, in reference to the team's nickname.

In Nantes, supporters laid rows of yellow flowers and held club scarves aloft in the city centre late on Tuesday.

Police on Tuesday said the chance of finding survivors was slim and the prospect appeared bleaker a day later, with the water temperature in the Channel barely 10 degrees centigrade (50 degrees Fahrenheit).

"There's no chance. You'd have to be really, really fit to survive even four or five hours in the water," Fitzgerald said.

He said the pilot had filed a 'VFR' flight plan, which requires aircraft to avoid bad weather, have sight of the ground and stay out of certain air corridors.

The plane had been cruising at 5,000 feet (1,525 m) when the pilot requested to descend to a lower altitude on passing Guernsey. It lost radar contact at 2,300 feet, Guernsey police said.

British media on Wednesday cited Cardiff chairman Mehmet Dalman as saying the club had not organised Sala's travel plans. "He declined and made his own arrangements," Mehmet was quoted as saying.

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Higuain moves to Chelsea on six-month loan

LONDON

GONZALO Higuain has joined Chelsea on a six-month loan, with the club having an option to make the deal permanent next summer if he proves a success at Stamford Bridge.

"When the opportunity to join Chelsea presented itself I had to take it," Higuain, who will wear the No. 9 shirt, told the Chelsea website. "It's a team I've always liked that has a lot of history, a wonderful stadium and they play in the Premier League, a league I've always wanted to play in."

"I now hope I can give back that trust Chelsea have shown me out on the pitch. I can't wait to start and I hope to adapt as soon as possible."

Higuain completed his move on Wednesday after he underwent a medical to finalise the details of the loan. The Blues have an €18 million option to extend the loan for next season or €36m to sign the Argentine permanently, to be paid over the course of two years.

Chelsea boss Maurizio Sarri dismissed concerns that Higuain could become Chelsea's latest disappointing striker signing and backed him to rediscover his best scoring form at Stamford Bridge.

Sarri had to convince Chelsea that Higuain, 31, was the right man to replace struggling Alvaro Morata -- who is expected to join Atletico Madrid on loan -- in light of a disappointing six-month stint at AC Milan, which saw him score eight goals in 22 matches and net just once in his final 12 appearances.

Higuain has also developed a reputation for being emotionally fragile, as well as failing to deliver in big moments as a result of crucial misses in the World Cup and Copa America finals for Argentina, but Sarri is adamant his new striker can make a big impact.

"He wants to win all the time and, in the last five years, he's only lost his temper twice: with Napoli against Udinese, and with Milan against Juve," Sarri said. "It's only because he wants to win. As for failure, he's still scored [eight] goals in a team that isn't at the same level as Juventus. I wouldn't call it failure."

"He played four seasons for Real Madrid, I think. I think he has the right experience to play here."

Higuain has only played 130 minutes

of competitive football in 2019 and scored one fewer goal than Morata in all competitions this season, but Sarri believes he will show his true pedigree in front of goal at Chelsea.

"We hope he brings goals, that he starts scoring for us," Sarri added. "He's also very good at other aspects, other than just goals, but that's what we are hoping for. He has had some difficulties recently, but we're hoping we can raise him back to his best form."

"He's a very strong striker. Especially in my first season in Naples, he did very well. He scored 36 goals in 35 matches in Serie A. That season he scored 38 goals. So he did very, very well. For sure, he is one of the best strikers in my career."

"I think the club agree with me when I told them my opinion about [how to improve] the team. So the January market is very difficult, especially for a striker. It's very difficult in January to find one of the most important strikers in the world, so the club is working very well."

Sarri confirmed that Chelsea missed a deadline to register Higuain for Thursday's second leg of the Carabao Cup semifinal against Tottenham at Stamford Bridge, meaning his Blues debut is likely to come in the FA Cup against Sheffield Wednesday on Sunday.

Chelsea are looking for a reaction without their new striker against Spurs after Sarri publicly accused his players of being "extremely difficult to motivate" in the wake of Saturday's limp 2-0 defeat against Arsenal, and the Italian called upon Eden Hazard to step up.

"I think he has to do more," Sarri said of Hazard. "Because the potential is higher than the performances. He has to respect first of all himself. He has to do more."

"In this moment, he's more an individual player than a leader. He is very important for us, of course, because he is a great player. He always can win the match in two minutes. Sometimes in one minute. But, at the moment, he's not a leader. He's a great player. One of the best in the world."

Sarri also dismissed the suggestion that Hazard is being wasted as a false No. 9.

AGENCIES

Real and Barca replace United as top earning clubs - Deloitte



FILE PHOTO: Real Madrid celebrate winning the Champions League with the Champions League trophy after their final match against Liverpool at Olympic Stadium in Kiev, Ukraine on May 26, 2019. REUTERS

MANCHESTER, ENGLAND

REAL Madrid and Barcelona were the highest earning clubs in European football last season, knocking Manchester United off top spot, according to the latest Deloitte 'Football Money League' published on Thursday.

Deloitte based their survey of the top 20 earning clubs in Europe on the annual financial statements of the company or group running each club, or other direct sources, covering the 2017/18 season.

Real returned to top spot for the first time since 2014/15 with revenues of 750.9 million euros (\$854.6 million). Their revenue increased by more than 75 million euros year-on-year as they secured their third successive Champi-

ons League title.

Deloitte said the rise was "primarily due to commercial growth of 54.8 million euros including an uplift in sponsorship, merchandising and exploitation of increasingly lucrative pre-season fixtures."

Dan Jones, partner in the Sports Business Group at Deloitte said: "Real Madrid's outstanding financial performance in 2017/18 is built on their long history of success on the pitch, most recently three consecutive Champions League titles."

"This has enabled the club to continue to drive commercial revenue as the appetite to partner with Europe's most successful clubs remains stronger than ever," he added.

Barcelona had earnings of 690.4 million euros, a rise from 648.3 million in the previous year.

Manchester United, who topped last year's table, saw their revenue calculation fall slightly to 666 million euros from 676.3 million but they are one of a record six Premier League teams in top 10.

Football finance expert Rob Wilson, of Sheffield Hallam University, said United's drop to third in the rankings was expected.

"This was predictable mainly due to the timing of commercial and sponsorship renewals. The big ticket items; shirt manufacturing and shirt sponsorship being renewed and improving the overall position of a number of clubs.

"MUFC don't go back to the negotiating table for a while yet. Expect them to stay off the top spot for a good few years yet, particularly with a possible reduction in matchday revenue if they miss out on qualification to the Champions League."

United's position was also affected by exchange rates as their actual revenue measured in pounds sterling rose slightly from 581.2 million to 590 million.

The club is rated the number one football brand by KPMG and the most valuable club by Forbes.

There are no Italian clubs in the top 10 with Juventus slipping to 11th place, while Bayern Munich are the sole German club.

REUTERS

FA Cup heavyweights Arsenal and Man United kick off fourth round

LONDON

AS FA Cup ties go they do not come any bigger than Arsenal against Manchester United and the two most successful clubs in the competition's history kick off a weekend of fourth-round action at The Emirates today.

The record books are littered with epic clashes between the clubs with Ryan Giggs's bare-chested celebration of a magnificent solo winner in the 1999 semi-final replay one of the abiding FA Cup memories.

That clash came at a time when United and Arsenal were the dominant forces in English football as rival managers Alex Ferguson and Arsene Wenger battled for supremacy.

Twenty years later the landscape has changed with both clubs having fallen down the Premier League pecking order and the FA Cup struggling to retain its magic.

The spiteful edge that often accompanied their duels has also disappeared but today's meeting in north London will need no hyping as 12-times winners United, rejuvenated under Ole Gunnar Solskjaer, seek an eighth successive victory since their former striker was put in temporary charge last month.

United's burst of form under the Norwegian has pushed them back into contention for a top-four finish and they are in sixth place level on points with Arsenal and just three points behind fourth-placed Chelsea, the Cup holders.

Arsenal top the list of FA Cup wins with 13 and, after some stumbles under new manager Unai Emery in the past month, returned to form with a convincing league win over visiting Chelsea last weekend.

Their most recent triumph, in 2017, saw Alexis Sanchez score in the Wembley final against Chelsea, but the Chilean could well line up against the Gunners today having swapped London for



Unai Emery - Ole Gunnar Solskjaer

Manchester last January -- a deal which saw Henrikh Mkhitaryan move in the opposite direction.

Mkhitaryan will not be involved as he recovers from an injury while Arsenal are also without full back Hector Bellerin who ruptured cruciate knee ligaments in Saturday's win over Chelsea and is sidelined for the season.

United will likely adopt the same attacking approach that has been a feature of Solskjaer's unbeaten time in charge -- so a dour stalemate is unlikely.

Holders Chelsea host Sheffield Wednesday on Sunday, while Manchester City face Burnley in one of three all-Premier League clashes -- the others being Newcastle United at home to Wat-

ford and injury-hit Tottenham Hotspur at Crystal Palace.

While the outstanding tie of the round at The Emirates is first on the schedule, the weekend offers plenty of scope for the sort of shocks that were served up in the third round.

Third-tier AFC Wimbledon host Premier League West Ham United in a London derby, second-tier Millwall welcome Everton and third-tier Shrewsbury Town are at home to top flight Wolverhampton Wanderers. Accrington Stanley's home tie against Frank Lampard's Derby County also looks enticing.

The draw was not especially kind to the sides that injected some old-fashioned Cup romance into the previous round.

Barnet, the sole survivors from outside the top four divisions after their win over Sheffield United, have a home tie against second-tier Brentford.

Newport County, who knocked out Leicester City, visit Championship outfit Middlesbrough, while fellow fourth-tier side Oldham Athletic travel to Doncaster Rovers of the third-tier.

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Gwiji by David Chikoko



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Simba Sports Club striker Medie Kagere (R) runs past AFC Leopards' Kamura Robinson during their SportPesa Cup match at the National Stadium in Dar es Salaam on Wednesday. Simba won 2-1. PHOTO: HALIMA KAMBI

Kvitova on the brink of crowning brave comeback

MELBOURNE

PETRA Kvitova stands on the verge of completing one of the bravest comebacks in tennis after ending the fairytale run of unseeded American Danielle Collins to reach her first Australian Open final on Thursday.

Two years after missing the tournament while recovering from an attack by a knife-wielding home intruder, the eighth seeded Czech booked her first Grand Slam final since her 2014 Wimbledon triumph with a decisive 7-6(2) 6-0 victory at a scorching Melbourne Park.

"To be honest, I'm still not really believing that I'm in the final," Kvitova told reporters, after becoming the first Czech finalist in Melbourne since Jana Novotna in 1991.

"It's kind of weird, as well, that I didn't know even if I was going to play tennis again."

"I think not very many people believed that I can do that again, to stand on the court and play tennis and kind of play on this level."

The 28-year-old lefthander will meet Japan's U.S. Open champion Naomi Osaka, who held off seventh seeded Czech Karolina Pliskova in the other semi-final, in the title-decider.

The tall Czech has not lost a set at Melbourne Park and will enter her first hard-court Grand Slam final on an 11-match winning streak, playing with the confidence and freedom that won her two Wimbledon titles.

Against the feisty Collins, who stunned world number two and former champion Angelique Kerber during her magical run, Kvitova survived a testing first set in stifling heat before clinically dismantling the American.

After trading breaks of serve, the match was paused at 4-4 in the first set for a few minutes as the roof was closed to protect the players from the 38 degree Celsius (100F) heat.

After resumption, they slogged their way into the tiebreak where Kvitova quickly took command.

She fired a blazing backhand winner to cap a 16-shot rally and roared to a 5-1 lead before setting up four set points with an ace and converting the first with a serve-volley.

Florida-born Collins was left cold by the decision to close the roof, which is mandatory under the tournament's new extreme heat policy when the conditions reach a high threshold.

"They need to start the match the way it's going to finish, I think. I think they do that in football, and I think it certainly changed a little bit of the rhythm in the match," she said.

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Simba Queens Football Club's winger, Mwanahamisi Omary (R), celebrates with team mate, Amina Ramadhani, after the former had netted a goal during the Serengeti Lite Women Premier League's match against Yanga Princesses at the Karume Stadium in Dar es Salaam recently. PHOTO: COURTESY OF TFF

Simba Queens head coach laments unfair refereeing in 2018/19 Women League

Correspondent Renatha Msungu, Dodoma

SIMBA Queens FC coach, Musa Hassan 'Mgosi', has lashed out at the referee, who officiated the side's encounter with Dodoma's Baobab Queens in the 2018/19 Serengeti Lite Women Premier League, saying the referee was biased against his squad.

The game, which took place in Dodoma two days back, ended with Simba Queens losing 3-1 to the hosts.

Mgosi disclosed shortly after the game the referee's decisions were in favour of Baobab Queens.

The coach noted the referees' decisions, as a result, affected his team's performance and led to the defeat.

The former Simba SC forward, who also turned out for senior national soccer team, Taifa Stars, during his heyday, added unfair refereeing has brought about a downward spiral of women soccer in the country.

"The referee's performance was poor. He was obviously acting in favour of Baobab Queens, honestly, it pains me a lot, we were not supposed to lose this match," Mgosi said.

He asked the Tanzania Football Federation (TFF) to carefully oversee the league, given a section of the tournament's referees are biased against some of the clubs.

"We will definitely not make any meaningful progress in women football, we will see the neighbouring make headway in the sport," he noted.

Baobab Queens had, before hosting Simba Queens, been placed at the bottom of the Serengeti Lite Women Premier League latest standing.

The Dodoma club had played five matches, conceding defeat in all five games. They also had a poor goal difference of -22 in the 12-team league.

JKT Queens were leading the rest of the

participating teams in the league with 18 points from six matches.

They are the only side that has yet to lose a match in the league and they, as well, boast of the best goal difference of 43. Coast Region's Mlandizi Queens and Simba Queens were in the second and third positions respectively in the standing.

Njombe's Panama FC and Sisterz FC of Kigoma were positioned fourth and fifth respectively, having played five matches apiece and recorded 12 and 10 points respectively.

Two matches were expected to be played yesterday, in which Panama FC were expected to play host to Marsh Queens of Mwanza at the Saba Saba ground. Sisterz FC were set to lock horns with Mwanza's other team, Alliance Girls, at the former's venue, Lake Tanganyika Stadium, in Kigoma.

Nadal storms into Melbourne final with Tsitsipas blitz

MELBOURNE

RAFA Nadal ended Stefanos Tsitsipas's trailblazing run at the Australian Open yesterday, serving up a semi-final masterclass to blitz the 20-year-old Greek 6-2 6-4 6-0 and reach his fifth final at Melbourne Park.

Staging a clinic under the lights at Rod Laver Arena, the Spanish second seed tamed the Tsitsipas serve and racked up 28 sparkling winners against the man who knocked out double defending champion Roger Federer in the fourth round.

After roaring to a 5-0 lead in the final set, Nadal closed out the match with a huge serve in one hour and 46 minutes leaving Tsitsipas to beat a quick exit from the stadium.

Nadal, the 2009 champion, will face either top seed Novak Djokovic or 28th-seeded Frenchman Lucas Pouille in the final as he bids for a second Melbourne title and an 18th Grand Slam crown. Having withdrawn from the Brisbane International leadup tournament with a thigh strain, Nadal was thrilled with his tennis and fitness at Melbourne Park, where last year he retired hurt in the quarter-finals.

"It has been a great match, a great tournament, I think I've played very well every day," the 32-year-old said in his courtside interview after a pumped-up celebration.

"After a lot of months without playing, probably this court, this crowd gives me unbelievable energy. At that moment (in Brisbane), it was very difficult to imagine I would be here."

It was also difficult to imagine his opponent would have been Tsitsipas, who had shocked some of the Tour's most seasoned campaigners to become his country's first Grand Slam semi-finalist. Melbourne's huge Greek community was out in force, with hundreds chanting his name in the grounds outside the stadium.

Nadal simply let his racket do the talking, and he pounded a forehand deep into the corner to break the shaggy-haired tyro in the third game.

The lefthander threw down the hammer, claiming the Greek's serve for a second time to lead 5-2, with a delicate backhand pass down the line that left Tsitsipas stumbling.

The set was over in a dizzying 31 minutes as Nadal moved in to the net to fire a volley past his opponent.

Given no time to settle, the Greek threw caution to the wind in the second set and began swinging hard in a series of breathtaking rallies.

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