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**‘Tin exports will change mining sector GDP role’**

By Guardian Reporter

PRIME Minister Kassim Majaliwa has termed Tanzania's qualification to export restricted tin as a game-changer that would make the mining sector's contribution hit 10 per cent of GDP by 2025.

Closing the Tanzania Minerals and Mining Investment Conference 2020, the premier said now that Tanzania has met the requirements for the sale of tin, tungsten and tantalum (3T minerals), the mining sector is set for a major boost.

Current statistics show that the contribution of the mining sector to the economy stands at 5.07 per cent but ministerial experts project it to

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reach 10 per cent by 2025.

Majaliwa launched Tanzania's certificate of origin for the export of the minerals at the conference, where he said attainment of the 10 per cent target is now more assured than it was the case earlier.

A statement released by Prime Minister's Office said the launch of the certificate now puts Tanzania at the centre of implementation of the protocol against the illegal exploitation of natural resources.

The premier expressed hope that things will go well considering the role played by mineral markets and sale centres located in key regions, he said, pointing out that at present there is a sale centre and market for each of the Mainland

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**Tanzania vulnerable, is rated high in COVID-19 import risk**



Zanzibar House of Representatives Speaker Zubeir Ali Maulid (L) congratulates CRDB Bank Plc managing director Abdulmajid Nsekela following the bank's expression of readiness to cooperate with the Zanzibar government in supporting development projects in the Isles. This was at a seminar the bank organised in Zanzibar at the weekend for members of the legislative body. Story on Page 13 in Business section. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

**Travel or trade ‘restrictions are indeed not currently recommended by WHO’**

By Guardian Reporter and Agencies

TANZANIA has been listed along with Sudan, Angola, Ghana and Kenya as having high levels of vulnerability to a coronavirus epidemic in case of importation of the virus from China.

A study led by a French researcher and academician said that these countries have high and comparable importation risks of the coronavirus on account of intensity of trade interactions, varying levels of preparedness to face the threat of an outbreak and high levels of vulnerability.

A study led by Dr Vittorio Colliza of INSERM research centre in Paris and the Sorbonne University said that Ethiopia and Nigeria showed moderate preparedness and high levels of vulnerability.

One of the study's major limitations was the researcher's inability to account for flight bans implemented by airlines, pointing out that flight bans are not expected to prevent COVID-19 importation.

**“Egypt, Algeria and South Africa showed the highest risk for COVID-19 importation from China”**

“Prior and current evidence indicates that realistic travel restrictions would have a limited effect in containing the epidemic and would delay by only a few weeks the risk that the outbreak extends to new countries,” the study underlined.

“Travel or trade restrictions are indeed not currently recommended by WHO,” the lead researcher pointed out.

On the basis of trade exchanges, Egypt, Algeria and South Africa were identified as the African countries at highest risk of imported

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**Rukwa unveils reversal plan on pregnancy, dropout rates**

By Guardian Correspondent, Nkasi

RUKWA Region has unveiled a five-year strategy meant to reverse alarming rates of pregnancy amongst primary and secondary school pupils as recent statistics show that between 2017 and 2019, a total of 722 learners got pregnant and dropped out.

During his visit to the region last October, President John Magufuli expressed his shock at the pupil pregnancy and consequent dropout rates, directing authorities there to swing into action and reverse the trend.

The strategy was prepared by liaison

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effort between the regional authorities and Plan International via its Safe Motherhood Project, officials said.

The strategy was unveiled at the weekend at Namanyere in Nkasi District, in a ceremony attended by various officials including district commissioners, executive directors, district council chairmen, legislators from the region and education stakeholders.

Speaking at the event, Regional Medical Officer Dr Boniface Kasululu said secondary schools were leading in school pregnancies as there were 551 in the two year period, or 76 percent increase in cases

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**Coast Region cited for 40bn/- gas tank plant**

By Guardian Reporter

A MULTIPURPOSE gas tank manufacturing factory is to be set up in Mkuranga District in Coast Region at an estimated cost of USD25 million (over 40bn/-).

Angellah Kairuki (pictured), the Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office (Investment) said in Dar es Salaam at the weekend that Egyptian firm, Supreme Holdings chief executive officer Dr Moharram Helal is set to start building the plant. The move is expected to end

reliance on imported tanks when the plant became operational, but the minister did not give the time frame for the construction of the plant and start of production.

It is expected to employ about 300 local staff and up to 30 expatriate managers and technicians from Egypt when it starts production, she stated.

The plant will produce 1,000 tanks daily and fill with gas 3,000 tanks with capacity ranging between 15 and 30 kilograms daily, she said, pointing out that the government



has asked the investor to consider producing tanks with capacity below 15kgs.

“We consider a plant of this nature a vital strategic investment. Once it becomes operational we shall no longer import such tanks. So this

is an important area of investment in our agenda to make Tanzania a middle-income industrial country by 2025,” she said.

“We have assured him Tanzania is the right place for rewarding investments and I have encouraged him to deal directly with the TIC,” she further asserted.

The Tanzania Investment Centre (TIC) ought to give the investor all the necessary help, the minister underlined, using the occasion to ask all investors to deal directly with the TIC, instead of using middlemen

for issues like land allocation and issuance of various clearances.

Dr Helal thanked the minister for the cooperation accorded to him, saying Tanzania was a good place for investment, pledging to build the plant speedily.

“We have come to Tanzania because we have a wealth of experience in this area. Once the procedures are completed, we shall build the plant in a short period and roll out tanks,” he declared, flanked by Intergas general manager, Dr Hatem Ahmed.



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of pregnancy, while primary schools had 171 instances of pregnancy.

"Demographic data for 2015 and 2016 shows that a significant portion of girls aged 15 to 19 in the region become pregnant or already had babies despite that at this age the girls need to be at school," Dr Kasululu said.

The cause for this situation includes poor accountability by parents and guardians, local leaders and society in general on issues of guardianship of young girls who are especially vulnerable.

He mentioned other reasons as little knowledge among the society on laws concerning child care, gender based violence (GBV), adolescence pressures as well as insufficient space in boarding schools.

Speaking on the issue, Rukwa Regional Commissioner Joachim Wangabo thanked Plan International for their role in the preparation of the plan which he said will help to significantly reduce school pregnancies by 2025.

The strategy aims to defend the rights and interests of children including the right to education and other basic rights without discrimination, he said.

The main cause of school pregnancies is that student walk long distances to schools especially in villages and wards that have no schools, he stated.

The region has 339 villages, with 59 having primary schools, compelling pupils to walk five kms to school in nearby villages, hence making them prey to wayward young men along that route.

"But we also have 97 wards, where 25 wards have no secondary schools, an environment that is hazardous for our children," he said, noting that it is the responsibility of leaders to ensure that all villages have primary schools and all wards have secondary schools.

He urged officials in wards lacking secondary schools to embark on work to building dormitories for girl students to reduce the risks tied with walking to school.

Aida Khenan (Special Seats, Chadema) urged that girls becoming pregnant at school should not to lose hope, pointing out that many senior public officials were once victims of such a situation, including herself when she was in Form III.

Rukwa residents need to work with the government and other stakeholders to tackle child pregnancies as such incidents are hazardous to the life of the student especially during delivery, she added.



Gem Tanzania Ltd director Osman Abdulsattar (L) shows Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa tanzanite rings when the PM visited the firm's pavilion on the sidelines of an international meeting on mining held in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Photo: Correspondent Miraji Msala

## Tanzania vulnerable, is rated high in COVID-19 import risk

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cases of COVID-19 from China.

Still, countries found to be at moderate risk – including Nigeria and Ethiopia – are less prepared and more vulnerable to a potential outbreak, Dr Colizza noted, airing the need for support to handle the likelihood of future imported cases.

"Many countries in Africa are stepping up their preparedness

to detect and cope with COVID-19 importations," she said, elaborating that the study was able to identify risks of importation of the virus and capacities of handling such a situation.

It listed those countries that should be prioritized for resources, intensified surveillance and capacity building, especially those with a moderate risk of importation of COVID-19 and likely to be ill prepared to detect imported

cases and contain onward transmission.

Dr Colizza and colleagues used data on the volume of air travel from Chinese provinces with infections to Africa and the proportion of COVID-19 cases in Chinese provinces to estimate the risk of importing COVID-19 in African countries.

Estimates generated excluded air travel from Hubei province due to the travel ban introduced

by China on Jan. 23 and Jan. 24, the researcher specified.

The Infectious Disease Vulnerability Index was used on the findings to determine each country's capacity to detect and respond to the virus, where the WHO indicators to measure preparedness.

This ability is measured using the WHO instrument, the international health regulations monitoring framework state parties' self-assessment annual reporting tool.

The other aspect was vulnerability, where the computed results were published in The Lancet.

Egypt, Algeria and South Africa showed the highest risk for COVID-19 importation from China but had low vulnerability levels and moderate to high preparedness levels, the study asserts. Last week, Egypt was the first African country to confirm a case of the disease, observers noted.



A tour guide pictured in the Ngorongoro Crater at the weekend briefing Natural Resources and Tourism Minister Dr Hamisi Kigwangalla (in jeans) on the state of surface transport in the world-renowned conservation area, where recent heavy rains have left most roads seriously damaged. Photo: Correspondent Marc Nkwame

## ZEC preparing curriculum for voter education

By Guardian Correspondent, Zanzibar

ZANZIBAR Electoral Commission (ZEC) has prepared a draft for curriculum on voter civic education to be used by various institutions that would want to give voters' education after given permission by ZEC.

ZEC Commissioner Jokha Khamis Makame revealed this when opening a meeting to discuss the curriculum draft, saying the preparation for the draft is in accordance with Section 106(1) of the Zanzibar Elections Act (No 4 of 2018) which requires the Commission to prepare such draft.

ZEC Advisor Juma Haji Ussi said ZEC expects the implementation of the draft curriculum for voters' education will help election stakeholders including development partners, election observers and civil societies.

He said the curriculum has laid down the basics of giving voters' education and

the Zanzibar Election Act that is vested with authority to coordinate, supervise and conduct voters; education.

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Participants of the meeting lauded the Commission for preparing the draft which they said has abided by all criteria for various elections stakeholders.

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regions.

"In the first half of the financial year 2019/2020, the government collected 242.53bn/- in mineral royalties and levies which is equivalent to 51.5 per cent of

the projected 470.89bn/-," he said.

The Deputy Minister for Minerals, Stanslaus Nyongo told editors in Dar es Salaam last week that the 3T minerals which are usually found together have mostly been located in Kyerwa and

Ngara districts in Kagera Region.

Tanzania becomes the fourth country in the Great Lakes region after the Democratic Republic of Congo, Rwanda and Burundi to issue a certificate of origin for selling the minerals.

The sale of the so-called 'conflict minerals' is restricted globally as they are often used to finance armed conflicts.

Regional efforts to end illicit trade in the 3Ts began in the early 2000s with the Great Lakes Region

countries meeting in Dar es Salaam in 2004, to sign a protocol outlining presale requirements including issuance of certificate of origin.

The issuance of a certificate of origin completes lengthy efforts

entailing international and regional initiatives to support the formalization of the 3T artisanal mining sector.

The wider purpose was to develop and implement traceability, due diligence and supply chain

transparency for the three minerals.

The 3Ts and gold ore extracted from eastern DRC taken through a variety of intermediaries before being purchased led to the restrictions of their sale.

This was a result of

international campaigns pressurizing governments in the Great Lakes region to control the flow of the minerals which are essential in the manufacture of a variety of devices like smartphones, tablets and computers.



Former President Benjamin Mkapa presents to NMB Bank Plc acting managing director Ruth Zaipuna (L) a copy of his recently published memoirs, entitled 'My Life, My Purpose', at a ceremony to held in Mwanza city at the weekend to introduce the book - as Mwanza regional commissioner John Mongella. (2nd-L) looks on. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## Minister blames water-logged crater roads on above normal rainfall

By Correspondent Marc Nkwame,

Arusha

NATURAL Resources and Tourism, minister Dr Hamisi Kigwangalla has blamed sorry state of roads within the Ngorongoro Crater on above normal rains.

Speaking here at the weekend during his inspection tour of the repair works, the minister said the tourism hotspot received three times of water it gets annually, leading to the ponds that caused some difficulty to tourist recently.

"The area usually receives 1000 millimetres of rain per year, but the precipitation that started drenching Ngorongoro from last September recorded a whopping 3000 millimetres of rain within just seven months," said the tourism Minister.

He added: "The rains may have damaged most of the infrastructures in conservation areas where everything is in their pristine original state, but for the tourists that is a living evidence of how Tanzania maintain the natural settings of its tourism sites," added Dr Kigwangalla (pictured).

He noted that efforts to repair the rain-damaged roads in the Ngorongoro crater have born fruits with major sections of the tracks now in better conditions and the tourist flow on the rise just as another season kicks in.

Kigwangalla was also treated to rare sighting of the continent's oldest Rhino, Vicky.

At 46 years, Vicky is the oldest listed Rhino to date, but the queen of crater is also the largest ferocious mammal on record and can be distinguished by its deeper black colour. Mama Vicky usually loves to graze alone.



Dr Kigwangalla who was accompanied by the Commissioner of Conservation at the Ngorongoro Conservation Area Authority, Dr Freddy Manongi, was forced to stop his Land-cruiser so that he could get a glimpse of the rare Rhino which was grazing some distance away from the track.

Faru Vicky, a female Black Rhino living in the Ngorongoro Crater is currently reigning as oldest, replacing the previously oldest known Rhino, Faru Fausta that died in late December 2019 aged 57. She was also a resident of the Caldera albeit the one that was kept in special cage due to her extreme old age.

So far, the Ngorongoro Crater is the only place where free roaming Rhinos can be spotted; the endangered species are usually kept in special cages elsewhere on the continent.

Tanzania is also said to have the highest number of black Rhinos on the continent but the official tally of such species, found in Maswa, Serengeti, Mkomazi and Ngorongoro, is kept secret to protect the animals from illegal hunters craving for their horns.

## NEMC outlines success in enforcing ban on plastic bags

By Guardian Reporter

THE National Environment Management Council (NEMC) has outlined success registered following the ban of polythene bags by the government since last year, saying that support from the public and producers made it reality.

Speaking to journalists over the weekend after a meeting with manufacturers, importers, dealers and suppliers of the alternative bags, the NEMC Director General, Dr. Samuel Gwamaka said despite minor challenges, the implementation has registered a pronounced change in the environmental protection drive.

"It is about seven months now since the ban was effected, the Vice President's Office formed a taskforce of which NEMC was tasked with the coordination role, we are confident to say that the ban has been successfully implemented," he said.

Dr Gwamaka pointed out that the implementation of the ban faced multiple challenges because of the fact that it touched on interested of some big companies thus there was a need for creativity and seriousness to make it work out.

He pointed out that the taskforce in collaboration with NEMC had to first find out all the companies in the production and supply chain of polythene bags and

put in place infrastructure for destroying those in market.

He said that some of the benefits of the ban were the increase of alternative bag factories, creation of employment and increased awareness and understanding among people on environmental protection.

"Already 70 factories have been established that have employed 2,761 people, this is a plus for the economic growth, there is still a room for investors to put up more factories because the demand is huge.

Dr Gwamaka thanked all the stakeholders who have tirelessly collaborated with

the government to make the implementation of the ban, which was announced by the Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa in April and effected in June last year.

"I would to take this opportunity to thank all the local government authorities, the Tanzania Bureau of Standards and all other stakeholders for their support in making this ban a success," he said.

He called on all the government agencies, private sector, stakeholders and all the people in the country to further their cooperation in a bid to protect the country's environment.

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The bank has been recording good profits after tax consistently for the past years. The cumulative profits after tax amounted to TZS 12 Billion for three years from 2015 to 2017, mainly driven by annual growth in operating income by an average of 9% or TZS 47 Billion. In 2018 and 2019, the bank undertook significant loan loss provisions in

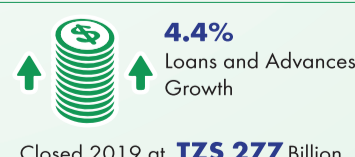
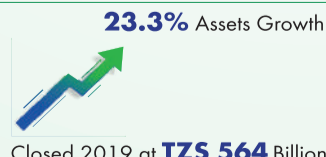
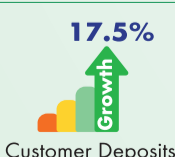
order to clean up its legacy loan portfolio and the same impacted profitability for the period the said periods.

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Kisarawe district commissioner Jokate Mwegelo (C), speaks at the launch of an education campaign dubbed 'Bukua na Ushinde' meant to encourage Form IV students to excel in their national exams. The event was held at Kisarawe at the weekend. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## Solar power firm to reward best performing students in Kisarawe

By Guardian Correspondent

ZOLA Electric Tanzania has expressed its commitment to supporting the community and supporting the government's efforts to improve the education sector in the country through its investment.

The company pledged to award solar gadgets to best performing students in the year's National form four examination from Kisarawe District through ongoing company's dubbed Bukua-naUshinde.

The company's Managing Director, Yusuph Nasoro, said over the weekend in Kisarawe, that the strategy was aimed at stimulating the motivation of students in schools to study hard so that

they could pass their exams especially in challenging areas of electricity from the National grid power supply.

"Our company believes that education is the key to life and education can be accelerated, and that is why we have come up with a plan to motivate students in schools, especially areas that are challenged by electricity as one of our support to communities in line with supporting government efforts to improve the education sector in the country", he said.

He said students who will enter the top 10 in the nation's Form Four examination, will be gifted solar power accessories and three successful students who will enter the top 3, their families will be connected to free solar along with access

to modern energy-efficient devices from ZOLA.

Apart from education, the solar power firm vowed to continue supporting other sectors in the community including health improving initiatives.

Kisarawe district commissioner, Jokate Mwegelo, commended Zola's company initiatives aimed at improving education sector by providing incentives to students.

"This support will help to transform education as it will make students study hard, hence scale up performance in the region" she said.

She urged students to continue to take advantage of the various opportunities that are available to help them achieve success and to realize their dreams and

to realize that diligent study and knowledge is one of the key to success in their lives along with making a contribution to the development of the nation.

She ended up calling on other enterprises to support social services that are focused on bringing change in line with developing businesses that stimulate employment and self-employment, as ZOLA Electric Company.

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## Mbeya police hold four suspects for allegedly killing 'bodaboda' drivers

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

POLICE in Mbeya Region are holding four people allegedly for involvement of attacking, abducting and killing drivers of motorcycle popularly known as 'bodaboda' after which they robbed them of their machines.

Speaking to reporters, Mbeya Regional Police Commander SACP Ulrich Matei named the arrested suspects Masikitiko Pastoni aka 'Mbuzi' (34), Ezekia Sinkala (26) and Huruma Mwasile (36) all residents of Mtakuja, and Amani Mswima (21) a resident of Mlima Reli in Mbalizi town.

He said the suspects were nabbed on February 12, this year after the police conducted an operation in various areas of Mbalizi township within Mbeya district.

"We have interrogated them and they have confessed to have been involved in various criminal activities recently including the killing of the drivers, but we are conducting more investigations to know whether there are other

criminals involved," said RPC Matei.

He said some of the criminal activities which the suspects had confessed included using sharp objects to kill a bodaboda driver named Zacharia Jackson (30) after which they robbed him of his motorcycle with Reg. MC149CFJ on December 20 last year.

He said another incident which the suspects confessed to is the killing of another bodaboda driver named Shukuru Juma (26) after which they robbed him of his motorcycle that occurred on February 10 this year.

Matei explained that in another incident, the suspects attacked a bodaboda driver named Sadock Nimrod (21) using a sharp object after which they ran away with his motor cycle.

He said in Mbeya region incidents of bodaboda thefts have been increasing. He cautioned other people who might be harbouring criminals to avoid such behaviour as the police is all ought to fight crimes.



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# Villagers call for improvement of health facilities in Rungwe and Ileje districts

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

VILLAGERS in three wards of Mbeya, Rungwe and Ileje districts in Mbeya and Songwe regions are forced to carry patients and dead bodies in stretchers due to poor road infrastructure in their localities.

Speaking to journalists during the weekend, the villagers called on the government to extend its support to the areas

so as to rescue lives of people especially patients who sometimes died on the way to health facilities.

According to them, much of the affected wards include those located at borders of all three districts which are Ngulilo ward, Ileje; Santilia of Mbeya district council and Mkunga located in Rungwe.

"We have decided to join our efforts to repair the road by us-

ing hoes to serve us for at least some time as we are waiting for the government to construct it. The situation of the roads in the areas are pathetic. This also thwarts smooth provision of other social services," said Mawazo Mwambwiga, a resident at Sanje village in Santilia ward

According to him, the road serves both Mbeya DC and Ileje residents but it hasn't been

rehabilitated by the government for many years.

"This road is a very important link as it helps us when going to Mbalizi mini-town and Mbeya city to get various social services. We are appealing for the responsible minister to help us as our local leaders have failed to do so," he added.

Asha Mwawa, Sapanda villager in Ngulilo ward, Ileje

said that the road has been a night mare for pregnant mothers as they are worried about their lives when it comes to delivery

"There is no car that goes on this road during rainy season, due to this pregnant women suffer a lot and sometime can lose their lives on the way to hospital, this is a very serious challenge," she said.

Another resident, Petro Lyamaba said that the poor infrastructure has also affected economic development of the people in the areas.

"We cannot transport our produce or other products to town. In this area people engage much in the cultivation of pyrethrum, maize and timber with our major market being in Mbalizi town...the situation forces villagers sell their pro-

duce at low prices thus ending up incurring losses, for example a piece of timber is sold at 500/- while one sack of potatoes is sold at 5000/- instead of 20,000/-."

Sapanda village chairman, Samwel Lusubilo said: "We have done all our efforts to present the challenges to the districts' leadership but nothing had been done, but we have been seeing them collecting crop levies for traders who use the same road."

## Deputy minister: Trained guards a must at hotels in game reserves

By Guardian Reporter

DEPUTY minister for Natural resources and Tourism Constantine Kanyasu has directed institutions that manage game reserves to ensure it supervises closely owners of hotels in the reserves hire guards that are trained in wildlife professional colleges in the country or those who had received National Service (JKT) training.

He said according to reports several incidents of tourists being attacked by wild animals during the night while asleep were because the guards run away in fear of the beasts.

He said there have also been reports that whenever thefts of tourists' property occur, fingers have always been pointed at the guards.

Kanyasu said employment of guards should be based according to colleges they gone to be it from wildlife colleges or JKT.

Kanyasu issued the directive at the weekend when he was speaking to members of the defence and security committee during his official visit at the offices of the Nyamagana District Commissioner in Mwanza region.

He said when tourists come into the country they need two things foremost - security and hospitality, and added that his directive will involve all tourism stakeholders in the game reserves including owners of hotels and tented camps.

He added that if not observed, the incidents whereby guards run away when tourists come into trouble instead of assisting will kill the tourism sector.

He said trained guards know how to tackle attacking wild animals but also are well, conversant in serving tourists as they know their commitment to the country.



Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office (Investment) Angellah Kairuki (R) listens to visiting Egyptian investor Dr Moharram Helal (L) at the weekend after talks on the planned construction of a gas cylinder factory at Mkuranga in Coast Region. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## Farmers demand timely accessibility of seeds for higher productivity

By Guardian Correspondent, Kilwa

PEOPLE from 3,774 households affected by floods in Njinjo, Mitole, Kiranjeranje and Kikole villages in Kilwa district, Lindi region have appealed to the government and non governmental organisations (NGOs) to assist them with seeds of various

crops that grow within a short time to save themselves from hunger after the crops they had planted were swept away by the floods.

The appeal was issued by the Kilwa South Member of Parliament Selemani Bungara on behalf of the affected wananchi soon after receiving modern quality seeds for

cassava, maize, sunflower and small peas from Morogoro Tanzania Agricultural Research Institute (Tari-Ilonga).

Bungara said together with this assistance as well as other humanitarian assistance given by the government, the people who were affected by floods need seeds that germinate in short time so that they could grow them during the ongoing rains.

Tari-Ilonga director Dr Joel Meliyo said they decided to assist the flood victims after losing all their crops they had planted.

Dr Meliyo said the quantity of seeds provided cannot meet the needs of all households but the institute was all out to give them better sunflower and pea seeds that are not grown in the area but on the expectation that they have alternative crops instead of depending on traditional crops such as maize and cashew nuts.

Speaking after receiving the seeds, the Kilwa district commissioner Christopher Ngubiagai, lauded Tari-Ilonga for seeds assistance to enable the wananchi replant their farms.

Ngubiagai said they have started allocating free land plots to the households that were affected by floods to enable them start new settlements and for start a total of 1,700 out of 3,774 households had received new land plots.

However, the DC said after the completion of the land allocation exercise, they will also be given farmland and already there are more than 800,000 hectares for farming and livestock keeping which had been set aside for them.



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Residents of Tabata Kisukuru in Ilala District, Dar es Salaam, participate in the rehabilitation of a feeder road on self-help basis - as found at the weekend. Photo: Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

## ELCT cleric underscores the need for education

By Guardian Correspondent, Mwanza

THE Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania East of Lake Victoria Diocese (ELCT-ELVD) has called on parents to invest in the education of their children to ensure a safe and secure future generation.

ELCT-ELVD bishop, Andrew Gulle made the call while speaking at the official launch of the newly built Mwanza Lutheran secondary school. The school has been built by ELCT in collaboration with local and foreign stakeholders such as missionaries Eric and Linda Funke from Global Lutheran Outreach (GLO), St. John Lutheran Church in Cypress, Texas.

The school welcomes students from different religions and is meant to assist children in a difficult environment.

Bishop Gulle described education as the best legacy parents could bequeath to their children, stressing that gone were the days when the education of girls "ended in the kitchen" and charged parents not to be selective about educating their children, but to educate both sexes.

He also appealed to the youth to take their studies seriously and avoid being involved in criminal acts such as cultism, drug addiction, robbery and other social vices.

Bishop Gulle also urged the government to encourage religious tolerance in schools in order to promote peace and unity among the youth, who are the future of the nation.

He described education as critical to escape chronic poverty and to prevent the transmission of poverty between generations, hence the need to embrace it is paramount.

"Education to children is more valuable than material things. That's why the church has decided to give education to children who were living in a difficult environment as the only worth for their life. So, I urge parents to do everything they can for children education," said Bishop Gulle.

Church secretary Rogath Mollel said that the newly built school costs more than 500m/- and its construction started in 2008 and is being funded by local and foreign stakeholders such as missionaries Eric and Linda Funke from Global Lutheran Outreach (GLO) at St. John Lutheran Church in Cypress, Texas.

So far, four classrooms, three science labs and sanitation facilities have been built and the school got registration in May last year.

Mwanza Regional Education Officer, Busheja Josephat encouraged owners of private schools in the country to stick to quality education to meet the needs of society.

One of the missionaries, Erick Frank said that in 2012, we found that the school had only two classrooms, we decided to involve different stakeholders and after eight years, this came a reality and it's our hope that many students will benefit from this initiative."

One of the students who're enrolled at the school, Marietha Mwandu lauded the church and well-wishers who made them get education, vowing: "We'll study hard to meet our desired dreams."



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## Minister Jafo demands swift registration of Chiwondo Primary School in Dodoma

By Guardian Correspondent, Dodoma

MINISTER of State in the President's Office (Regional Administration and Local Government -RALG) Selemani Jafo has directed for the registration of the still unregistered Chiwondo school in Dodoma city to save students from having to walk about 20 kms everyday to attend classes at Chihoni primary school.

As of now the school has 169 students of elementary classes - Std I to III while those in Std IV to VII are forced to walk the distance to attend the school.

Jafo issued the directive at the weekend when inaugurating two Chiwondo School classrooms built by the constituency's Member of Parliament Anthony Mavunde in partnership with the City Council to solve the classroom shortage.

Jafo said it was dangerous for very young

pupils to continue long distances to get education as it makes many of them perform poorly in their studies while others run away.

"I direct the City's Director to complete the ongoing classroom construction and I equally direct the Director of Education of the Ministry to increase two more classes before the start of the coming Parliamentary Budget session, and this should be the end for the students to walk long distances, as the Chiwondo School registration has to be finalized next year to enable Std IV and VII students to sit for their exams at the school which has to be registered as 'Mavunde Primary School,'" said Jafo.

On the issue of the shortage of teachers at the school, Jafo said he had directed that when permission for employment is issued, more teachers have to be employed at the school.

On his part Mavunde who is also Deputy Minister in the Prime Minister's Office, Labour, Employment and Youth said in 2015 when he was seeking votes in the constituency, the wananchi asked for a school in the area to save their children from walking long distances to the school the request which he has fulfilled.

Earlier, reading the school's report, the Head Teacher of Chihoni Primary School said Emanuel Enock said the school has reduced truancy by 95 percent as well as increasing enrolment from 15 to 63 percent.

He appealed for more teachers including teachers' houses as the available teachers have also to walk 20 to the school.

On his part, the Director of Dodoma City Council Godwin Kunambi said in the period of three years a total of 188 classrooms have been constructed for schools in the city to alleviate classrooms shortage.

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## Sustainable development plans a must in refugees camp zones

NORWAY has lately announced intention to disburse around 10bn/- in project aid for refugee camps zone to the northwest of the country. The money is to be used for implementation of various development projects around refugee camps. Norway has consistently been on the forefront of caring for the sustained upkeep and plausible managerial capacity of some forgotten spheres of development needs, out of the broader donor community. It greatly assisted in wildlife zones conservation, and is playing a key role in refugee zones development.

One reason why the international community, with clear exception of Norway and some other international agencies appears to have given up or forgotten about this zone is the time frame. Usually refugees are people who are temporarily displaced and after a definite time framework has elapsed, they are integrated where they live and become part of the wider development process. This has only been partially realized in the north-western zone, prolonging the problem.

Many among the 1972 extensive massacres in Burundi were absorbed in a gradual manner, while many others have trickled back to their home country. The situation with Rwanda originating refugees is rather different as their time scale is newer than the first wave of Burundi refugees, but much older than the more recent wave from the same country, as late as 2015. Many are trickling back, similarly.

One problem is that the status of the refugees has remained a personal issue for each of them, and many factors intermingle as they agonize about making decisions on their future. In countries enmeshed in civil war, finding one's original village and portion of land still remaining is virtually im-

possible. Returning is thus difficult.

One drawback about the policy environment surrounding refugees in the camps is that their relationship to land is still seen in an old fashioned manner, where they are supposed to go back to some home village.

Those who grew up in refugee camps have a lesser expectations of making such claims so they have to figure out if they go back to seek for occupations like petty trade in the home country of seek to integrate in the country of displacement.

Here they are confronted with being non-citizens, whereas it would greatly help if there was capital allocation to purchase idle portions of land and ease into the community. UN agencies can examine that aspect too.

In a sense it would help to make the surrounding communities more dynamic as resettling people purchasing idle land portions add capital in the community, and thus it is a win-win situation.

So far the government donor countries along with UN agencies have focused on the social and economic infrastructure in the zone, but without property movement taking place, no investment in the future can be made. The idea that refugees will simply be absorbed into their original villages is impractical, so they up being a pattern of living in dependency for too long, unfair for themselves and a burden to the wider environment. This can be tackled with greater plans, definitely.

Since we are already moving not just into the East African Common Market but into a more systematic Southern Africa Development Community (SADC) and the Continental African Free Trade Area (CAFTA) the issue of refugees should be integrated into this wider space. They should be formally assisted to resettle and the citizenship issue be deferred; it is easier to sort out if they are settled.

## With coronavirus further spreading, it makes sense shelving China trips

TOP officials of the World Health Organisation (WHO) meeting in Vienna recently had a heated debate on the extent to which the outbreak of the coronavirus in China - which has effectively isolated its Wuhan city epicenter - is a global crisis. They agreed that at the moment it isn't a crisis of global proportions but it is a crisis in China, in which case preventive measures are needed everywhere. Isolated cases had already been noticed in the United States and other places.

They also agreed that a lot of things are still not sufficiently known at the moment, for instance the precise anatomy of the virus and how it broke out among domestic animals and spread to humans. Nor have its precise symptoms and ranges of the symptoms like temperature of the potential patient been set out clearly especially for screening purposes in airport checkpoints. In short there are various lacunae in handy information about the manner of outbreak, needing that those who wish to travel to China hold back business for a while.

There is an effective 'quarantine' around the city of Wuhan where the virus outbreak occurred, but with people having mixed for a while to and from other places, such that a patient even descended from a plane from China in the United States, it can't be said what will be the manner of its spread.

No one knows if it will be rapidly contained or cause an avalanche of deaths before something is done to effectively stop its spread. For instance it is unclear if there are ready preventive drugs for such an outbreak, and whether we in Africa

have those stocks, or how much it would cost to order supplies, and how soon...

Put differently, it isn't a question of avoiding the city of Wuhan as even the regulatory authorities won't allow anyone in there until further notice but to look at the situation more broadly. It is the fact that minor outbreaks could be lying low in Chinese cities where those from Wuhan would have travelled with a minimal infection in place but not yet showing symptoms of the disease. That is an assessment that agencies like WHO will take time to make up the full scenario of the strength of initial wave of infections, before the Wuhan isolation was put in place. Fortunately as well the People's Republic of China has effective regulatory bodies, so the quarantine is likely to be as effective as it should be, but other cities are relatively unprepared.

Even within China, the urge to make everything appear normal and that there is little to worry about overcame the sense of precaution, which signals that all may not go well.

The Wuhan city authorities announced the series of controls on movement after facing criticism for going ahead with an annual public banquet for 40,000 families at the weekend, despite the fact that the virus had started to spread.

The mayor told state broadcaster CCTV that they didn't then fully understand how the virus was spread and the decision to go ahead was based on a judgment that the spread was limited. While he was right to say they were constantly learning more about the epidemic, we ought not join the queue of learning on coronavirus the hard way.

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## There is an immense lot for youth in Tanzania to do in the spirit of SDGs

By Correspondent Satyam Gupta

ROUNDABOUT 60.8 per cent of Tanzania's population is understood to be under the age of 19. This is to say that we are an amazingly young country.

If we take that segment of the population as standing at around 22, it means that we boast that big number of who are poised to grow and stand as the nation's workforce of tomorrow.

In a way, it is all a blessing in disguise, considering that this is happening at a time when many economically and technologically advanced countries around the world are aging.

The average age in Tanzania is 17 years. Isn't this to suggest that in the future it will be our opportunity to be the workforce of the world and make hefty profits from our endeavours?

The average age in Japan is 27, in China it is well past 40, in Europe it is 46, and in the US it is 40. I repeat: in Tanzania it is 17.

One only wishes this young blood of ours made the most of the fact that it is expected to be productive, dynamic and ready to work and transform the world - the precise role, say, China played in the last generation.

While many countries will be working with a serious deficit in terms of human capital, Tanzania will be a go-to "gold mine" for all manner of needs. For instance, it is estimated that the US will have a shortage of 17 million of working age.

We in Tanzania do have the people and the ability to equip them to take advantage of this, that is, to stand as the workforce even the world's economic giants would be forced into seeking.

If we get this right by properly or appropriately educating and training our young men and women, we will really transform not just our own economy and our society but the whole world.

However, if we get it wrong, the demographic dividend that I am talking about will translate into a demographic disaster. We will also be left with an unemployed, frustrated, undereducated youth vulnerable to becoming a prey to guns and bullets or, to put it differently, uneducated slaves of sorts.

This is where then 17 global Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) come in, particularly with respect to the need to focus on Quality Education as set out by



Satyam Prakash Gupta (R) in recent consultations in Dar es Salaam with the Salvation Army Public School head and contractor with regards to the library whose construction the student has set out to support. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

the United Nations.

These are a series of goals which range from zero poverty to peace and justice and which are expected to be achieved by 2030, and Tanzania's young men and women have the duty and responsibility of helping with efforts to ensure that they are achieved.

I am already playing my part. I have taken up a project to help in the construction of a library in a school for children with disabilities and to donate books. This, I must admit, was only possible with the assistance of friends who helped me execute this idea.

The school I have been working at was Dar es Salaam's Salvation Army Public School for children with various disabilities. This was my target audience since I have been working with this school for the past three years - purely as a community service.

I set out determined to learn about business management,

this followed by my passion of helping physically, mentally and otherwise challenged children.

I was also meanwhile working on the SDG directly related to the pursuit of quality education, this particularly by collecting money to invest in the building of a library for the Salvation Army Public School in Dar es Salaam. My inspiration for this product relates to a project I had heard about previously, where a student had donated sewing machines to housekeeping women to have them boost their family earnings. The reason behind gifting the sewing machines was that these were self-perpetuating assets, as it were.

This was an incredible idea since the cost of the sewing machine was given back to the student - as a refund - after the women group started making profit from their new business.

This idea sent me thinking about the importance of appreciating one's own social responsibility and how small economic

decisions can have such a big impact in society.

My research involved studying multiple stories, one being that of the donation of sewing machines - and all had a role in helping me get to the root of the impact small economic decisions can have in a community.

Although my project didn't involve any terribly hard tasks or any heavy investment in the form of injection of money investment, it ended up having a big impact on the social life of the students at the Salvation Army school.

I sincerely believe that in seeking to achieve the SDGs we don't have to have an abundance of financial and other resources as "start-up" or "seed" capital but, rather, of most importance is deciding to move in the right direction.

My story testifies to this. My investment in the Salvation Army school project was nothing intensive, for any investment I made was not even in the education of the students but rather in their motivation.

This slight motivation in children can grow into interest in fighting to help them to learn on their own free will, and this would trigger the same reaction in their peers. As this grows "catches on" to other people, they would no longer have to rely on donations or handouts but would learn how to learn themselves, independently, which was indeed my project's primary goal.

The moral I see here is that it is a lot better to teach someone how to learn rather than to teach them a particular subject.

• **Satyam Prakash Gupta is a student at the International School of Tanganyika in Dar es Salaam.**



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You are great at many things, that does not mean you should do all of it.

This is made possible by how powerful your mind is. I dare you to set your mind on one thing you want to this year. If you focus all your energy, it can only get away from you for too long. Remember the universe; the human laws created by God to ensure balance? They are all working for your good.

I am great at many things.

It took the #decade challenge for me to reflect on a couple of them. Take away every negative thing that social media has amplified and you have a source of enrichment. The #decade challenge had us give glory details of the past decade in the hope of inspiring someone else across the world. It is too late to think about privacy and what Amazon, Facebook and Google are doing with our information, so why stop cataloging our lives now? My inspiration for the decade was by renowned director Ava DuVernay who details what paced success looks like with a touch of unquestionable great talent.

When I look back at my 10 years I see a rambunctious young teen racing too fast for her own good and facing a serious case of identity crisis. At 17 years old she walks into a theatre (No America I will not spell it as Theater, how else do you get the flair?). At 17 years old she walks into the Phoenix Players Theatre



and try to convince a respectable director that she's the piece that is missing in his directorial career. She's the talent he has been waiting for. She fails miserably but that begins a beautiful journey of dancing through different media platforms. She misses a few steps and fall face flat but still managed to make it through the decade.

Will Smith has said in interviews that a lot of his motivation comes from the fear of losing everything he has achieved so far. Kevin Hart says the same thing in his latest Netflix Docuseries. I totally understand where that fear stems from. If you grew up in a world where everybody lived off the same script, it is no surprise that any level of success would trigger intense impostor syndrome.

Where I grew up, I sheltered an incon-

venience I embraced out of fear. Trauma was littered everywhere, so when I could get away, I hibernated. Being a loner also makes you the most trusted person in the hood. I was privy to so much and that kept me away from the streets, quite literally.

To date only a handful of us made it out. There is a complacency that comes with living in the hood. The sense of community, knowing how life is going to roll out and having just enough exposure to be cool but a string's budget to have sporadic fun.

With that chip on her shoulders it was easy to talk herself into being great at anything. She was a greenhorn actor so she worked

on becoming the best production assistant. Three years later of balancing school and a part time job at Phoenix Players Theatre, a cash crunch bit and her broke antennae went up. The next opportunity was an internship at a radio station, then a host, back to production assistant, an art director assistant, TV production and literally everything that happens on a TV set she can do. 2016 kicked in and the economy packed her bags in a huff. Budget cuts led to job loss and she was not spared. An ad agency job saved the day but before she could redo her house interior décor, the company shattered. One more try, okay a million little tries and she scored a radio job.

It has been as messy as that paragraph.

She loved all those jobs but she loved to survive too. Make it out of the hood. Pull her mother and cousins with her. Break these cycles and set up the next generation for success with a better chance at self actualization. Hard work is sold as the golden ticket. That has proven to not be entirely true owing to systemic classism and organizational corruption.

It will take a couple of posts to unpack the rot by the political class in this country.

Today, she focuses on what she can do to achieve greater success with available resources.

This part of the piece is credited to a friend who once called me in despair recently venting about how lost she felt. America moves too quickly it's easy to disappear in the crowd.

It was after a day of reflecting on the past decade that culminated in conversations with people who told her that her aspirations need

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to be 'adjusted'. She did not pack my bags and leave my mother's cooking for this.

She listens. Quietly but you can hear her process each word. When she speaks, I have a pen in hand because people say the best things on phone and I am trying to live with more intention.

I have had a decade of scattered opportunities and living flustered because I was working to not be broke, as opposed to gearing towards success. It's hard to be consistent while crash dieting through opportunities.

Here is how we achieve consistency.

Think with a pen in hand of everything you are good at and list them in the following categories;

What I am good at and have previously monetized

Skills that I am actively working on improving

Things I am passionate about; you could do them for free.

Tie this in with the milk, honey and wine concept. This I learned from one of my many former bosses. Here's my sample breakdown.

What I am good at and have previously monetized

TV & Radio hosting  
Production management  
Running my mother's business

Skills that I am actively working on improving

Honey New Media technologies  
Producing content  
Teaching  
Things I am passionate about

Wine  
Filmmaking  
Acting

Working with charity organizations especially children

I love tables, they make things so easy to understand. Milk is what you need for everyday living. Honey is what you are working on to add more value to your milk. Wine is what needs more time because you can only allocate a limited amount of time. It all leads up to great success spread over time. We are not limited to the nine boxes. There will be unplanned opportunities that will come your way and you will be ready as a result of your relentless consistency.

With a list it is easy to focus and hence be more consistent. I use the word hence a lot. Writing what you are good gives you much needed affirmation. It feels good to know your strengths and kick impostor syndrome out and may be economy can move back in.

It is going to take more than a table to get you consistent. Hopefully this pushes you to the first step of taking your success seriously.

# The council on higher education's review of doctoral qualifications: It's all about the nature of evidence

By Ken Harley

**E**VEN though the Council on Higher Education recruits independent academic experts for its doctoral review, there is a compelling need for the CHE to be accountable to an external authority rather than self-referentially to itself.

Concerns about the pending National Review of Doctoral Degrees were raised by me in a Daily Maverick Op-Ed ("The Council on Higher Education's review of PhD degrees reveals worrying trends"), published on 10 February 2020. With reference to the three CHE documents central to the review, this Op-Ed concludes that the doctoral review is on course for an outcome that is likely to undermine its own noble intentions of assuring and developing quality.

In a "Right of Reply" contribution, Professor Narend Bajjnath, CEO of the CHE, offers a point-by-point counter to my critique ("The Council on Higher Education's review of doctoral qualifications: It's the attributes that count", 13 February 2020). This response concludes by assuring the public that "the council is confident that the forthcoming national review will be of high academic quality". This claim rests mainly on the three key CHE national review documents having been "developed and endorsed, in the first instance, not by the CHE but by an independent group of academic experts".

So, following the CHE's response, should we no longer be concerned about the quality of the review documentation after all? The account that follows is based on two areas of major concern.

First, the purposefulness and usefulness of documents cannot be assured only by their respectable origins "in the first instance". We can know if review documentation is fit for purpose only by interrogating it from the perspective of institutions and peer reviewers whose judgements will be directed and framed by it.

From this perspective, the National Review Manual and the Institutional Self-Evaluation Report (SER) Template do not pass muster. It is the standard that underpins everything: it specifies the key concepts that constitute the essence of what a doctorate is. The function of the manual and the SER template is to enable and facilitate a review process based on the standard. This entails a responsibility to guide universities in respect of the nature of evidence re-



quired under the prescribed template headings.

Sadly, the manual and the SER template do not saddle themselves with this responsibility. They present the same headings as the standard. But by limiting their scope to the technicalities of formatting and review processes, the manual and the SER template offer no support to universities in their crucial task of packaging valid and meaningful representation of their doctorates - vis-à-vis the standard's concepts - into the prescribed, standardised format.

Review processes are meant to be evidence-based. In the doctoral review, universities are left to fall back on their own interpretations, perhaps even best-guesses, regarding the nature of

evidence required under the SER template headings.

In short, the manual and the SER template do a good job of supporting the CHE's bureaucratic line of reporting; they do a poor job of supporting the academic project.

Second, the CHE's "Right of Reply" contribution shows that its grasp of its own review documents is somewhat shaky.

These two uncomfortable judgements are made clearer in the two illustrative cases presented below. These cases represent the first and third of the four most important analytical sections in the SER template (the four are: Preamble and rationale; Purpose of the doctor-

ate; Graduate attributes; Context and conditions for supervision and assessment). Here we see how CHE suppositions can differ from perfectly reasonable possible interpretations universities may make when deciding on the nature of evidence required under respective SER template headings.

Case 1. "The Preamble and Rationale of the Qualification Standard for Doctoral Degrees"

The op-ed critique drew attention to a human capital orientation in the standard's "Preamble and rationale". In this regard, there seemed to be a link with the role of the National Research Foundation (NRF), the proposer of the national

review in the first place. From the manual, we know that the NRF needed assurance that the doctorate was an instrument fit for its own mandate for Human Capital Development (HCD).

In imputing a human capital orientation, the op-ed critique was certainly offering a judgement that is arguable. It's an interpretive judgement. However, in the absence of clarity from the manual and the SER template, it is a plausible interpretation. After all, most readers of the "Preamble and rationale", will probably find that it resonates more readily with the development of human capital than it does with the development of humankind as rational and moral beings in harmonious societies.

In its response, the CHE refutes a human capital orientation in the Qualification Standard. More importantly, it removes the ground for debate about whether there is, or whether there is not such an orientation: "This section of the standard is intentionally descriptive. It does not form part of the normative section of the standard."

Well, one could be forgiven for thinking it does. While we can't be too sure of what the CHE means by "normative" here, the "Preamble and rationale" is incontestably an integral component of the Qualification Standard. After its introduction, the standard proper begins thus:

"STANDARD FOR A DOCTORAL DEGREE

P R E A M B L E AND RATIONALE"

Consistent with this, the first part of the SER Template to which universities must respond, begins: "With reference to the Preamble and Rationale in the Qualification Standard for Doctoral Degrees, briefly (a) describe .... (b) explain ... (c) describe and evaluate ..." the institution's doctoral offerings.

The role of the NRF is also relevant to one's interpretation of the "Preamble and rationale". In its rebuttal of the op-ed, the CHE states that: "It is true that the NRF has a vested interest in the outcome, in

terms of its own mandate, that includes value for money. The NRF was adamant from the start that the primary focus should be on the quality and ultimate value of research production, not on any extraneous factor such as quantity of produce or orchestrated utility.

"Furthermore, the NRF left the development of the standard, manual and SER template entirely in the hands of the CHE."

This account is at odds with what the CHE told universities when advising them of the commencement of the national review in June 2019: "The necessary review instruments have been developed and approved with the support and close involvement of the National Research Foundation" (writer's emphasis).

If one accepts the latter account of the NRF's role, one will be more readily inclined to infer that the CHE expects doctorates to be mindful of Human Capital Development. Will writers of SERs feel that it would be strategically wise to foreground examples of doctoral studies that fall into the ambit of HCD - thereby endowing themselves with "quality"? We'll have to wait to find out.

Case 2. Graduate Attributes

The op-ed critique pointed out a disjunction between the standard and the SER template in respect of how institutions are expected to demonstrate compliance with the standard's specification of Graduate Attributes. The former specifies nine areas of knowledge and skills, each beginning with an achievement-based statement such as: "The graduate demonstrates ...", or, "shows evidence of ...". On the other hand, the SER template says: "Describe and evaluate how your institution prepares candidates to attain the graduate attributes..."

Outcomes are related to but analytically distinct from the means by which they are achieved.

In justifying its position, the CHE now writes: "It is correct that the former [the standard] focuses on what the graduate can do, and the latter [the SER template] on institutional policies and procedures for ensuring the attainment of the attributes. ... It was agreed that institutional policies and procedures would serve as proxy for the qual-

# Revisiting the corruption theory of a departed journalist

By Banji Ojewale

**A**N understanding of Jason's Law of Corruption... teaches that to tackle official and unofficial corruption and earn us an honourable place in the league of nations, we must halt the graft competition sparked by a government that runs an insular philosophy. We must have policies that accommodate every citizen in the spread of society's boon.

The decibel of an average Nigerian's public outcry (against government incompetence and corruption) is directly proportional to his distance from the opportunity to do exactly what he condemns. - Pini Jason Onyegbaduo (1948-2013), late Nigerian renowned newspaper columnist.

When one of Nigeria's most celebrated columnists, Pini Jason, died on Saturday, May 4, 2013, at 65, he was mourned as a writer who emblazoned our journalism with a rarity of language that surprised the reader with a simplicity of presentation. Pini Jason would pick a hot button issue. Turning it inside out, he would lay its entrails bare to reveal a promising feast. Then as you wondered where all this seemingly complex exposition of innards would take you, Pini Jason would build back the dismembered components into a new frame. He would have succeeded in giving you a delicacy, a diet of words, in just a couple of minutes.

This astonishing command of language wasn't the only strength of our illustrious columnist. He also possessed the ability to refrain from interpreting events of the day merely from his own point-of-view. That's to say, he wasn't afflicted with the plague that is the bane of most of us. We would attempt to force, by subtle means, our stand on others. Pini Jason wouldn't. He might guide you to arrive at your own independent position on any given matter, even if it flew off at a tangent. It was a strange form of reticence that enabled Pini Jason to undertake a shrewd, lifelong study of his country's problems. He wasn't afraid to declare his findings and



convictions, most of which were considered unpopular by those in power.

As such, if we hail the departed columnist for the power of his pen and intrepidity, we must salute him more for bequeathing to us a badly needed Law of Corruption to help us exorcise the imp threatening to destroy us, if we don't kill it.

He propounded it in 1988,

in his column in a now rested weekly magazine. Jason wrote: "The decibel of an average Nigerian's public outcry is directly proportional to his distance from the opportunity to do exactly what he condemns... The difference between many a vociferous, sanctimonious and pontificating Nigerian and the villainous, itchy-fingered kleptomaniac is probably the absence

of the opportunity to steal... In all probability, should the opportunity occur, yesterday's moral crusader is likely to crumble and disappear under the weight of corruption."

The main point of the Law is that all Nigerians in government are thieves; that those not in government are not better either; that they are only bidding their time, waiting to displace those in

power, so they can 'out-steal' them. It appears to be the sorry story of a sadist, a pessimist who sees nothing good about Nigeria and its government.

Twenty four years after the columnist gave his country the theory, he discovered nothing had changed under a civilian government. Therefore he came again in his Vanguard newspaper column of July 7, 2012. Under the title, "Corruption and Nigerian Hypocrisy," Pini Jason wrote: "... I have hinted at what I call the ambivalence of Nigerians about corruption. Indeed, what I mean is that we are all hypocrites about our concern over corruption. Otherwise how is it that very often those who are ostensibly in pursuit of transparency or those fighting corruption are invariably caught in the very act of corruption? What I see most times are people who are incensed that someone else is doing the stealing, and not them. Given half a chance, they out-steal the people they were criticizing yesterday."

It was a disliked proposition. It remains so. However, with graft, nepotism, cronyism and other variants of corruption on the rise to warrant a dismal outing for Nigeria in the just published Corruption Perception Index (CPI) issued by Transparency International (TI), there is an exigent need to draw on all fronts, popular or unorthodox, to rescue the country from its perennial nether ranking in the global log of probity. For their part, some concerned Nigerian journalists, Bisi Abidoye, Olugbenga Odulaja and a third compatriot, have in the recent past been drawing our attention to Pini Jason's Law on Corruption. They have retrieved the columnist and his theory from his grave to be part of the conversation on how to outlaw corruption. The social media is brimming with their messages.

We all must be interested in this conjecture from a man who held his own as an unflagging journalist and an uncompromising patriot till he breathed his last. His hypothesis addresses the sociology of corruption, albeit at an empirically verifiable plane.

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We must look beyond the declared gloom, beyond the dark clouds, beyond the dense mass, and step into the obliging goal of the Law. Its objective is to warn against the evil effect of our winner-takes-it-all politics. That's what leads to the embezzling craze. When the defeated are battered on Election Day, they don't pine away for long.

## Is that all we can see in Pini Jason's Law of Corruption?

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The next ballot will turn the tables for more fleecing of the nation by their camp, pushing us deeper into the endless binge of the political class and those associated with them. By a simple extrapolation of Pini Jason's assumption, you get the pith: As long as a sitting government lives only for its members and their families and hangers-on, all of whom are perceived to have exclusive and unrestricted access to the public treasury, there won't be a death blow to corruption.

Still more: The politicians and those in government stamp their image on the larger society, turning us into unpatriotic reprobates interested only in acquiring political power solely to loot and re-loot public funds. In the process, the state is unable to meet its statutory responsibilities to the people. Recent reports of the Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission and the National Bureau of Statistics have identified lawmakers and the executives of the centre and the states as "conduits for embezzling funds." This is money running into tens of billions of naira, meant for education,

health, potable water, agriculture, roads, railway, scientific research etc. Corruption, poverty and insecurity follow when we don't adequately meet these simple needs of our people.

An understanding of Jason's Law of Corruption therefore teaches that to tackle official and unofficial corruption and earn us an honourable place in the league of nations, we must halt the graft competition sparked by a government that runs an insular philosophy. We must have policies that accommodate every citizen in the spread of society's boon. When we are all close to the wealth of the nation and generously exposed to what will keep body and soul together, no one will complain or resort to corruption to make ends meet. Conversely, when we are placed far away from the scene of prosperity, "the decibel of our outcry" outmatches that of the loudest disco music.

Corruption is a form of dishonesty or criminal offense undertaken by a person or organisation entrusted with a position of authority, to acquire illicit benefit or abuse power for one's private gain. Corruption may include many activities including bribery and embezzlement, though it may also involve practices that are legal in many countries. Political corruption occurs when an office-holder or other governmental employee acts in an official capacity for personal gain. Corruption is most commonplace in kleptocracies, oligarchies, narco-states and mafia states.

Corruption can occur on different scales. Corruption ranges from small favours between a small number of people (petty corruption), to corruption that affects the government on a large scale (grand corruption), and corruption that is so prevalent that it is part of the everyday structure of society, including corruption as one of the symptoms of organized crime. Corruption and crime are endemic sociological occurrences which appear with regular frequency in virtually all countries on a global scale in varying degree and proportion. Individual nations each allocate domestic resources for the control and regulation of corruption and crime. Strategies to counter corruption are often summarized under the umbrella term anti-corruption.

Stephen D. Morris,[3] a professor of politics, wrote that political corruption is the illegitimate use of public power to benefit a private interest. Economist Ian Senior defined corruption as an action to (a) secretly provide (b) a good or a service to a third party (c) so that he or she can influence certain actions which (d) benefit the corrupt, a third party, or both (e) in which the corrupt agent has authority. World Bank economist Daniel Kaufmann, extended the concept to include "legal corruption" in which power is abused within the confines of the law—as those with power often have the ability to make laws for their protection. The effect of corruption in infrastructure is to increase costs and construction time, lower the quality and decrease the benefit.

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**Petty corruption**  
Petty corruption occurs at a smaller scale and takes place at the implementation end of public services when public officials meet the public. For example, in many small places such as registration offices, police stations, state licensing boards, and many other private and government sectors.

**Grand corruption**  
Grand corruption is defined as corruption occurring at the highest levels of government in a way that requires significant subversion of the political, legal and economic systems. Such corruption is commonly found in countries with authoritarian or dictatorial governments but also in those without adequate policing of corruption.

The government system in many countries is divided into the legislative, executive and judicial branches in an attempt to provide independent services that are less subject to grand corruption due to their independence from one another.



## SONGAS APPOINTS NEW MANAGING DIRECTOR

Songas - Tanzania's leading gas-to-power company - is pleased to announce the appointment of Anael Samuel as the new Managing Director of the company with immediate effect.

The Tanzanian national takes over from Nigel Whittaker who was recently appointed as the company's board Chairperson. Under his new role, Anael will lead the company to continue its excellent operational performance and availability and continue to work on its plans to invest over USD65 million (approximately TZS126 billion) to expand its generation capacity at the Songas Ubungo Power Plant from the current 180 MW to 245MW.

Anael joined Songas in April 2014 as Chief Financial Officer responsible for managing all financial planning, reporting and management of risk for the company. Prior to joining Songas, he held senior roles at Intra Energy Tanzania Limited, Tanga Cement and Unilever. Anael holds an MBA qualification from the University of Dar es Salaam. He is a Certified Public Accountant of Tanzania, Certified Information System Auditor and also holds a Bachelor's Degree in Computer Science and Mathematics from the University of Dar es Salaam.



Anael Samuel new Managing Director Songas

Commenting on the appointment, Songas Board Chairperson, Nigel Whittaker said: "As a long-term partner to Tanzania, Songas is committed to developing local talent by ensuring more Tanzanians assume leadership positions within the company and industry at large. Anael's expertise, demonstrated leadership skills and years of experience with the company makes him a perfect candidate for the top job. He will provide

seamless leadership to position Songas in playing an increased role to meet Tanzania's current and future energy demand and support the country's industrialisation."

Speaking on his new position, Anael said: "I look forward to progressing discussions regarding the company's expansion plans which will add 65MW to Songas capacity and the national grid. Songas will continue to support the Tanzanian Government to meet the anticipated power demand created by sustained economic growth."

The Chief Financial Officer role will be taken up by Sebastian Kastuli who has been appointed as the Chief Commercial and Financial Officer and has been a key member of the Songas team since 2012.

### About Songas:

Songas' is a leading gas-to-power company and consists of two different operating streams. Gas from the Songo Songo gas field is processed and then transported through a 225km pipeline to Songas Ubungo power plant in Dar es Salaam. Songas supplies nearly 20% (180 MW) of the country's electricity to the national electricity grid under a 20-year power purchase agreement and uses domestic natural gas.



## MKOMBOZI COMMERCIAL BANK PLC

### PUBLIC NOTICE

## APPOINTMENT OF THE MANAGING DIRECTOR

The Board of Directors of Mkombozi Commercial Bank PLC wishes to announce the appointment of **Mr. Respige Onesmo Kimati as the Managing Director of Mkombozi Commercial Bank PLC** with effect from **18th January 2020.**

Mr. Kimati brings aboard an extensive banking experience of 21 years covering various segments namely; Corporate, SME, Mortgage, Consumer/Retail, Public Sector and Branch Management. He joins the Bank from Ecobank Tanzania Ltd where he was serving as Head of Commercial Banking and Corporate Coverage. Prior to that he also worked for various local, regional and international banks and financial institutions in Tanzania, namely; NIC Bank Ltd, KCB Bank Ltd, Stanbic Bank Ltd, Standard Chartered Bank Ltd and Capital Finance Ltd/Tanzania Development Finance Co. Ltd.

Mr. Kimati possesses diverse skills-set and hands on experience in deal Structuring, Project Appraisal, Credit Analysis and Relationship Management. He has held Senior Managerial roles in the Banking Sector for the last 11 years consecutively. This career accomplishment places him at an advantage position to make significant strategic contribution in growing sustainable and profitable businesses in the financial sector.

Mr Kimati holds an MSc. Finance and a B.Com-Finance degrees from the Universities of Strathclyde and Dar es Salaam respectively.

**Professor Marcellina Mvula Chijorja**  
Board Chairperson.



Mr. Respige Onesmo Kimati

# Mkapa: African leaders should recognise human capital for development

By Guardian Reporter

FORMER President Benjamin Mkapa has called on African leaders to recognise human capital as one of Africa's greatest treasures and therefore pursue development accordingly.

Mkapa made the remarks when speaking to the 16 candidates of the CEO Apprenticeship Programme (CAP), an initiative being driven by the CEO Roundtable of Tanzania (CEOrt) and in partnership with Strathmore University Business School (SBS).

CAP is an initiative designed to train talented Tanzanians through mentorship and coaching sessions and prepare them to become future CEOs.

The former Tanzanian leader, who was the president of Tanzania from 1995 to 2005, said the future CEOs must have integrity of purpose and conduct.

He also urged the upcoming CEOs to demonstrate three key leadership aspects in order to strive for excellence in their purpose and goals as leaders.

"My mentor was Mwalimu Nyerere. He selected me from civil service and coached me into politics by making me Editor of the party's newspaper, and then promoted me as a press secretary then ambassador and later foreign minister," he said.

Former President also shared with the candidates about his leadership journey including the sometimes tough decisions he had to make for



Former President Benjamin Mkapa speaks during a CEO Apprenticeship Programme (CAP) masterclass on ethical leadership in Dar es Salaam at the weekend. Left is CEO Roundtable of Tanzania (CEOrt) chairman Sanjay Rughani. CAP, which CEOrt launched last year in partnership with the Nairobi-based Strathmore Business School, is designed to develop future leaders through mentorship, coaching and a series of one-on-one sessions. The programme is meant to unlock individual leadership potential and deepen knowledge of corporate leadership. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

himself, his family and the nation at large.

"In leadership, it is imperative to

identify the right people to work with and make sure you know them thoroughly. Also learn to acknowledge

## No compromise on observance of standards, Singida producers told

By Correspondent Felix Andrew

PRODUCERS in Singida region have been urged to understand that the issue of standards is mandatory hence required to certify their goods in order to protect consumers so as access reliable markets.

This was said over the weekend by the Singida Regional Commissioner, Dr Rehema Nchimbi, when opening awareness training for producers. The training which attracted food producers, sunflower processors and cosmetics traders was organized by the Tanzania Bureau of Standards.

Dr Nchimbi said the issue of standards of goods must be adhered to the production chain in order to protect a consumer and avoid the effects that might appear due to failure in doing so.

"The Tanzania Bureau of Standards (TBS) is there for producers,

they have to adhere to production requirement, the organization is a bridge between you and market hence you have to adhere to the regulations," she insisted.

She said human life depend on food hence it is more important to adhere to safety, since substandard goods costs health of consumers and most of diseases are a result of poor food preparation so you have to be more faithful during production.

Dr Nchimbi said TBS is not an enemy, producers have to give it more cooperation so that to access markets of their goods in local and foreign markets.

She urged management of the organization to see how they can talk with entrepreneurs so as to ensure they understand what have been delivered in the trainings.

"This training should be a gauge in order to understand whether they have received it or not," she said.

For his part the TBS Training and

Research Manager, Hamis Sudi, said would continue providing education to Tanzanians the main objective is to build a collective understanding on issues regarding standards and quality of locally manufactured goods or imported from abroad.

He said the organization understands the roles played by entrepreneurs in building the Growth Domestic Product and employment creation, hence they have sustainable process to educate the society on issues related to standards.

According to him, in Singida, the organization has reached around 221 entrepreneurs in Iramba, Manyoni and Singida districts.

The training has involved districts executives including Business Officers, Community Development and Officials from the Small Industries Development Organisation (SIDO)

Similar awareness training will be conducted in Kondoa and Kongwa districts which is part of such initiatives in central corridor.

## Sudan's minister underscores need for joint investments on the Nile

KHARTOUM

WITHOUT joint planning and investment, Nile Basin countries miss out on opportunities of development, which benefit the Nile people, say Sudan's Minister of Foreign Affairs.

Speaking during the Regional Nile Day 2020 celebrations in Khartoum, Sudan, Guest of Honour, Asma Mohamed Abdalla, said: "The event's theme 'Joint Investments on the Nile for Regional Transformation' is one of the key elements that needs to be in place in order to achieve sustainable development goal number six on 'clean water and sanitation'."

She called upon development partners and the private sector to support the Nile Basin Initiative in its efforts to realise regional investments.

The Executive Director of the Nile Basin Initiative Secretariat, Prof Seifeldin Hamad Abdalla, noted that the key objective of the event is to highlight some of the achievements on the investments, with emphasis on the need to accelerate implementation of the NBI-prepared investment projects. The various projects worth more than USD 6.5 billion are key to supporting Member States in their quest to meet the growing demand for water, food and energy.

Among other things, the annual Nile Day event provides an opportunity for the various stakeholders to celebrate the achievements of Nile Basin Initiative as well as the various cultures in the Nile Basin, in terms of cultural dance and traditional cuisine.



Asma Mohamed Abdalla, Sudan's Minister of Foreign Affairs

The Nile Basin Initiative is a regional intergovernmental partnership of ten Nile Basin countries, namely; Burundi, DR Congo, Egypt, Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda, South Sudan, The Sudan, Tanzania, and Uganda.

It was established on February 22, 1999 by Ministers in charge of Water Affairs in the Nile Basin countries. NBI is the only basin-wide institution mandated to facilitate the cooperative development and management of the shared Nile Basin water resources on behalf of the 10-Member States, for win-win benefits and to promote regional peace and security.

The setup of NBI is comprised of the headquarters - NBI Secretariat (Nile-SEC) based in Entebbe, Uganda and

two Subsidiary Action Programmes Offices leveraging unique sub-basin potentials and mitigating unique sub-basin risks. These are the Eastern Nile Technical Regional Office (ENTRO) based in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia for the Eastern Nile sub-basin and the Nile Equatorial Lakes Subsidiary Action Programme Coordination Unit (NEL-SAP-CU) based in Kigali, Rwanda for the Nile Equatorial Lakes sub-basin.

NBI's programmes and projects are guided by its 10-Year Strategy (2017 - 2027), which outlines six goals, namely, water security, energy security, food security, environmental sustainability, climate change adaptation, and strengthening transboundary water governance.

those who have served in leadership and seek to understand the qualities that have made them stand out.

"Finally, it is necessary to revisit decisions you have made or decisions made by your superiors in order to make corrections or improvements where necessary in order to achieve your goals" he said.

Having recently launched his book; "My Life, My Purpose: A Tanzanian President Remembers", CEOrt Executive Director Santina Majengo Benson said they invited the former President to be a special guest speaker for the CAP cohort so that they may gain insights as part of his leadership journey and vision for Tanzania's development.

She added that the CEO Apprenticeship Programme participants learned a lot from the engagement with Former Presi-

dent Mkapa as they continue to develop their leadership skills towards becoming future CEOs and in order to contribute meaningfully to Tanzania's sustainable social-economic growth.

"As a patron of the African leadership Forum (ALF), which is recognized as Africa's dedicated space for open and frank discussion about the challenges facing Africa, former President Mkapa continues to contribute to both current and aspiring leaders in the Pan African community," she said.

She said upon completion of the 12-month programme, participants will have acquired the right blend of skills, thus enhancing their leadership capabilities. "Throughout the course of the programme, CAP participants have the opportunity to spend an evening each month with a visionary leader

as part of the group-based mentorship sessions. The objective is for the CEO to share his or her leadership journey, experience and lessons learned," she said.

She said that CAP aims to identify CEOs in waiting and through capacity building and knowledge transfer, equip them with the necessary skills to lead.

"With their wealth of knowledge and expertise these upcoming CEOs can make a significant impact towards developing the next generation of Tanzanian leaders," she said.

One of the programme participants, Mr. Stanley Kafu, Marketing Director - Exim Bank highlights that his key take away from the leadership lessons shared by Rtd. President Mkapa is, "Define your vision, build your environment - get the right team, give credence to your goals, adapt as needed and leave a legacy you can be proud of."



### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

#### ORGANIZATIONAL BACKGROUND:

CARE is a leading humanitarian organization dedicated to fighting poverty and social injustice with a special emphasis on women and girls. CARE Tanzania is part of CARE International, whose vision is to seek a world of hope, tolerance, and social justice, where poverty has been overcome and people live in dignity and security. CARE International is a global force and a partner of choice within a worldwide movement dedicated to ending poverty. We are known everywhere for our unshakable commitment to the dignity of people. CARE Tanzania and partners contribute to the empowerment of the most marginalized and vulnerable rural women and girls to exercise their rights.

CARE Tanzania seeks to recruit self-motivated, result driven, dynamic, suitably qualified, competent and dedicated Tanzanian to fill a vacant position of Program Director who will demonstrate results in decreasing poverty and social injustices through quality program implementation and development.

#### JOB SUMMARY

The Program Director (PD) is senior leadership position responsible for ensuring that CARE's programs in Tanzania contribute to CARE's vision, CARE Tanzania's Wezesha strategy and Multiplying Impact Framework. The PD is expected to provide strategic leadership in the areas of program development, implementation, monitoring and evaluation and ensure that CARE's programs/projects make a significant contribution to reducing poverty and social injustice. S/he must possess exceptional political acumen, diplomacy and negotiating skills to succeed in Tanzania's complex operating and political environment. The PD is responsible for overseeing the implementation and refinement of program strategies based on the Wezesha strategy. The program portfolio includes development projects and initiatives within the Wezesha strategy focused on land rights, climate action, agriculture market systems, financial inclusion and economic empowerment with a focus on women and girls. CARE's multiplying impact framework focusses on providing evidence based solutions for an equitable and inclusive national economic transformation in line with the government 2025 vision.

S/he manages a team of professionals focused on the design, funding, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of programs and projects (including emergency programs) that effectively address the underlying causes of poverty in line with CARE's Programming Principles. S/he must also ensure that systems and people are in place for the proper management of those projects and programs. This position supervises senior program staff and thus there is a strong importance attached to performance management and critical oversight of key support functions, creating and fostering a culture and environment for growth and mentoring. The PD is a key member of the Country Office Management Team as such, is responsible for co-leading and supporting CO initiatives. Together with the Country Director (CD), s/he is responsible for developing and maintaining good working relationships with relevant government institutions at central and decentralized levels, with donors and other partners. The PD will assist the CD in maintaining and leveraging on the acquired leading position among the NGO community to promote CARE Mandate, Mission and Values.

The position will be based in Dar es Salaam and report directly to the Country Director

#### Key Responsibilities:

- Program Management
- People Management
- Program Quality and Program Development.
- Monitoring and Evaluation for impact measures and knowledge management, reflective practice and forward learning

- External Relationship and Partnerships
- Promote Gender Equality and Protection against Sexual Harassment, exploitation and abuse (PSHEA)

#### REQUIRED EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE:

**EDUCATION:**  
At least Master's Degree in relevant field such as international development, management, social science

#### EXPERIENCE

Required:

- Ten (10) years successful experience in a similar position with INGOs.
- Seven (7) years in senior management and leadership position in a country office setting
- Equivalent combination of education and work experience;
- Strong leadership, interpersonal and representational skills and very good negotiation skills
- Proven success in program development and fundraising;
- Sound experience in program support systems
- Demonstrated leadership and management skills in a very complex political setting; extensive conceptual skills including strategic analysis and understanding of development and relief program design and evaluation, and active engagement in operationalizing a right based approach
- Experience in managing insitutional partnerships with national and international NGOs and donors.
- Experience with design and implementation of partnership and/or organizational development strategies and organizational strengthening with partner organizations.
- Ability and interest to coach and develop staff.
- Experience in programming relevant to CARE Tanzania's strategy, such land rights, climate action, agriculture market systems, financial inclusion and economic empowerment with a focus on women and girls.
- Excellent program development experience and demonstrated experience with a range of international donors.
- Excellent English writing and communication skills
- Strong conceptual and analytical skills
- Fluency in Kiswahili
- Financial and organizational development skills;

Only a letter of application and updated CV including names of at least 3 reputable referees from previous jobs (preferable line Managers) with reliable contacts should be sent by email to [HumanResourcesDepartment@care.org](mailto:HumanResourcesDepartment@care.org) by CoB, 5th March 2020 at 1700hrs. Only shortlisted applicants will be contacted.

CARE is an equal opportunity employer promoting gender, equity and diversity. Qualified Female candidates are strongly encouraged to apply. Our selection process reflects our commitment to the protection of children and vulnerable adults from abuse.



OUTSTANDING

## Mkapa refers NMB privatisation as a game changer

By Guardian Reporter, Mwanza

PRIVATIZATION of NMB Bank Plc over a decade ago by the state has completely changed the face of the country's banking industry with the Tier 1 bank playing a leading role in economic growth and development.

Retired President Benjamin Mkapa whose administration presided over the divestiture of National Bank of Commerce which split into two to form National Microfinance Bank in 1999, said NMB has over the years emerged as one of the strongest financial institutions in the market.

Speaking at a panel to introduce his book dubbed, 'My Life, My Purpose,' to Lake Zone residents in Mwanza city over the weekend, Mkapa who headed the third phase government, argued that his staunch decision to relieve taxpayers the burden of subsidizing loss

making parastatals, has paid off as testified by NMB.

"I am happy to see that since then, NMB has registered steady growth and widened its focus include serving the common man, SMEs and large corporations, basically catering for the needs of all banking services," he said.

He said the decision to privatize NBC which created NMB started in 1997 amidst resistance by some quarters but today he is happy that his bold action has given positive results after his government sold 49 percent of its shares to a consortium of strategic investors led by Rabobank Group in 2005.

Mkapa further pointed out that he was irked by unfair criticisms targeted at his administration by anti-privatization advocates saying the move was a must in order to save the tax payers

money from subsidizing poorly managed parastatals which were in serious financial troubles.

"One thing that disappoints me when someone criticises our privatizing of NBC is that they do not acknowledge how indebted it was then, in fact it reached a point where it was getting subsidy from the Treasury to keep operating;

that is not what government revenues is meant for," a paragraph in his book reads.

In welcoming remarks, NMB's acting Managing Director, Ruth Zaipuna congratulated the former head of state for writing the book saying it also gives the story of NMB as testimony of successful privatisation as championed by Mkapa's administration.

Zaipuna said for the past 22 years since privatization of NMB, a lot has been accomplished including payment of over 1.2trn/- to support Small and Medium size Enterprises (SMEs) as well 2.2trn/- in loans to individuals.

On supporting farmers, the NMB chief disclosed that this year, the bank targets to open more than 300,000 accounts

(at no cost) to smallholder farmers as a way of boosting financial inclusion and ensuring that the group is paid through reliable banking systems.

She also said the Dar es Salaam based lender has maintained close collaboration with the government's electronic payment system with over 590 government institu-

tions being integrated hence facilitating collection of revenue amounting to over 2.1trn/- through NMB per annum.

"We have maintained good working relations with Treasury by investing in digital revenue collection systems and NMB was in fact the first financial institution to be integrated in Government electronic Payment Gateway," she added.



NMB Bank Plc managing director, Ruth Zaipuna delivers an address during the introduction of "My Life, My Purpose", memoirs by former President Benjamin Mkapa (3rd R) at a ceremony held in Mwanza city at the weekend. Photo courtesy of NMB.



Foreign arrivals queue to pay for their visas on arrival at Abeid Amani Karume International Airport in Zanzibar. File photo.

IMPRESSIVE

## CRDB's digitisation of visa fees at Karume Airport posting record 25.3bn/- annually

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

DIGITISATION of visa processing fees at Abeid Amani Karume International Airport in Zanzibar has increased revenue collection to record levels unprecedented in the history of the Spice Islands in the past five years.

CRDB Bank Plc's managing director Abdulmajid Nsekela told a gathering of Zanzibar senior government officials who included cabinet minister and their deputies, house of representative members and senior bureaucrats that visa fee collection increased

from US\$400,000 (over 922.5m/-) in the past five years to US\$1 million (over 25.3bn/-) last year.

"We have been working with Zanzibar government to improve revenue collection at Karume International Airport for the past five years or so which has shown very good results," Nsekela said while luring Isles state officials to borrow a leaf from department of immigration to see how they can exploit the bank's expertise in boosting revenue collection.

He said CRDB was contracted to digitize the AAKIA visa processing fees because the manual

system at the time was inefficient and prone to abuse. "We are here to take our partnership with the Zanzibar government to the next level which include assisting government in revenue collection but also financing development projects," the CRDB chief added.

Zanzibar Association of Tour Operators Chairman, Hassan Ali Mzee commended CRDB for digitizing the visa processing fee system at AAKIA saying Zato members had lobbied for such a move for many years while state officials were slow to accept.

"We need change of attitude

here and consider tourism as a commercial business so that Zanzibar can leap big. The digitization of visa processing fees which we had advocated for since 2013 is just one example, but there are many areas where we can employ CRDB's expertise," Mzee said while stressing that Zato has made a number of suggestions to boost tourism revenue through commercialisation but state officials are slow to respond and approve.

In his inaugural address of the meeting, Speaker of House of Representatives, Zuberi Ali Maulid

said the Isles government is ready to work with CRDB in boosting state revenue but also finance major infrastructure projects such as construction of a new international airport at Nungwi, expansion of Zanzibar port and other similar projects.

"Instead of looking outside for financing of such projects, let's use local banks like CRDB which are in fact our own banks because Zanzibar Social Security Fund is a shareholder of this bank," Maulid said while pointing out that, "The Isles government is ready to do business with banks like CRDB."

SUBSTITUTION

## Gold company defers Sh1bn worth of loans on obtaining licences

NAIROBI

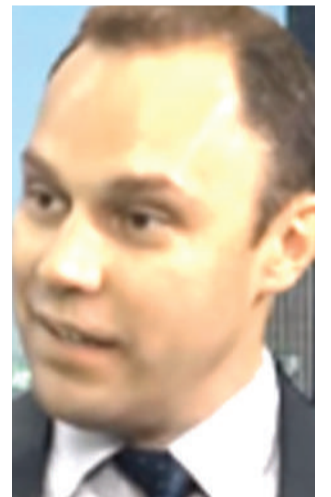
Guernsey-incorporated Shanta Gold is deferring payment of nearly Sh1 billion worth of loans to gain financial flexibility as it prepares to buy seven prospecting licences in western Kenya from Toronto-based Barrick Gold Corporation in a Sh1.4 billion deal.

Barrick will take \$7 million (Sh700 million) in cash and a 6.4 percent stake or 54.6 million shares of Shanta valued at \$7.5 million (Sh753 million). Shanta says the transaction, which is expected to be completed mid this year, will trigger cash outflows that will interfere with its earlier plans to repay \$9.78 million (Sh987 million) worth of convertible loans on April 10, 2020.

The multinational says investors holding 77.14 percent of the debt securities by value have agreed to extend their maturity date by one year. The restructuring needs the approval of investors controlling an aggregate of at least 75 percent of the debt value.

"Management and the board took the decision to defer the repayment of convertible loan notes in order to maximise financial flexibility ahead of making the payment to Barrick for the West Kenya acquisition announced last week," Shanta's CEO Eric Zurrin said in a statement issued yesterday.

"Today's announced convertibles restructuring allows Shanta the option to repay the loan note holders earlier than twelve months, if we so choose." The acquisition of the Kenyan gold assets is expected to increase the multinational's capital



Shanta Gold's CEO Eric Zurrin.

expenditure in the short term, necessitating the extension of the debt maturity.

Besides the cash to be paid to Barrick, Shanta also plans to invest \$24 million (Sh2.4 billion) in staffing and gold exploration costs in Kenya over three years. "What we expect (to spend) is likely to be \$8 million (Sh800 million) each year for three years," Mr Zurrin said in a recent analyst call.

Shanta has also agreed to pay Barrick a royalty rate at a rate of two percent, based on actual gold production in the future. The multinational said that additional work to delineate the size of the orebody, progress an updated mineral resource estimate and proceed to a construction decision could take up to three years.

Shanta will acquire gold prospecting licences covering a 1,161 square kilometre area straddling Kakamega, Kisumu, Siaya and Vihiga counties. The area has deposits estimated at 1.1 million ounces with a current market value of Sh186 billion.

CRISIS

## Dos Santos says seized assets block her from repaying debt

LUANDA

Angolan billionaire former first daughter Isabel dos Santos said on Thursday that her companies in Portugal, where prosecutors seized her bank ac-

counts last week, still owed local banks €180 million (\$194m) after repaying the bulk of the loans.

"The inexplicable and unfounded arrest of my personal and company accounts in Portugal is

preventing account activity in various banks, with a serious risk of destroying value for all stakeholders," dos Santos said in a statement sent to Reuters news agency.

Dos Santos, reputedly Af-

rica's richest woman, said in a statement on Thursday that "we will continue to do everything to meet our obligations with the financial partners," as well as with the workers and the state.

Dos Santos's assets in An-

gola were seized late last year over allegations that she steered \$1bn to companies where she and her husband held stakes. Portugal's prosecutor followed suit on February 11, freezing her personal accounts and

those of the firms she directly owns in the country.

She said that Portuguese banks loaned the European-registered firms she controls around 571 million euros (\$617m) over the past few years. Her companies

repaid 391 million euros (\$422m) "without ever missing a payment," she said, leaving 180 million euros (\$194m) to reimburse.

She also said that, unlike in Angola, the asset freeze in Portugal prevented her

from paying salaries and taxes at her own firms, which include venture capital and private equity firm Fidequity and smaller companies handling her investment in the country.

LUCRATIVE

# Tanzanian farmers urged to go for organic rosella wanted in Europe

By Francis Kajubi, Morogoro

FARMERS in the country have been urged to venture into organic rosella cultivation because the commodity has a huge market in European where annual demand is estimated at 100,000 metric tons.

Founder and Chief Executive Officer of Sustainable Agriculture Tanzania (SAT), Jane Maro said here over the weekend that SAT which is an organic agriculture research institute based at Mvomero in Morogoro, is working with farmers on organic farming adoption.

Maro told a group of visiting journalist how the institute is working with smallholder farmers in promoting sustainable organic agriculture in the country which includes rosella farming.

"I call upon farmers es-

pecially those who have opted to switch to organic agriculture to invest in rosella farming as the commodity's demand is growing on yearly basis. Currently, 50 grams of rosella is sold at 4 euros (over 12,000/-) in Europe. The European market demand unprocessed rosella so farmers can just concentrate on quality and packaging," she added.

The SAT CEO further stated that organic farmers can explore market share of the crop which is at high demand in European countries such as Switzerland, Sweden, Germany and the United Kingdom.

According to her, rosella demand is also growing in the local market where by 50 grams of the processed commodity fetches between 1,200/- and 1,300/-. Maro said

that SAT grows rosella at its five acre farm every year since 2017 which is supplied to the local market.



**We received a special order last month from Switzerland whereby buyers demanded 5,000 cartons of 50 grams each and we are in the process of packaging...**

"We received a special order last month from Switzerland whereby buyers demanded 5,000 cartons of 50 grams each and we are in the process of packaging the product to be exported early next

month," she noted saying rosella at its farm in Dodoma and in Mvomero.

On his part, Frank Maro who is Program Manager with SAT, said rosella can be grown even in semi-arid areas whereby one acre can yield up to 1,000 cartons of 50 grams each.

Maro said SAT has been harvesting rosella for the past three seasons consecutively without planting new stems thanks to application of organic agriculture techniques.

"We are considering into expanding rosella cultivation with a few more acres later this year because of the huge potential it has," Maro said.

He asserted that the farm covers an area of 600 acres and has employed 25 workers alongside 50 temporary workers.



Janet Maro, Founder and CEO of Sustainable Agriculture Tanzania shows journalists a rosella farm at Vianzi farm in Mvomero over the weekend. Photo: Francis Kajubi.



Tan Choice meat factory workers welcome a guest at a past event. File photo.

PROGRESS

## Soga based modern meat factory to commence operation in April

By Guardian Reporter

A modern meat processing factory worth US\$15 million (over 34.5bn/-) will start operations at Soga in Coast Region in April this year.

The Tan Choice Tanzania plant which is an Export Processing Zones Authority (EPZA) project will have capacity to slaughter and process 1,000 herds of cattle and 4,500 goats and sheep per day using high tech equipment. It is expected to create over 500 jobs both directly and indirectly once it starts operating.

"We are currently finalizing some logistics for the project to kick start," said Dr Bonaventure Mtei, Tan Choice Project Coordinator, Dr Bonaventure Mtei when briefing Industry and Trade

Permanent Secretary, Professor Riziki Shemdoe during his visit to the area over the weekend.

Dr Mtei commended government efforts to make the project successful by identifying and addressing all the bottlenecks. "Since the meat factory targets the export markets of European Union and United Arab Emirates, the meat products need to meet international standards. This is important because it gives assurance to consumers and guarantee reliable markets to livestock keepers locally," he added.

Speaking after the tour, Prof Shemdoe said the meat processing plant is one of the huge investments in the livestock sector that will have a multiplying effect in the economy. "The government is keen to support all investors

implementing such huge projects with spill over impacts that will contribute to building a strong industrial economy," he said.

"I commend the Tan Choice investor for such a huge project that supports President John Magufuli's quest to build an industrial economy. The project will strategically help the livestock sector graduate and address the challenges of commercializing it," Prof Shemdoe added.

The meat processing facility will thus boost the livestock sector's contribution to gross domestic product from the currently 7.4 percent to double digits as well as the sector's annual growth which is significantly low at only 2.6 percent.

Tanzania has one of the largest livestock populations in Africa

with 13.5 million heads of cattle, 5.5 million goats, 3.6 million sheep, 0.4 million pigs and 23.2 million chickens, according to statistics by the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries.

The EPZA Director General Col (ret) Joseph Simbakalia said the meat processing plant will create and assure reliable markets for smallholder livestock keepers in the country. "The factory capacity presents immense opportunities to benefit the whole value chain from smallholder livestock farmers, transporters, suppliers," he said.

Furthermore, the strategic location of the factory will attract many people to invest in facilities and services to cater for employees of the plant.

COLLABORATION

## TCCIA, SWEACC organise EA forum due for mid-March

By Correspondent Zuwen

Shame

Tanzania Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture (TCCIA) in collaboration with Swedish-East African Chamber of Commerce (SWEACC) have organized East African Business and Investment Forum 2020 to be held the country next month.

The forum will be held mid March in Dar es Salaam where more than 50 delegates from Sweden will participate with the theme "Green solutions in cities." Briefing journalists in Dar es Salaam on Friday, TCCIA president Paul Koyi said this year's forum is focusing on three main areas, namely: waste to energy, water and sanitation as well as green transport.

Koyi said that the aim of this EAC-BIF is to promote successful investments and trade opportunities in green and sustainable based technologies with products from Swedish companies for better livelihood of Tanzanians.

He pointed out that the forum will also give an opportunities for business to business (B2B), government to government meetings because it will involve

ambassadors from East African Community countries who represent their countries in Sweden.

The TCCIA president further added that green solutions in cities is an area of great importance worldwide, not the least in the EAC countries where a fast urbanization population is demanding efficient solutions to cover implications on health, security and environment.

Koyi said that EAC offers a market of close for Swedish green economy goods and services including renewable energy, waste management and waste to energy, water purifications and sustainable urban planning hence welcome to the market.

"Sweden is ahead of us in terms of technology. They take waste as asset and because they know how to transform it into energy. They have a strong business sector capable of offering not only financially sustainable solutions but also capacity building within waste area," the TCCIA president noted.

He added, "As you know we are currently facing many challenges in the waste and carbon omission management hence this forum will

help us learn from them through their technologies."

On the issue of green transport, Koyi said that "In order to build an economy, you must have a great infrastructure and part of it is transport which has to be sustainable. In most countries in East Africa large cities, are working in new ways for commuters to use sustainable solutions," he pointed out.

He said that the SWEACC together with EAC embassies accredited to the Nordics representing Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda and South Sudan will be in attendance.

On his part, a facilitation specialist, Dr Julianne Gomera from the Prime Minister's Macroeconomics, Investment and Trade, said the forum is an important platform for local business people to seize opportunities relating to new technologies for sustainable development to benefit majority Tanzanians. Gomera said that local consumers need solutions for clean water, waste management and green transport hence urged the private sector to attend the forum so that they get solutions for such challenges.

CONTROVERSY

## Swissport allegedly had no grounding licence at time of SAA tender bid

JOHANNESBURG

The commission of inquiry into state capture heard on Friday that Swissport SA allegedly did not have a grounding licence at the time of its submission for a tender at SAA.

The tender in question indicated a critical criterion where the bidder must have a valid Airports Company South Africa (ACSA) licence to qualify.

"What we saw was the Swis-

sport SA at the time that the tender closed, they did not have a licence from ACSA to provide services. The closing date was July 1, 2008," Polani Sokombela, a business executive at the Auditor-General South Africa (AGSA), told the commission.

"[In addition], upon my team inspecting an email from an official from ACSA dated June 4, 2008 - it was noted that at the time of submission of Swissport SA's bid, they were not in posses-

sion of a grounding licence," he added. According to Sokombela, a letter - dated July 14, 2018, from the Swissport president that was addressed to SAA - indicated it had been awarded the third ramp - effective from September 1, 2008 - for a period of five years.

The commission is continuing with aviation-related evidence by zooming into the AGSA audit report that delves into the role private firms played when they were conducting a joint audit of SAA

as well as what the AGSA found following the five years of audit work, from 2012 to 2016, during which the entity was given clean audits.

The AGSA took over the SAA audit in the 2016/17 financial year after the entity had received consecutive clean audits for five years from private firms Price-waterhouseCoopers (PwC) and Nkonki. According to Sokombela, a third bidder - Menzies Aviation - felt disadvantaged in the bidding

process due to the other bidders who were already doing groundwork for SAA.

As a result, they applied for an extension on June 30, 2018, which was subsequently denied by the airline. "SAA did not grant that extension and that ended up with Menzies taking SAA to court. On December 4, 2009, the High Court ruled in favour of Menzies. "The tender process was set aside as it was found to be unconstitutional and unlawful," Sokombela

said. Despite the High Court ruling, the AGSA found the airline awarded the contract. "So, they just disregarded a court order?" the chairperson of the commission, Deputy Chief Justice Raymond Zondo, asked. "That is what appears here," Sokombela responded.

This tender was one of the "transactions" the AGSA included when it was evaluating risk assessment at the airline. "We identified this tender as we [needed]

to ensure that we test it. There was a lot of media attention on it, and challenges reflected there. It formed part of our specific selection.

"One of the concerns with the tender is that it took four years between the closing date of the award and the date that it was awarded by the board of directors [to be awarded]. Why would a tender take so long to be awarded?" Sokombela said. The inquiry continues.

# OPTIMISM IMF sees V-shaped virus impact on China with 'moderate' fall out for global economy

**RIYADH**  
The outbreak of the coronavirus is likely to force a sharp drop in the Chinese economy, which will make its recovery equally rapid and help in keeping the overall impact on global growth at a moderate level, the International Monetary Fund managing director Kristalina Georgieva said.  
There is no definitive data to make an accurate projection and the IMF is working with a scenario and "not with a precise number," she said in Riyadh where G20 finance and central bank governors are meeting. The IMF also recognises other scenarios, where the impact of the outbreak could be significantly more, she noted.

"The most likely scenario is a V-shaped impact of the virus, in which a very abrupt, significant drop in China will be followed by very rapid recovery and the impact on the rest of the world growth will be moderate," she said. The quicker the spread of the epidemic is contained the softer the impact will be on the global economy, she also said in a blog post on the IMF website on Tuesday.  
The deadly coronavirus has so far claimed more than 2,200 lives and infected more than 75,500 people on mainland China alone. The Chinese economy grew at the slowest pace in three decades last year on the back of a trade



International Monetary Fund managing director Kristalina Georgieva says in the best-case scenario, the economic hit from the epidemic in China will be short-lived, but it comes as the global economy remains fragile.

war with the US. The economy is expected to slow further this year as the infection outbreak paralysed factories and disrupted global supply chains.  
The number of deaths by the latest strain of the coronavirus have surpassed those from the SARS in 2002-03. Sars killed 774 people and infected almost 8,100 people in 26 countries over eight months, according to the World Health Organisation. Ms Georgieva cautioned against comparing the new virus, Covid-19, with the Sars epidemic in 2002, China only represented 8 per cent of the global economy at the time of SARS, while it accounts for about 19 per cent of

global GDP now.  
"What we know is that it is an epidemic that is a different from SARS from 2002. The Chinese economy is different from what it was then ... and we also unfortunately know that today growth is much more fragile than it was in 2002," she said. "Those who are comparing it with SARS are taking us to a rosier place."  
There are still many unknowns about the new strain of the coronavirus. It remains to be seen how extensively the epidemic will grow beyond China or how quickly it will be contained and as it is being contained, to what extent will it impact the world economy.  
"The broader message

from the virus is that we do live in a shock-prone world and, therefore, we have to get accustomed to more uncertainty," she said. Ms Georgieva called for a synchronised policy response to minimise the impact of the virus and said although the monetary policy space is limited it is not zero.  
The world, she said, last year sunk into a synchronised slowdown as 90 per cent of the world economy "slowed in sync". The central banks acted in sync as well and 49 of them globally cut their interest rates to boost growth, she noted. "A number of countries have fiscal space to act ... and China is among these countries," she said.

## CONFRONTATION US, India at odds over trade as Trump heads for encounter with Modi

**WASHINGTON**  
Trump administration officials on Friday acknowledged that U.S. President Donald Trump's visit to India next week will not result in even a limited trade deal, saying they still have major concerns over India's trade barriers.  
Hopes that the world's two largest democracies could negotiate a "confidence building" deal in time for Trump's arrival Monday on a two-day visit have faded in recent days as differences over agriculture, medical devices, digital trade and proposed new tariffs fester, according to business groups.

proposal announced new import tariffs on medical devices, walnuts, toys, electronics and other products in a move aimed at reducing imports from China but affecting many U.S. firms.  
The new tariffs surprised U.S. negotiators, especially as they were working with Indian counterparts to reduce the impact of India's price controls on U.S. medical devices such as cardiac stents and knee implants.  
"We will be discussing those concerns and what we see an increase in barriers not a decrease. This will certainly come up among the leaders," the U.S. official said. The official did not completely rule out any trade related announcements during the trip, but said this was "really wholly dependent on what the Indians are prepared to do."

U.S. concerns that led last year to the suspension of India's tariff free access for some \$5.6 billion in exports under the 1970s-era Generalized System of Preferences still remain, a senior Trump administration official told reporters on a conference call.

U.S. Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer, who has been leading the trade discussions, will not be among the U.S. delegation accompanying Trump, the official said. Earlier this month, Lighthizer cancelled a trip to India to work out a package, even as India made some new proposals to improve U.S. dairy and poultry access.

"We do want to make sure that we get this balance right. We want to address a lot of concerns and we're not quite there yet," the official said, adding that Trump will likely discuss these concerns with Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi.  
Trade talks will continue, but new Indian tariff proposals aimed at strengthening the country's "Make in India" domestic manufacturing push have made them more difficult, the official said. Apart from growing protectionism, the Trump visit comes against the backdrop of India's multibillion-dollar purchase of a Russian missile shield system, which added friction to its ties with Washington.

U.S. Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross is joining the trip, which will include announcements of commercial transactions in the energy and defence sectors, the officials said. The United States is India's second-largest trade partner after China, and bilateral goods and services trade climbed to a record \$142.6 billion in 2018. The United States had a \$23.2 billion goods trade deficit in 2019 with India, its 9th largest trading partner in goods.

India in its Feb. 1 budget



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BSF soldiers ride their camels past hoardings with the images of India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi, U.S. President Donald Trump and first lady Melania Trump, as they take part in a rehearsal for a road show ahead of Trump's visit, in Ahmedabad.

## WORLD

## Broad-based support powers Sanders to big win in Nevada Democratic vote

LAS VEGAS

BROAD-BASED support across age, racial and ideological groups propelled Bernie Sanders to a dominant victory in Nevada's Democratic caucuses, tightening his grip on the front-runner spot in the race to find a challenger to President Donald Trump.

Joe Biden, the former vice president, appeared headed to a badly needed second-place finish in Nevada after poor showings earlier this month in the first two nominating contests in the Democratic presidential race ahead of the Nov. 3 election.

Sanders' triumph on Saturday in the first racially diverse state in the campaign suggested he was reaching a broader coalition of Democratic voters with his unapologetic message of social and economic justice, including his signature pledge to provide universal healthcare for all Americans.

For Biden and other moderates who argue Sanders is too liberal to beat Trump and who have been trying to blunt his momentum, however, the

Nevada results made the job much harder.

"We have put together a multi-generational, multiracial coalition that is going to not only win in Nevada, it's going to sweep the country," Sanders, a U.S. senator from Vermont and self-described democratic socialist, told cheering supporters in San Antonio, Texas.

With 50% of the precincts reporting, Sanders had 47% of the county convention delegates in Nevada. Biden was a distant second to Sanders with 19%, but ahead of former Mayor Pete Buttigieg of South Bend, Indiana, in third with 15%.

"The press is ready to declare people dead quickly, but we're alive and we're coming back and we're gonna win," Biden told supporters in Las Vegas on Saturday night.

Senator Elizabeth Warren, who had been looking to jump-start her campaign after poor finishes in Iowa and New Hampshire, trailed in a disappointing fourth with 10% in Nevada.

Senator Amy Klobuchar and activist billionaire Tom Steyer were well back at 5% and 4%, respectively.

Buttigieg cautioned Democrats about nominating Sanders, portraying him as an ideologue who would divide the country and lose to Trump.

"We can prioritize either ideological purity or inclusive victory. We can either call people names online or we can call them into our movement. We can either tighten a narrow and hardcore base or open the tent to a new, broad, big-hearted American coalition," Buttigieg told supporters in Las Vegas.

## BROADENING RACE

The race now begins to broaden across the country, with the next primary on Saturday in South Carolina, followed closely by the Super Tuesday contests in 14 states on March 3 that pick more than one-third of the pledged delegates who will help select a Democratic nominee.

Biden, the No. 2 to former President Barack Obama, is counting on a strong showing in South Carolina, which has a large bloc of black voters. In Nevada, entrance polls showed Biden led among African Americans with 36%, followed by Sanders with 27%.



Bernie Sanders

The Super Tuesday states will be the first nominating contests for former New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg, who has not been competing in the four early voting states but had been rising in opinion polls.

"The Nevada results reinforce the reality that this fragmented field is putting Bernie Sanders on pace to amass an insurmountable delegate lead," Bloomberg campaign manager Kevin Sheekey said in a statement.

Voters poured into more than 250 caucus sites around Nevada, where Sanders was aided by strong support from the six in 10 voters who said they backed a government-run Medicare for All, the Edison entrance poll showed.

The entrance poll showed Sanders led in Nevada across all age groups except for those older than 65. Around 54% of Latino voters said they backed him, while 24% of college-educated white women and 34% of those who have a union member in their families supported him.

He also won with college graduates, and was the top pick of voters who consider themselves independents. He also was favored over Biden among voters whose top priority is defeating Trump in the November election.

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## Turkey yet to fulfill Sochi agreements on Syria - Kremlin

MOSCOW

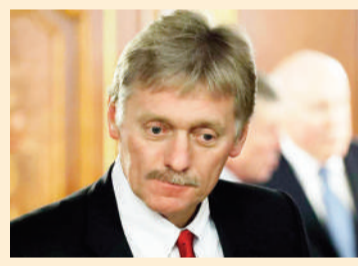
ANKARA has not yet fulfilled the terms of the Syria accords that were reached more than a year ago in Sochi, Russian Presidential spokesman Dmitry Peskov said in an interview with Rossiya-1 TV channel.

"In this case, we can clearly say that the conditions of the Sochi accords that stated that Turkey would have to ensure demarcation, withdrawal of heavy weapons and so on, which were signed by the

two presidents more than a year ago, have not yet been fulfilled," he said.

"Very dangerous samples of military equipment fall into their hands [terrorists in Idlib]. And all this, unfortunately, does not contribute to the normalization of the situation," Peskov (pictured) said.

The situation in Idlib deteriorated dramatically after the Russian and Turkish taskforces had made another attempt to enforce a ceasefire. Terrorists only intensified their attacks instead, killing Russian and



Turkish military specialists. The Syrian government army took retaliatory actions against extremists and gained control of the city of Saraqib near Idlib on February 5.

In the morning of February 11,

the Turkey-backed Syrian opposition launched mass-scale attacks on the Syrian government army on two fronts - the town of Saraqib and the community of Nayrab situated to the north of Saraqib in Idlib.

The opposition's offensive was carried out with the fire support from the Turkish artillery. Jabhat al-Nusra (a terrorist organization outlawed in Russia) militants took an active part in the fighting. Syrian forces repelled these attacks, while militants suffered heavy losses, with lots of those killed and

wounded.

On September 17, 2018, Russian President Vladimir Putin and Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan at their meeting in Sochi agreed to create a 15-20 kilometer-wide demilitarized zone along the line of contact in the Idlib province by October 15, 2018.

However, at the time Ankara asked to have extra time and to postpone the start of joint patrolling in Idlib due to the inability to guarantee security on their part.

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## AU health ministers meet over precautions against COVID-19

ADDIS ABABA

AFRICAN ministers of health met on Saturday at the African Union (AU) Headquarters in Ethiopia's capital Addis Ababa to discuss a continental strategy for preparedness and response to COVID-19 outbreak.

The meeting of health ministers of AU member states is expected to discuss and agree on a continental strategy to better prepare and respond to any new cases of the virus on the continent.

The Africa Center for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC) of AU last week told a press conference that enhanced efforts are underway to prepare for any possible outbreak of COVID-19.

As one of the major steps, AU has established continental taskforce on COVID-19 to enable Africa to be prepared for and capable of responding to the disease if any

outbreak occurs.

Officially opening the meeting, Moussa Faki Mahamat, Chairperson of the AU Commission, said his commission has been taking various measures and engaging member states to learn and assess their preparedness for the outbreak.

Reiterating the good partnership forged between Africa and China, the Chairperson has reaffirmed AU's solidarity and support to China in this trial situation. "We have set up a taskforce in Africa to coordinate the preparation through the continent.

This taskforce is led by representatives of member states in five priority areas; surveillance, infection prevention and control in the health establishments clinical management of people affected by this disease COVID-19; communication on the crisis, commitment as well diagnosis and the subtype



Moussa Faki Mahamat, Chairperson of the AU Commission

of laboratory," he has stated.

Stating that China has always supported Africa in time of epidemic outbreak, the Chairperson commend such moves of China to support African countries in time of difficulty. "In the face of this terrible trial which affects China...

The 36th ordinary session of the Executive Council of the African Union has supported the efforts of the People's Republic of China

through vote of support; and I personally in my opening statement at the summit expressed my feeling of solidarity with the Chinese people...

The Council also thanked the Chinese government for its support to Africa in the fight against all sorts of epidemic on the continent," he said.

The AU health ministers meeting also shares knowledge and information about experimental drugs, vaccines and clinical trials currently being undertaken for the control of the coronavirus disease.

The ministers are expected to discuss and agree on a common approach to receiving African students and citizens seeking to return from China. In his video address to the meeting, the WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom, welcomed the decline in new cases in China.

## US's allegations about Russia's spreading misinformation about coronavirus seen as fake

MOSCOW

The United States' allegations about Russia's indulging in misinformation campaign concerning the novel coronavirus origin are a deliberate fake, Russian Foreign Ministry Spokeswoman Maria Zakharova told TASS on Saturday.



"It is a deliberate fake," she said, commenting on media reports that the US Department of State thinks that Russia is behind proliferation of misinformation about the coronavirus outbreak.

France Presse said earlier on Saturday citing unnamed US Department of State officials that US diplomats had been tasked to offset a misinformation campaign allegedly unleashed in Twitter, Facebook and Instagram social networks.

The agency's sources claimed that corresponding posts appear on accounts of users "linked with Russia."

Commenting on these reports, US Acting Assistant Secretary of State Philip Reeker claimed that some "Russian malign actors" were allegedly behind the misinformation campaign fueling coronavirus fears and threatening "public safety by distracting from the global health response."

A pneumonia outbreak caused by the COVID-19 virus (previously known as 2019-nCoV) was reported in China's city of Wuhan, a large trade and industrial center with a population of 12 million, in late December.

The World Health Organization (WHO) declared the coronavirus outbreak in China a global health emergency, characterizing it as an epidemic with multiple foci.

Cases of the new coronavirus have also been reported from 27 other countries, including Russia. According to the latest update, the number of confirmed cases of the disease has exceeded 76,200, with 2,345 people killed by this coronavirus. More than 20,000 have recovered.

## Prince Harry and his wife will stop using 'Sussex Royal' brand

LONDON

BRITAIN'S Prince Harry and his wife Meghan have decided not to use the word "royal" in their branding after they start a new life in Canada following their decision to step back from royal duties.



The decision follows weeks of talks between the couple and the British royal family about how they will present themselves to the world in the future.

The couple agreed last month with Harry's grandmother, Queen Elizabeth, that they would no longer work as royals after their surprise announcement that they wanted to carve out a "progressive new role" which they hope to finance themselves.

"It has been agreed that their non-profit organisation, when it is announced this Spring, will not be named Sussex Royal Foundation," a spokeswoman for the couple said.

"The Duke and Duchess of Sussex do not intend to use 'SussexRoyal' in any territory post Spring 2020."

As things stand, Harry and Meghan use the brand extensively. The couple's Instagram account, which has 11.2 million followers, uses the name SussexRoyal, as does a website set up by the couple which they used to declare they were seeking to be more independent. These will now have to be rebranded.

They also applied to trademark the phrases Sussex Royal and Sussex Royal Foundation for use on books, stationery, clothing such as pyjamas and socks, charity campaigns and the provision of training, sport and social care.

The trademark applications that were filed have been removed, the spokeswoman said.

The future role of the couple has been subject of intense public scrutiny in Britain. There has been much debate about the extent to which the couple should be able to commercialise the royal brand while living independently, at least partly abroad.

Earlier this week, Prince Harry and Meghan announced they will formally step down from their roles as working members of the royal family at the end of March.

Harry has spoken of his sadness at being forced to give up his royal duties, saying there was no other option if he and Meghan, an American actress, were to seek an independent future away from stifling media intrusion.

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THERE is a saying that faults are thick where love is thin. This proverb holds fully true when it comes to the treatment by the West, especially the US, of China.

The US government and US media seem to lie in wait for an opportunity to tarnish the image of China. The US deals with China affairs as if the largest economy of the world is suffering from some sort of pending-replacement anxiety.

No matter what happens in China, the West leaves no stone unturned to mislead the world as it spreads negative, twisted falsehoods.

The West has already proven its vindictive and anxious mentality with a large-scale propaganda war against China. Western media constantly wages smear campaigns against the China-proposed Belt and Road Initia-

## Why the West is overreacting to coronavirus

tive (BRI), Xinjiang and Tibet, two of China's autonomous regions.

From the very inception of the outbreak of the novel coronavirus pneumonia (NCP) in Wuhan, Central China's Hubei Province, the West - the so-called saviors of humanity and guardians of human rights - has shown its ugliest face to the world.

They have acted out of their old habits as they demean China and its people. But China has taken swift, effective and successful measures to curb the outbreak of NCP.

The Chinese government has spared no efforts in this regard, including quarantining cities and constructing a 1,000-bed hospital in just 10 days.

China has stopped at nothing in

its attempt to prevent the further spreading of the virus and safeguard the world from the contagion. China's comprehensive and rigorous prevention and control measures have helped the world make necessary preparations to prevent and control the spread of the epidemic.

People around the world have sent messages of encouragement to the Chinese people in support of their fight against NCP.

The leaders of different countries and international organizations have also expressed condolences, sympathy, and solidarity to the Chinese leadership and people in their unprecedented battle against the epidemic.

The World Health Organization

(WHO) said China deserves the international community's gratitude and respect for having taken very serious measures to contain the NCP, which have prevented widespread export of cases overseas.

The speed that China detected the outbreak, isolated the virus, sequenced the genome and shared it with WHO and the world are very impressive, so is China's commitment to transparency and support of other countries and regions.

In many ways, China is setting a new standard for outbreak response. China's efforts to combat the disease deserve respect and appreciation, and are worth learning. These efforts not only reflect China's high sense of

responsibility for the lives and health of its own people, but also its strong support for global disease prevention and control. The WHO also believes that China will effectively contain and eventually defeat the epidemic.

But the West and its media remain unhappy with China's measures to fight the epidemic.

They are fishing in troubled waters and overreacting to NCP. The US has raised its China travel advisory to the highest level and temporarily banned the entry of all foreigners who traveled to China in the past 14 days starting from February 2. Several other Western countries have followed the suit.

The Western media have been running news of the epidemic as if the

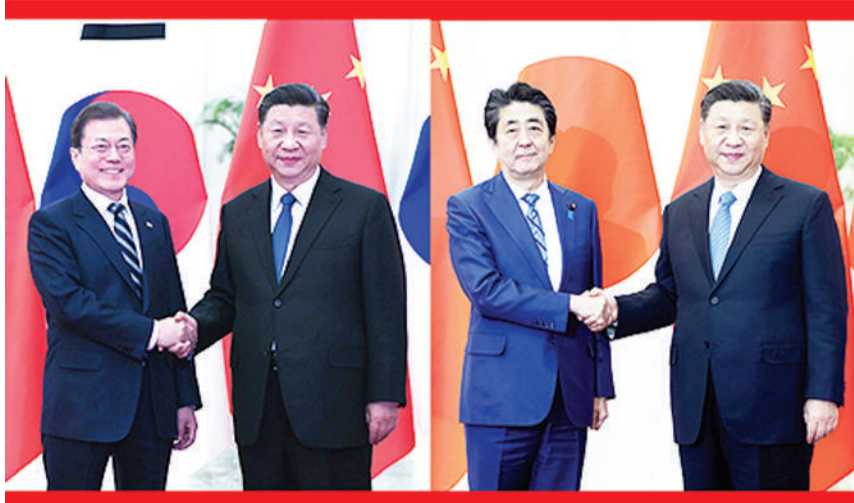
Chinese and China-made products are themselves the virus. Some of them are trying to establish that the coronavirus is made in China.

The West is doing its utmost to create panic in China and to demonize Chinese people. They would like to hamper trade and business in China, thereby isolating the second-largest economy from the rest of the world.

Though the West has been overreacting to the coronavirus outbreak, they have remained silent about just how deadly common influenza is in the US. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, leading national public health institute of the US, estimates that so far there have been at least 22 million flu illnesses, 210,000 hospitalizations and 12,000 deaths from flu during the 2019-20 season.

People's Daily





Chinese President Xi Jinping meets South Korean President Moon Jae-in and Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe respectively at the Great Hall of the People. (File photo)

## China, S. Korea and Japan deepen ties amid epidemic

SOUTH Korea and Japan have both shown great support for China amid the ongoing novel coronavirus pneumonia outbreak, which many Chinese citizens hailed as a sign of the deepening friendship of the three East Asian countries.

The government of Seoul, capital of South Korea, said on Tuesday, February 11, it would donate medical supplies and equipment worth around 3.5 million yuan (\$506,000) to dozens of Chinese cities including Beijing, to help China combat the pneumonia epidemic.

Yonhap News Agency reported that medical supplies to China include 1,000 protective outfits, 500 pairs of medical goggles, and 30 thermal imaging cameras, and the country's Korea Federation of SMEs (small and medium-sized enterprise) also participated in the donation.

A batch of materials are expected to leave Incheon International Airport and arrive in Seoul's Chinese sister cities, including Beijing and some other cities in Northeast China's Heilongjiang, Jilin and Liaoning provinces, on Wednesday, it reported.

Seoul mayor Park Won-soon also extended his gratitude toward Beijing's previous assistance of special assistance teams to Seoul during the MERS outbreak, and wished China a rapid easing of the current difficulties.

Additionally, the Korean Embassy displayed a banner which read, "China's difficulties are also ours." The embassy wrote in a post on China's Twitter-like platform Sina Weibo, in-

cluding a picture of the banner that read "South Korean Embassy is with you," with the hashtag "because we are family."

Japan also showed sincerity amid the outbreak.

Lawmakers of the Japanese ruling party, the Liberal Democratic Party of Japan (LDP), would each donate around 320 yuan to China, Toshihiro Nikai, the party secretary general told the media on Monday, February 10.

Japan is ready to mobilize the whole country and provide all assistance possible to China in combating the novel coronavirus pneumonia outbreak, heavyweights of the ruling camp, including Toshihiro Nikai, said on Friday.

A friend in need is a friend indeed, said Nikai, adding that the Japanese side is ready to spare no effort to provide all possible assistance to China and work with China to combat the epidemic.

Japan has collected 120,000 sets of protective outfits and will send them to medical institutions in Hubei, Zhejiang and Guangdong provinces as well as other places as soon as possible, Nikai said.

The epidemic has proved who are true friends, and China will remember, Chinese netizens said.

"Come to Harbin [capital of Heilongjiang Province] and the local cuisine will be my treat, dear friend," wrote one Weibo user, welcoming friends from Japan and South Korea.

Global Times

## 43 people killed in Zambia gassing cases

LUSAKA

ZAMBIA police said Saturday 43 people have been killed following attacks of people's homes and public institutions with gas.

Zambia has been gripped by incidents of unknown people spraying gases in people's homes, a move that has forced members of the public to kill anyone suspected of being behind the gassing. In an update, Police Inspector General Kakoma Kanganja

further revealed that 511 reports connected to the spraying of unknown chemicals in people's homes have been recorded while 16 people, especially on the Copperbelt province, have been arrested in connection with the spraying of chemicals of which some have started appearing in court.

The police chief said an investigation team comprising various stakeholders has been constituted to conduct investigations and that great progress has been recorded.

A conclusive outcome of the investigations will be availed to the public when investigations are concluded, he added.

He expressed optimism that instances of mob justice the country has been gripped with will be brought under control following investigations done so far.

According to him, the security situation in some parts of the country where there was public disorder has improved although there were still security concerns in some parts of the country.

## Stage all set in India for Trump's visit

NEW DELHI

THE stage is all set in India for the two-day visit of U.S. President Donald Trump on Feb. 24-25.

The 36-hour visit is Trump's first to India as the U.S. president. He visited the South Asian country as a businessman before.

Trump's Air Force One airplane is expected to touch down at the airport in Ahmedabad, a city in western coastal state of Gujarat, before noon today, and he will depart back to Washington the tomorrow evening.

The highlights of Trump's visit are the massive road show to welcome him in Ahmedabad which will culminate in a huge reception by nearly 100,000 Indians, the sunset visit to the world heritage site the "Taj Mahal," and his high-level deliberations and industry meetings in Delhi tomorrow.

The visit assumes significance even as it comes in the election year in the United States.

Zorwar Daulet Singh, Adjunct Fellow at the Delhi-based Institute of Chinese Studies (ICS), said that with the U.S. entering a new election cycle, it is unlikely any major outcomes will be possible on trade or regional security issues. "where differences on market access and Afghanistan are still very much on the minds of policymakers."

Though Trump has categorically mentioned that a trade deal was not possible, but anticipation remains high in India ahead of his visit.

Considering what has appeared in the Indian media over the past few days in the run-up to the visit, focus remains on trade, defence and Afghanistan. U.S. Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer, who has been negotiating with Indian Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal, is not a part of Trump's delegation, but U.S. Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross would be in New Delhi.

It is anticipated that the Generalised System of Preferences (GSP), a reduced tariff system which has been withdrawn by the United States from India, would be among the subjects to be discussed on the table.

A number of agreements and MoUs, including on counter-terrorism, intellectual property rights, space and medical cooperation, are also likely to be exchanged during Trump's visit, official sources said.

But what has attracted media's attention is a 500-meter wall that has been erected along the route from Ahmedabad Airport to the Stadium to apparently to hide thousands of slums, thereby evoking public criticism. Local government officials claimed that the wall was built for "security reasons."

According to the U.S. experts, defence deals up to 3 billion U.S. dollars are likely to be announced after the delegation-level and one-to-one talks between Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Trump conclude tomorrow.

The United States remains India's second biggest trade partner after China, and has also grown as a big defence partner in the recent past.

The Modi cabinet has already cleared a 2.4-billion-U.S. dollar deal for buying 24 military helicopters from the U.S. firm Lockheed Martin.

Xinhua

## South Sudan leaders in show of unity as unity govt formed

JUBA

SOUTH Sudan leaders vowed to unite the country as the new transitional unity government was formed on Saturday.

President Salva Kiir and First Vice-President Riek Machar called on South Sudanese to forgive one another and join efforts to unite the country and rebuild the war-torn country ravaged by more than six years of conflict.

"This [swearing-in] action signifies the official end of the war and we can now declare a new dawn in South Sudan. Peace has come to stay, not to be shaken ever again in this nation," Kiir said after the swearing-in ceremony of four vice-presidents administered by the Chief Justice, Chan Reech Madut in Juba.

Machar was sworn in as the First Vice President along with Taban Deng Gai, James Wani Igga and Rebecca Nyandeng De Mabior as vice-presidents.

"I do hereby swear that I shall be faithful and bear diligence to the Republic of South Sudan," Machar said in his oath in a ceremony which was attended by representatives from the international community.

One slot of vice president from the South Sudan Opposition Alliance and cabinet members of the unity government are yet to be announced due to differences within the group.

Kiir said the formation of the transitional unity government means that peace has come to South Sudan and is "irreversible".

"I want to reiterate here that, I have forgiven my brother, Dr. Riek Machar. I also ask for his forgiveness and I want to ask all South Sudanese people to forgive each other and reconcile," said the president.

He appealed to Nuer and Dinka, the two major rival ethnic communities who have been fighting for many years, to forgive and reconcile with one another.

"I also appeal to the people of Equatoria especially those who have experienced much of the devastation to forgive and reconcile. I want no more bloodshed in South Sudan, and I hope I speak for all of my deputies," Kiir said.

The newly formed transitional unity government, which is expected to run for three years under the revitalized peace deal, will now have to embark on reforms to pave the way for general elections.

In his remarks, Machar expressed his determination to work with Kiir



Former rebel leader of South Sudan Riek Machar, second right, is sworn in as First Vice President of South Sudan on Saturday, in Juba. (AFP)

and other peace partners to ensure full implementation of the peace deal.

"I want to assure you that we will work collectively to end your suffering. I reiterate my commitment to work closely with President Kiir to implement the agreement in letter and spirit," said Machar.

He exuded confidence that the formation of the revitalized transitional government will create a new momentum and a new spirit of commitment and cooperation in the implementation process of the agreement in order to avoid the delays experienced during the pre-transitional period.

"I would like to reiterate my commitment and the commitment of the SPLM/A-IO to work closely with the peace partners and particularly President Kiir Mayardit to implement the agreement in letter and spirit," he added.

The two leaders had agreed to resolve outstanding issues including security arrangements after the formation of the unity government.

Other outstanding issues include the process of integrating tens of thousands of former rival forces into a united army.

Nhial Tit Mamer, a researcher and director of environmental natural resources program at Sudd Institute, a Juba-based think-tank, said neither Riek Machar, a leader of Sudan People's Liberation Movement-In Opposition (SPLM-IO) nor President Salva Kiir has won, but the settlement came as a result of compromise.

"The formation of the new unity government without further exten-

sion can be treated as a compromise agreement because there is no side that has won," Mamer told Xinhua.

He said although President Kiir's side would still control significant power, the opposition also gained from new appointments in the unity government.

"The president was the one appointing vice presidents and ministers, but the fact that being a compromise the other parties have also the power to be consulted and the president has to listen to them on national affairs," Mamer said.

Under the 2018 revitalized peace deal which was signed in Ethiopia, the government and opposition groups are tasked with establishing a unified national army to avoid a repeat of the violence that destroyed the 2015 peace agreement.

Saturday was the third deadline for the formation of the unity government, which was agreed upon in a peace deal brokered in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, following talks between the two rivals groups.

The parties failed to form the unity government in May last year, prompting an extension until Nov.12, which also passed without progress, and they later on agreed to the Feb. 22, 2020 deadline.

South Sudan descended into conflict in December 2013, after President Salva Kiir sacked his deputy Riek Machar leading to fighting between soldiers loyal to the respective leader.

A peace agreement signed in 2015 collapsed following renewed violence in July 2016 which forced Machar to flee the capital.

Xinhua

## US, Taliban to sign agreement on Feb 29

KABUL/WASHINGTON / PESHAWAR

THE United States and the Taliban will sign an agreement on Feb 29 at the end of a week long period of violence reduction in Afghanistan, US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo and the Taliban said on Friday.

Afghan, international and Taliban forces will observe the reduced violence period beginning at midnight (1930 GMT), an Afghan official and Taliban leaders said earlier.

"Following lengthy negotiations between the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan and the United States of America, both parties agreed to sign the finalised accord in the presence of international observers," a Taliban spokesman said in a statement. Both sides would also make arrangements for the release of prisoners, spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid said.

Separately, Pompeo said in a statement that the United States and the Taliban have been engaged in talks to facilitate a political settlement in Afghanistan and to reduce the US presence in the region.

The agreement will be signed upon the successful implementation of an understanding with the Taliban on a significant and nationwide reduction in violence, Pompeo added. The agreement could represent a chance for peace in the country after years of war and a US troop presence that dates back to 2001.

US and Taliban negotiators have been meeting in Doha since 2018 even though fighting has raged in Afghanistan and thousands of civilians and combatants have been killed as the insurgents have expanded their territorial control.

Agencies

# Let shared responsibility light up human history

WHEN the international society is working in a spirit of solidarity and cooperation to fight the novel coronavirus, it is also finding ways to enhance global cooperation on public health in the long run.

On Feb 11 and 12, the World Health Organization (WHO) held a global research and innovation forum to mobilize international action in response to the novel coronavirus emergency, aiming at achieving development of vaccines, therapeutics and diagnostics as early as possible.

The Munich Security Conference to be held soon will also hold a side-event where WHO officials are expected to have discussions on the epidemic.

In the face of the Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC), to improve and enhance global governance as a way

to guarantee and increase common interests of the world is a responsibility and task shared by all members of the international society.

The epidemic tests the governance system and capability of not only one single country, but that of the world as a whole. All the PHEICs in the recent years called for the spirit of cooperation and joint efforts.

The novel coronavirus epidemic once again reminded the world that in the era of globalization, unilateralism and protectionism are not in line with the common interests of the globe, and selfish practices that disregard the interests of others are not able to guarantee safety. Only solidarity, cooperation and concerted efforts are the correct choice to protect the interests of all parties to the fullest and maximize common interests.

The world is a community with a shared future for mankind. It is a value that should be followed by all countries. Since the onset of the novel coronavirus pneumonia, China has launched a people's war of epidemic prevention and control to protect people's lives and health. All Chinese people have been working unitedly in the nationwide combat. The active, efficient, open and transparent measures taken by the Chinese government have also made huge contribution to safeguarding global and regional public health security.

In the epidemic, what China demonstrates is not only its institutional advantage of mobilizing resources for major undertakings, but also its pursuit of the common interests of the entire human being.

The WHO noted that China's efforts to contain the virus at the

source and stop the spread of it have earned valuable time for other countries to prevent and control the epidemic. "We would have seen many more cases outside China by now if it were not for the government's efforts," said WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus.

Leaders of many countries and heads of international organizations also expressed support and sympathy for China, which carries their recognition and praise for China's pursuit, as they believe the country has brought hope and confidence to the final victory over the epidemic.

To conform to the general trend of building a community with a shared future for mankind and take responsible actions for the world is what most countries have practiced since the outbreak of the

novel coronavirus. Dozens of countries have donated money and medical materials to China, and voiced support for the country and Wuhan, the worst-hit city. They made a sound of justice for China to resist the discrimination and stigma, and also dispelled rumors when misinformation spread.

Such warm practices have displayed the pursuit for the common interests of human beings, and created positive energy to build a community with a shared future for mankind.

"The only way we will defeat the 2019 novel coronavirus outbreak is for all countries to work together in a spirit of solidarity and cooperation." This advice from Tedros, a top medical scientist of the world, has encouraged many countries and people to take concrete actions. It is

believed that the world will surely be proud of such spirit when countries celebrate the victory over the epidemic one day.

Of course, the world also exposed certain weaknesses of global governance in the public health emergency. When most countries followed the authoritative advices from the WHO and stayed calm and rational, some other countries have overreacted and taken exaggerated measures. Some people even showed anxiety, confusion and fear for globalization.

This suggests that these countries and some of their people are not able to keep pace with the time, and there is still space for improvement of global governance. Just like Tedros pointed out, the control of infectious diseases is like the control of resources - when diseases burst out and trigger the concern

of governments, countries would invest huge resources; but when epidemics are over, such resources become insufficient again.

In this sense, the current epidemic once again raised questions of national and even global governance for the world - how the world should maintain the monitoring and control of infectious disease and in what way it should make medical and supply preparation in case of emergencies.

This year marks the 75th anniversary of the founding of the United Nations (UN), and the international organization will launch a global conversation on the world's future. To learn from the lessons taught by the novel coronavirus outbreak to the human society shall be an important part for the global governance innovation and reform.

People's Daily



Dar es Salaam boxers, Mohamed Chibumbui (R), and Selemeni Kidunda, trade blows in a recent national boxing championship, which took place in the city.

## Dar boxer tipped to excel in Olympic Qualifiers

BY CORRESPONDENT JOSEPH MCHEKADONA

THE Open Boxing Federation of Tanzania (OBFT) officials have said they are banking on amateur boxer, Yusufu Changarawe, who will be in action today in Senegal seeking qualification for 2020 Olympics.

Changarawe, who fights in Light Heavyweight division, this afternoon faces Mauricio Martins from Guinea Bissau.

Lukelo Wililo, OBFT secretary general, said although national team's two other boxers, Boniface Mligwa (Featherweight) and Haruna Mhando (Super Heavyweight), lost their bouts against Manuel Pedro of Angola and Kastuke Amani of Ghana respectively, he is confident that Changarawe will do the country proud.

"Changarawe is a good fighter and I'm confident he will perform well tomorrow (today). Our two fighters, Mligwa and a Mhando, lost their bouts," he disclosed.

"That, though, does not mean they are incompetent, they are good boxers only that they faced equally good fighters."

Results of a bout pitting Tanzania's Lightweight fighter Alex Kisimbi against John John of Ghana in the last 16 stage were not out by the time we went to press yesterday.

To reach the last 16 stage, Kisimbi who is also Tanzania team's captain, beat Libyan boxer Farhat Almonsori on points.

David Yomba Yomba is national team's head coach, Samuel Mwera is the leader of delegation.

The qualifiers are expected come to an end at the weekend. A total of 221 boxers from 39 African countries are participating in the the qualifiers.

The Senegal event will be the last boxing qualifying event to be held in Africa. The other qualifiers will take place at the Grand Dôme, Villebon-sur-Yvette in France in May.

The final World event in Paris will give athletes a second chance to qualify, and will therefore be open only to those boxers who have not yet qualified from the continental events.

It will, for that matter, be extremely difficult for many boxers including those from Tanzania to qualify via the France qualifiers.

## Fury wins in stunning stoppage of Wilder in heavyweight tilt



Tyson Fury, of England, lands a right to Deontay Wilder during a WBC heavyweight championship boxing match Saturday, Feb. 22, 2020, in Las Vegas. (AP Photo)

LAS VEGAS

TYSON Fury reinvented himself once again, and once again he's a heavyweight champion.

The Gypsy King dropped Deontay Wilder twice Saturday night in their heavyweight title rematch, turning from boxer to puncher to win the title when Wilder's corner threw in the towel as he was taking a beating in the seventh round.

It was a stunning turnaround for a fighter who came back from drug and alcohol abuse to win the title for a second time, made even more surprising because Wilder was the devastating puncher in their first fight 14 months ago.

"The king has returned to his throne," proclaimed Fury, who fought to a draw with Wilder in their first fight.

Fury dropped Wilder in the third round with a right hand that seemed to take the legs out of the champion. He put him down again in the fifth round, this time with a left hand to the body.

He also bloodied Wilder's ear, and seemed to lick the blood off his shoulder in a bizarre scene in the sixth round. If that wasn't enough fun for the night, he tried

to lead the crowd in a singalong of "American Pie" after the fight.

The end came at 1:39 of the seventh round when referee Kenny Bayless stopped the fight after Wilder's corner threw in the towel as he was getting pummeled in a neutral corner. Blood was pouring out of Wilder's ear for several rounds before Fury went in for the shoulder lick.

It was the first loss for Wilder in 44 fights, and it came in the 11th defense of the title he won in 2015.

"Even the greatest have lost and come back," Wilder said. "I make no excuses. This is what big-time boxing is all about."

The two fighters are under contract for a third fight, though Wilder could opt out of it as the loser. If the fight happens, Fury would get the better part of a 60-40 purse bid.

Fury stalked Wilder almost from the opening bell, using his jab to control the early rounds. He won every round on the scorecard of the Associated Press and was in total command of the fight when it ended.

Ringside punch stats demonstrated Fury's dominance, show-

ing him out landing Wilder 82-34 in total punches. Fury landed 58 power punches in less than seven rounds of the rematch after landing just 38 in the first fight Wilder landed just 34 punches all fight and just 18 power shots.

Wilder briefly protested the stoppage, as a pro-Fury crowd of 15,816 at the MGM Grand hotel roared in delight. The highly anticipated fight drew a heavyweight record \$16.9 million gate and promoters believe it sold well on pay-per-view, too.

"I wish my corner would have let me go out on my shield," Wilder said. "He did what he did. There's no excuses."

Wilder, who at 6-foot-7 and 231 pounds was the smaller man in the ring to the 6-foot-9 British giant, was backpedaling the entire fight, trying to catch Fury coming in with a right hand. But he was never able to throw it effectively, and unable to deal with Fury's jab either.

Two judges had Fury winning every round, while the third gave Wilder one round. Fury had a point deducted for grabbing and pushing in the fifth round.

"He manned up and he really did show the heart of a cham-

panion," Fury said. "He's a warrior, he will be back, he will be a champion again. But the king has returned."

Fury had bulked up to 273 pounds for the rematch, vowing to change tactics and become the big puncher. He was true to his word, dominating early with a jab that stopped Wilder in his tracks and then landing combinations to the head and body.

Fury (30-0-1, 21 KO) came into the ring carried aloft on a throne with a crown on his head. Then he showed he was really the Gypsy King as he made it an easy night against a fighter who had gone 12 years without losing as a pro.

For Wilder it was a stunning end to an unbeaten mark that had seen him knock out 41 of his previous 43 opponents. But his devastating right hand was never a factor, and Fury seemed to walk through it. That was unlike the first fight 14 months ago when Wilder knocked Fury down twice on his way to a draw.

Both fighters were guaranteed \$5 million in the rematch but could make \$40 million apiece.

AP

## Sacramento Kings beat Clippers at Staples again, 112-103

LOS ANGELES

THE Sacramento Kings realize they might have started playing their best basketball of the season too late to contend for a playoff spot.

Beating the powerhouse Los Angeles Clippers on the road twice in less than a month still feels awfully good, even if the Clips are far from the best version of themselves these days.

Kent Bazemore scored a season-high 23 points, Bogdan Bogdanovic added 20 and the Kings made a decisive fourth-quarter surge to beat the Clippers 112-103 on Saturday.

De'Aaron Fox had 20 points and eight assists for the surging Kings, who have won two straight out of the All-Star break and eight of 12 overall. Sacramento is still just 23-33, but the progress is encouraging for the franchise with its NBA-worst playoff drought at 13 seasons.

"We're feeling a lot better about ourselves now," Fox said. "Obviously we need to keep this going, but we came out of the All-Star break and we were prepared. We're in a good place right now. We can only control ourselves as far as the rest of the season goes, but we're feeling good."

Sacramento blew a 14-point lead in the second half to a Clippers lineup

missing injured stars Paul George and Patrick Beverley. But the Kings then shut out Kawhi Leonard and the Clips for more than five straight minutes down the stretch, making a decisive 10-0 run capped by Harry Giles' percussive dunk off an alley-oop from Bogdanovic with 58 seconds left.

"That was a good moment to finish the game out strong on," said Giles, who had 14 points and 12 rebounds in his first career double-double. "We're on a better path now. We're in a groove, but let's just keep it going."

Leonard scored 31 points in his first game back from his MVP performance in Chicago, but the Clippers returned from the All-Star break with their first three-game losing streak of the season.

Lou Williams added 24 points for LA, and Montrezl Harrell had 16 points and 10 rebounds.

Sacramento had a big lead late in the third quarter, but the Clippers took their first lead of the day on Harrell's leap-and-lean bucket with 8:30 to play. Shortly after that, the Clippers went through their decisive drought.

"We had a lot of different people helping out, and it felt good," Sacramento coach Luke Walton said. "We were solid for most of the game. We had a couple

of drop-offs where we got a little sloppy, but it was one of our more consistent games."

Meanwhile, in Miami, the Miami Heat played so well early they didn't need a half-time meeting, which was exactly the plan.

In a worthy warmup for Dwyane Wade's jersey retirement ceremony, the Heat broke a 23-year-old franchise record for points in the first half en route to a 124-105 victory over the Cleveland Cavaliers on Saturday. Miami shot 77% in the first half and then turned the stage over to Wade, whose No. 3 jersey was hoisted to the rafters.

"I just wanted to make sure we played well enough in the first half we didn't need to necessarily meet," coach Erik Spoelstra said, "because I wanted to enjoy halftime, and I wanted our players to be out there and see it."

The ceremony was part of a three-day celebration of Wade's career that included three NBA titles with Miami. The Heat believe they're building another championship contender, and they looked the part against the hapless Cavaliers.

"It felt great to win and just get in front of this Heat culture and fans," forward-center Bam Adebayo said. "It's a beautiful thing we've created. We want to keep



Milwaukee Bucks' Giannis Antetokounmpo dunks during the first half of an NBA basketball game against the Philadelphia 76ers Saturday, Feb. 22, 2020, in Milwaukee. Bucks beat the 76ers 119-98. (AP Photo)

that going."

Miami made its first nine shots and led 38-32 after one quarter. Then Wade made a

grand entrance to take his seat in the first row across from the home team bench, and the Heat really stepped

on the gas.

They went 15 for 17 in the second period, outscoring the Cavs 44-20 for an 82-52

lead at the half.

Wade's impression of the first half? "I didn't watch it," he said.

AP

## Haaland scores again as Dortmund, Leipzig keep pressure on

BERLIN

ERLING Haaland scored yet again to help Borussia Dortmund beat Werder Bremen 2-0, and Leipzig followed by routing Schalke 5-0 on Saturday to keep the pressure on Bundesliga leader Bayern Munich.

Leipzig stayed a point behind Bayern thanks to goals from Emil Forsberg, Angelino, Marcel Halstenberg, Timo Werner and Marcel Sabitzer. Sabitzer opened the scoring in the first minute due to a mistake from goalkeeper Alexander Nubel, who is joining Bayern next season.

Haaland took his tally to nine goals in six league games since joining from Salzburg, sealing the win in the 66th for Dortmund to stay four points behind Bayern.

Borussia Mönchengladbach was on course to stay level with Dortmund in the standings until Lucas Ribeiro scored on his debut in injury time to grab a 1-1 draw for visiting Hoffenheim. Gladbach stayed fourth.

Dortmund had to wait until the 52nd before finding the breakthrough in Bremen. It came from an unlikely source, as defender Dan-Axel Zagadou scored after being set up by Jadon Sancho following a corner.

Haaland almost made it 2-0 minutes later, but Bremen keeper Jiri Pavlenka got his foot to the ball.

The 19-year-old striker wasn't to be denied in the 66th, however, when he blasted inside the near post after Achraf Hakimi picked out his run.

### HELPLESS HERTHA

Hertha Berlin was routed at

home by Cologne 5-0, deepening the sense of crisis at the club in its second game since Jurgen Klinsmann abruptly resigned as coach.

Nothing went the home side's way as it slumped to its third loss in four games and its heaviest of the season ahead of next weekend's crunch game against relegation rival Fortuna Düsseldorf.

Düsseldorf boosted its chances of survival by beating Freiburg 2-0 and was six points behind Hertha.

Hertha started ambitiously but forgot about defending, allowing Jhon Cordoba to score on a counterattack in the fourth minute, and again on another counter in the 22nd.

The third goal arrived in slapstick fashion with Cordoba setting up Florian Kainz, whose shot rebounded off Hertha goalkeeper Rune Jarstein and went in off the post. The goal was flagged offside but allowed after a VAR review.

Hertha fans whistled their side off at the break and interim coach Alexander Nouri reacted with two changes for the second half.

"We could have taken off a number of players," Nouri said.

Hertha played with more intensity but lacked the final precision to score, and was duly caught on a counterattack again in the 62nd when Kainz added Cologne's fourth.

Mark Uth wrapped up the scoring with a brilliant free kick in the 70th.

"Totally unexpected. We had a good week in training," Nouri said. "It's extremely bitter. We have to apologize to the fans."

AFP

## Braithwaite: 'I won't wash my kit' after Messi hug

BARCELONA

MARTIN Braithwaite joked he won't wash his Barcelona kit after getting a hug from new teammate Lionel Messi during a 5-0 win against Eibar on Saturday.

Braithwaite, who signed for Barca from Leganes on Thursday for €18 million, was introduced for the final 20 minutes and made an immediate impact with a cross for Messi's fourth goal of the game.

The Danish international was also involved in his new club's fifth; Braithwaite's shot was saved by goalkeeper Marko Dmitrovic but Arthur Melo netted the rebound.

"Messi congratulated me [for the pass]," Braithwaite told reporters when asked what the Argentine said during their embrace. "He's a great guy. He tried to make me feel comfortable and looked to find me with his passes."

"I won't wash my kit after the hug he gave me [laughs]. Honestly, I am really happy to have been able to set him up for a goal."

Barca were given special dispensation by La Liga to sign Braithwaite this week as a replacement for Ousmane Dembele, who has been ruled out for the rest of the season.

The former Middlesbrough forward, who will only be allowed to play in league matches, was given a warm welcome by home supporters when he replaced Antoine Griezmann.

"The ovation was really special," Braithwaite said. "It's something that I saw on television when I was little, how they treat the new players [here], and suddenly to be here and experience that from the fans is incredible. I am really proud."

"I feel really good here, surrounded by fantastic players. I tried to run and move, which is what I have to do, and my teammates found me. It's been amazing. I am really happy."

Barcelona coach Quique Setien was impressed with what he saw from his new signing and tipped him to make a contribution in the final phase of the campaign.

"Braithwaite did more than I expected, much more," Setien said



in a news conference. "Honestly, I think we have made an extraordinary signing. He's going to adapt perfectly to what we need."

"We've seen he has good movement this afternoon, but beyond the goals he was involved in, he's good in space and he understands the game so well. He is an extraordinary player and he's going to help us a lot."

While Braithwaite impressed on his debut, Messi once again stole the show. The Barca captain had gone four league games without scoring, but his four-goal haul against Eibar took his season tally to 23 in all competitions.

With this win, Barca went two points clear of Madrid at the top of La Liga, although Zinedine Zidane's side can reclaim the lead when they meet Levante later on Saturday.

Setien said the win was "just what was needed" ahead of a testing week, in which his side visits Napoli for the first leg of their Champions League last-16 tie on Tuesday, then face Real Madrid at the Santiago Bernabeu five days later.

(Agencies)

## Chelsea see off Spurs as Jesus grabs late Man City winner

LONDON

CHELSEA strengthened their grip on a Premier League top-four place on Saturday by beating London rivals Tottenham 2-1 as Manchester City edged past Leicester despite another attack of the penalty jitters.

Sheffield United will rue missing out on the chance to clamber above Tottenham into fifth place after drawing at home to struggling Brighton.

Liverpool's staggering 19-point lead over second-placed Manchester City means the title race is effectively over, with much of the focus turning to the scramble to qualify for next season's Champions League.

Frank Lampard's fourth-placed Chelsea went into their match against Jose Mourinho's Spurs at Stamford Bridge without a win in their past four Premier League matches and just one point clear of Spurs.

Fringe players Olivier Giroud and Marcos Alonso were recalled by Lampard and both rewarded their manager's confidence by scoring in the home win.

The result means Lampard has completed a league double against his former boss this season after their 2-0 victory at the Tottenham Hotspur Stadium in December.

But the match was overshadowed by a VAR controversy, with officials ruling that Tottenham midfielder Giovani Lo Celso did not deserve to be sent off for a "leg breaker" stamp on Cesar Azpilicueta.

World Cup winner Giroud put Chelsea ahead in the 15th minute when he reacted quickest to finish beyond Hugo Lloris after Ross Barkley had struck a post.

Chelsea doubled their advantage three minutes into the second half, Alonso drilling in a first-time shot after being set up by Barkley.

Alonso's free-kick hit the bar before Antonio Rudiger deflected Erik Lamela's shot into his own net in the 89th minute to give Spurs late



Leicester City's Kelechi Iheanacho, left, clashes with Manchester City goalkeeper Ederson, as he has a shot on goal blocked, during their English Premier League soccer match at the King Power Stadium in Leicester, England, Saturday Feb. 22, 2020. (AP)

hope.

Lampard criticised VAR after Lo Celso was allowed to stay on the pitch.

- 'Leg-breaker' -

"I hate to call for red cards but that is a leg breaker," he said. "Everybody knew they made a mistake. I was just waiting for the red card to be shown."

Adding to Lampard's frustration, television broadcaster BT Sport reported that VAR officials had told them Lo Celso should have been sent off.

As it stands, a fifth-placed finish could guarantee Champions League football next season because Manchester City have been banned from Europe's elite competition for two years.

City hope to have their appeal against the ban heard by the Court of Arbitration for Sport before the start of next season.

Substitute Gabriel Jesus struck late on for City at the King Power Stadium after Aguero saw his sec-

ond-half spot-kick saved by Leicester goalkeeper Kasper Schmeichel.

City have failed to score from each of their past four penalties, with each spot-kick being missed by a different player.

But they bounced back to see off Leicester and the 1-0 win leaves them seven points clear of their opponents, cementing their position in second place.

Jamie Vardy will rue hitting the post early in the match and Leicester had two penalty appeals turned down in an engaging contest.

"We have missed four penalties in a row but maybe we will shoot a penalty when we need it to win something," Man City coach Pep Guardiola told the BBC. "The keepers are good too, but the next one we are going to score."

Sheffield United had a chance to steal a march on their rivals for a Champions League place next season, with Manchester United, Wolves, Arsenal and Everton not in action until Sunday.

They took the lead at home against Brighton through Enda Stevens but Neal Maupay equalised for the south coast club on the half-hour. The 1-1 draw leaves Sheffield United in sixth place on 40 points, level with Tottenham.

Sheffield manager Chris Wilder said he was proud of his team's efforts in tough conditions.

"There was just a relentless nature of our game, we were knocking on the door and if it don't open, it don't open, but not for want of trying and not for want of an attitude that's exceptional and has been all season," he said.

Burnley beat Bournemouth 3-0 to win for the fourth time in five Premier League matches and lift themselves to eighth in the table while Southampton won 2-0 at home to Aston Villa to move 10 points clear of the drop zone.

Runaway league leaders Liverpool host struggling West Ham on Monday.

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## Messi scores four as Barcelona jump above defeated Madrid before Clasico

MADRID

LIONEL Messi scored four goals and Barcelona reclaimed top spot in La Liga as Real Madrid suffered a surprise defeat by Levante on Saturday, a week before the Clasico.

Madrid's nightmare afternoon was made worse by another injury to Eden Hazard, who was forced off in the second half of their 1-0 defeat in Valencia and is now doubtful to face Manchester City on Wednesday in the Champions League.

"It doesn't look good," said Real coach Zinedine Zidane afterwards.

Messi, meanwhile, ridiculed talk of a drought by scoring four goals against Eibar after four games without one, while emergency signing Martin Braithwaite made two assists off the bench, teeing up Messi and then Arthur Melo in injury-time.

Their 5-0 rout, coupled with Madrid's defeat, means Barca move back to the summit of La Liga, two points ahead of Zidane's side ahead of next Saturday's showdown at the Santiago Bernabeu.

"We've had good times this season and now this is a bad time," said Zidane. "Now we have a week where everything is at stake."

It amounts to a considerable shift in momentum, with Barcelona away at Napoli in the first leg of the Champions League last 16 on Tuesday.

Madrid host City a day later and the plan had been for Hazard to regain form and fitness in what was only his second start since returning from three months out with a broken right foot.

But the Belgian sat in the dug-out with an ice pack around the same foot after going off and Zidane suggested it was a repeat injury after the match.

"It can be weak where you've had an injury," he said. "It's sore now but we will see

tomorrow after more tests."

Madrid were shaken by Hazard's departure and Levante capitalised as Jose Luis Morales banged a shot into the top corner from the angle, even if Thibaut Courtois pulled out of a save he should have made.

For Madrid, playing catch-up again next weekend will be a particularly heavy psychological blow, especially given the series of off-field problems engulfing Barcelona in recent weeks.

Yet on the pitch, Messi showed no sign of distraction as the 32-year-old completed the second fastest of his now 36 league hat-tricks, after less than 40 minutes at Camp Nou.

"There's nothing left to do but stand up and applaud," Eibar wrote on Twitter afterwards. "I won't wash my kit after hugging Messi," said Braithwaite.

Braithwaite's arrival from Leganes drew criticism after Barcelona capitalised on a curious La Liga rule that allows clubs to sign outside of the transfer window if they have lost a player to serious injury.

Leganes, without their top scorer, were

beaten earlier by fellow strugglers Celta Vigo but Braithwaite made the perfect start with his new team.

- Brilliant Messi -

Messi quickly got to work, scoring a brilliant first goal in the 14th minute after collecting the ball centrally, around 30 yards out. He had three Eibar defenders in front of him but found a way through, nutmegging Anaitz Arbilla before chipping delicately into the corner.

The second came in the 37th minute as Sergio Busquets found Arturo Vidal, who feathered a flick into Messi's path. Messi surged forward, past his stumbling opponents, and fired in.

His third, three minutes later, was the simplest of the trio and arrived only after he tried to play in Antoine Griezmann. His generosity was rewarded as a sloppy Griezmann touch meant the ball cannoned back to Messi, who apologetically poked in.

Coach Quique Setien was able to take Griezmann off with 18 minutes left and introduce Braithwaite for his debut. Braith-

waite's first contribution was a skewed cross but things improved immeasurably from there, as two passes across goal gave Messi his fourth and Arthur his first.

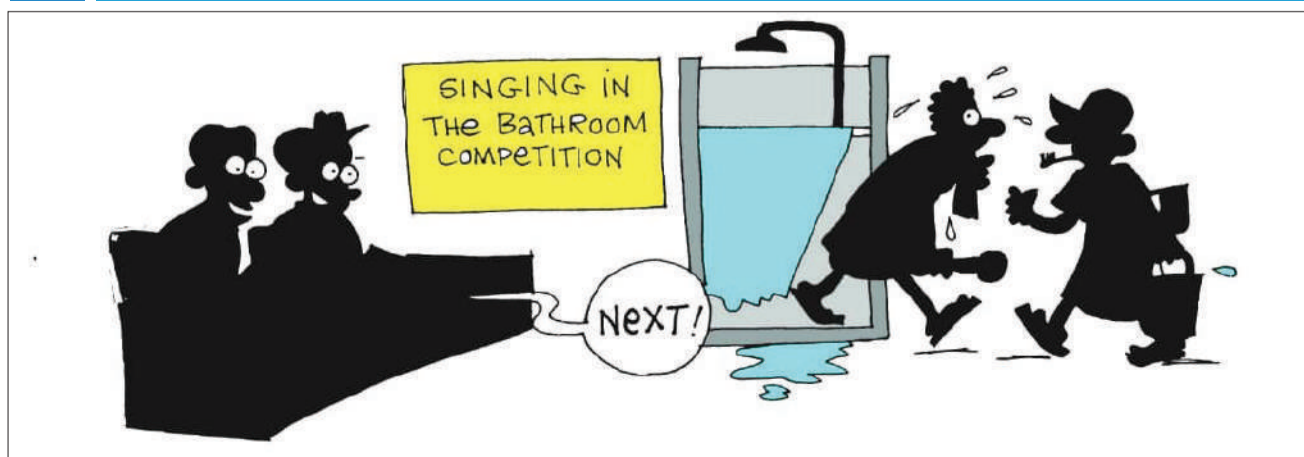
Madrid were never in control of a chaotic contest against Levante but might have taken the lead if Hazard had done better with a long ball over the top from Marcelo, which he failed to control and then scuffed into the hands of Aitor Fernandez.

He limped off and Madrid lost their way, finally punished with 11 minutes left by a straight ball through to Morales. Luka Modric, exposed on the right side of Madrid's defence, was unable to recover and Morales caught Courtois by surprise by firing early past the goalkeeper and into the top corner.

Real Sociedad moved into fourth and above Atletico Madrid with a 3-0 victory over Valencia, whose miserable form continued following their 4-1 Champions League loss at Atalanta in midweek.

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Gwiji by David Chikoko



# SPORT

Chelsea see off Spurs as Jesus grabs late Man City winner

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## Arusha athlete flies to Morocco to prepare for Tokyo Olympics

By Correspondent Marc Nkwame, Arusha

A physically challenged student from Arusha has flown to Rabat, Morocco to participate in the African Taekwondo and Para Taekwondo qualifying tournament for Tokyo Olympics.

Teenager, Samwel Kivuyo, a Form Four student at Arusha's Edmund Rice Secondary School, was presented with the national flag as he departed from Kilimanjaro International Airport on Friday afternoon.

He was accompanied by his trainer, Master Richard Kitolo, who is also the Technical Director for Tanzania Taekwondo Federation.

Taking place in Rabat, the African Taekwondo and Para Taekwondo qualifying tournament for Tokyo Olympics started yesterday and is set to come to a close today.

It is a threshold event towards the forthcoming Tokyo Olympics to be held in Japan later this year.

Organized by the African Taekwondo Union, the Morocco Qualifiers have attracted almost all countries from around the continent. The Arusha envoy is the only entry from Tanzania.

Arusha Regional Sports Officer, Benson Maneno, who handled the national flag to Kivuyo, told the student that he

was shouldering the entire country as sports envoy to Rabat.

The official disclosed; "We are hoping that you will do the same during the Tokyo Olympics."

Kivuyo said there are still stumbling blocks and bureaucracy when it comes to securing travel documents like passports in Tanzania.

"It is a long process and in the past I failed to attend many international events because the immigration did not issue the passport in time," he said.

The Edmund Rice Secondary School's Principal, Simon Kaswahili, said Kivuyo, despite being physically challenged with deformed hands, has played in various other countries including Kenya and Rwanda, performing extremely well in martial arts.

"At Edmund Rice Secondary School in Sinoni, we take seriously extra-curriculum activities especially soccer, netball, athletics and martial arts," he disclosed.

He noted that taekwondo helps to cultivate discipline and fast thinking among students.

Kitolo explained that the student was assisted by World Taekwondo Federation on that he is physically challenged.

"Tanzania failed to send other players due to lack of funding," he added.

## Moshi residents throng Kili Canvas launch

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

THE Kili Canvas launch in Moshi, Kilimanjaro yesterday attracted many of the town's residents.

There was mammoth crowd in Moshi welcoming the coming of the Kili Canvas which was recently launched recently by Tanzania Breweries Limited (TBL), through Kilimanjaro Premium Lager brand, in Dar es Salaam.

The Kili Canvas is aimed at encouraging and motivating Moshi residents and the rest from surrounding areas to take part at the coming Kilimanjaro Marathon slated for March 1 in the region.

Kilimanjaro Premium Lager Brand Manager Pamela Kikuli said Kili Canvas is aimed at sensitizing the region's residents to take part at the coming Kili Marathon.

She said Kili Canvas registration will start at Kilimanjaro Avenue today and is expected to run up to Wednesday.

On Thursday the exercise will take place at Sekeretu Road and on Friday it will take place at Kilimanjaro Regional Commissioner's office.

She said a registered person who will

be issued with a chip is free to run near the canvas's picture and his or her picture is taken and, using high technology, it will be sent to his or her mobile phone.

"This is the opportunity for any person who love racing or jogging to come and join us, it is open to anyone," she said.

One of prominent Dar es Salaam joggers, Maulid Kitenge, urged Moshi residents to take part at the Kili Canvas event and eventually compete at the Kilimanjaro Marathon.

"Last year I was one of the runners in Kilimanjaro Marathon, this year I'm also well prepared to attend and I'm looking forward to the event, my aim is to break my own record," he said.

The TBL through Kilimanjaro Premium Lager Brand, recently organized a drawing competition, dubbed 'Jiachie na Kili Canvas 2020'.

The competition' participants were supposed to draw an image that portrays some features found on Kilimanjaro beer bottle, with the image being associated with Kilimanjaro Marathon.



Dar es Salaam's music producer, Mussa Kisoki, runs past a Kili Canvas with a view to taking a picture in the canvas launch, which took place at Leaders Club in Dar es Salaam last week. The launch aimed at encouraging people to participate in fitness training and take part in this year's Kili Marathon, which will take place in Kilimanjaro on March 1. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

## Simba SC eyes 2020 Azam Sports Federation Cup semis

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

TANZANIA football giants, Simba SC, have said they will not underrate Stand United when the two sides meet in Azam Sports Federation Cup (ASFC)'s last eight game slated for tomorrow at Kambarage Stadium in Shinyanga.

Simba's Manager, Patrick Rweyemamu, said they treat every game seriously and maintained underrating Stand United in the quarterfinals of the ASFC will be costly to the former.

He said Stand United like any other team have potential to shatter Simba's dream of winning the ASFC trophy this year.

"We are treating every game seriously, Stand United might appear weak on paper, but in football anything can happen and, as a team, we still have memories of being kicked out of ASFC by teams which appear weak, this time around we want to win this cup," he said.

He said his team left Dar es Salaam yesterday for Shinyanga via Mwanza.

To reach the quarterfinals of this season's ASFC Simba beat Mwadui FC 2-1 in the round of 16 clash at Uhuru Stadium in Dar es Salaam. Simba will go into tomorrow's match after



Simba SC players celebrate a goal the outfit posted in a recent Vodacom Premier League clash, which took place in Dar es Salaam.

the squad's 3-1 victory over Biashara United in the Vodacom Premier League duel, which was played in Dar es Salaam on Saturday.

On Saturday, Simba put an awesome show of force in their pursuit of defending the Vodacom Premier League title.

They scored through Luis Misquissone, Meddie Kagere and Francis Kahata, while the visitors scored their consolation goal through Atupele Green.

Simba remain at the summit of the 20-team league with 62 points from

23 games.

The outfit's head coach, Sven Vanerbroeck, in a post match interview praised his charges for the win and said the focus is on other games.

"It was good game, the players played well and I'm not surprised by their performance and the results, we are now looking forward to our coming games," he said.

Francis Baraza, Biashara United's head coach, was modest in his team's loss, saying the results was part of the game and promised

to come back stronger.

"We played very well only that we made some mistakes which our opponents took advantage of and punished us," he disclosed.

"But all in all it was a good game, I promise we will bounce back in our coming games," he said.

In other league games played on Saturday, Namungo FC beat Azam FC 1-0 in a clash, which took place in Lindi. Namungo FC scored through Reliant Lusajo on the 60 minute of the game.

Ndanda FC beat KMC FC 2-1 at the former's venue, Nagwanda Sijaona Stadium, in Mtwara.

Ndanda FC scored through Kiggi Makasi and Abdulrazack Ramadhan while the visitors' goal was netted by Mohammed Samatta.

Mwanza's Mbao FC lost 2-1 to Mwadui 2-1, JKT Tanzania beat Kagera Sugar 1-0 in Dodoma, Mbeya City FC notched a similar victory over Mtbwa Sugar 1-0 in Mbeya, and Polisi Tanzania trounced Ruwu Shooting 3-1 in Kilimanjaro.

## Kili Marathon organizers send strong warning to cheaters

Guardian Reporter

THE 2020 Kilimanjaro Premium Lager Marathon organizers have sent a strong warning to all participants intending to use fake numbers to run in the respective races in a bid to get medals and other prizes.

A statement issued by the organizers said such people have been on the rise every other year and the latter's intention is to cheat so they can get medals and other awards at the expense of genuine participants.

The Local Race Director, John Bayo, said this time round they will pull the cheaters out in the middle of the races and they will opt for the approach with the help of the police and Garda World security officers.

"We are sending a strong warning to all those who intend to do this as it is a serious offence and we will have legal action taken against them," he said.

He disclosed that some cheaters for example use the 5km numbers to run the 21km race and demand to get medals at the end of the day.

He said this malpractice has been happening mostly in the Kilimanjaro Premium Lager-sponsored 42 km race and Tigo Half Marathon which have medals and other monetary prizes.

"All participants should note that our timing and monitoring systems powered by the Tigo 4G network are advanced hence we are able to detect impostors. Therefore we are calling on them to desist from this to avoid problems," he said.

Meanwhile, the number collection exercise took place successfully at the Mlimani City Mall



Dar es Salaam residents, who will take part in this year's Kilimanjaro Premium Lager Marathon and Tigo Half Marathon, collect their race numbers and also register for the Grand Malt 5km at Mlimani City Mall in the city over the weekend. The exercise will also take place in Arusha tomorrow and Wednesday. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

in Dar es Salaam over the weekend.

Hundreds of people turned up at the center to collect their numbers for the Kilimanjaro Premium Lager 42km and Tigo 21km races and also register for the Grand Malt 5km Fun Run.

On Tuesday and Wednesday, the exercise will take place at Kibo Palace Hotel in Arusha from 2pm-8pm while in Moshi the exercise will be at Keys Hotel on February 27 from 12pm-5pm, February 28 from 10am-8pm and February 29 from 9am-5pm.

Official sponsors for this year's event include

Kilimanjaro Premium Lager, Tigo, Grand Malt, Kilimanjaro Water, TPC Limited, Simba Cement, Unilever, and Barclays Bank (now Absa Bank Tanzania Limited).

The event's official suppliers are Kibo Palace Hotel, Keys Hotel, GardaWorld Security, Precision Air, CMC Automobiles.

The race will be held at the Moshi Cooperatives University venue in Moshi on March 1, 2020 and will play host to International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF) route measured 42km, a 21km and a 5km Fun run.

## Flexibles by David Chikoko

