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## Ministers want Rusumo project done by early '21

By Guardian Reporter and Agencies

MINISTERS for Energy in Rwanda, Burundi and Tanzania have directed contractors implementing the 80MW Regional Rusumo Falls Hydroelectric Project (RRFHP) to complete construction work before July 2021.

Reports show that the progress of construction works for the project has now reached 59 percent.

On Friday, the Burundi Minister for Infrastructure Claver Gatete and the Minister for Energy, Come Manirakiza, along with host Energy Minister Dr Medard Kalemuni, visited the project site located on the River Akagera as it is known in Burundi and Rwanda, at the border between Rwanda and Tanzania, and about 25 kilometres from the Burundi border.

This project was supposed to end in February 2020, but contractors want an extension claiming that there have been challenges.

The three countries formed the Rusumo Power Co. Ltd, which authorised the Nile Basin Initiative through its subsidiary program, the Nile Equatorial Lakes Subsidiary Action Program Coordination Unit (NELSAP-CU) to implement the



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project.

The trio linked efforts to secure \$340S million from the World Bank for constructing the 80MW power plant, and \$128 million from the African Development Bank for transmission lines.

The three countries share the Kagera River Basin, which covers an area of about 60,000 square kilometres, a sub-basin of the River Nile system.

The three ministers, who constitute the project's Council of Minister (CoM), said the project managers should do what they can for it to be completed sooner.

"They just told us that the construction works will be completed in July 2021, but we have told them that it is a very long period. We want the electricity sooner, so we have urged them to do all they can for it to be done with as soon as possible," minister Gatete said.

"The next meeting will announce the actual time of the completion of the project, which is sooner than July 2021," he specified.

"What we have seen is that there is willingness, and there is capacity for the companies doing this work to make it faster. Every time we come here, we see progress; it gives us hope," he remarked.

Gatete also affirmed that the project

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# JPM pardons 5,533 inmates to mark Independence Day



Commander-in-Chief President Dr John Magufuli moves majestically - in typical parade commander style - shortly after inspecting a guard of honour mounted yesterday by contingents of the armed forces to mark the 58th anniversary of Tanganyika's Independence. This is at Mwanza city's CCM Kirumba Stadium, where the colourful and well-attended celebrations were held at national level. Right is Chief of Defence Forces General Venance Mabeyo. Photo: State House

"Most prisoners are serving jail terms for minor offenses such as chicken theft, using abusive language against others, and were in prison due to failure to hire good advocates or failure to pay fines"

By Guardian Reporter

President John Magufuli yesterday pardoned 5,533 prisoners as part of the celebrations to mark the 58th anniversary of Tanganyika's independence.

The Head of State led thousands of people to commemorate the day Tanganyika got independence from Britain in a colourful ceremony held in Mwanza.

In making the announcement which he said is the largest number of pardoned inmates to be made by a Head of State, the president said he was touched with the level of congestion in prisons after visiting the Butimba Prison in Mwanza a few months ago.

He said as of this Sunday, December 8, 2019, a total of 35,803 people were in various prisons including 17,547 prisoners and 18,256 remandees.

"Most prisoners are serving jail terms for minor offenses such as chicken theft, using abusive language against others, and were in prison due to failure to hire good advocates or failure to pay fines," he said.

The number may be seen to be huge but that was a sign of how deep he was touched by the situation in the country's prisons, he remarked.

Beneficiaries of the pardon include prisoners



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serving jail terms between one day and one year as well as those sentenced to serve many years but are left with no more than one year in prison.

He named regions and number of beneficiaries as Kagera (713), Dodoma (385), Morogoro (365) Dar es Salaam (293), Mara (260) Mbeya (259), Kigoma (252), Tanga (245) and Geita (230).

Others are Rukwa (214), Arusha (208), Manyara (207), Tabora (207), Mwanza (190), Ruvuma (181), Singida (139), Simiyu (136), Lindi (129), Coast (128), Iringa (110), Songwe (96), Katavi (74), Shinyanga (74) and Njombe (70).

He warned beneficiaries to avoid committing offenses that would send them back behind bars.

He handed over the list to the Commissioner General of Prisons DCP Phaustine Kasike directing him to ensure beneficiaries were freed effective from today.

Thousands of Mwanza residents thronged the 25,000 sitting capacity Kirumba Stadium from as early as 5 am.

The stadium had to be closed by 7:30 am by security agents as by that time it was full to its capacity.

Those who missed access to the stadium were directed to nearby Furahisha Grounds where large television sets were installed for people to monitor the proceedings next door.

Reports from Furahisha grounds say those who had actually entered the ground had virtually

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## Zimbabwe gets 17,000 tonnes of maize before JPM deadline

By Correspondent Deogratias Mushi in Kapiri Mposhi

THE Tanzania Zambia Railway Authority (TAZARA) has managed to transport to Zambia all the 17,000 tonnes of maize that Tanzania set out to sell to food-short landlocked Zimbabwe within the prescribed time of three months.

The last consignment of maize that Zimbabwe bought from Tanzania was flagged off at Kapiri Mposhi in Zambia last week.

During the event, TAZARA managing director Bruno Chingandu thanked President John Magufuli for the opportunity the company was given to transport the all-important cargo.



**We allocated 100 wagons to transport the maize, and the other two railways also allocated a total of 100 wagons. We moved the cargo within the required time frame**

"As TAZARA, and speaking on behalf of our partner railways, I sincerely thank president Magufuli for giving us the opportunity to move the maize from Tanzania to Zimbabwe, a task that we have managed to complete even before the specified period of three months," he said.

TAZARA staff had to work around the clock to make sure that the maize reaches Zimbabwe on time to bail out millions of people facing food shortage in that country, he said.

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## PMO: Investment policies, regulations review starts

By Guardian Reporter

THE government has started procedures to amend laws and policies on investments with intent to improve conditions of investing in the country, so as to pave the way for achieving middle income status and industrial economy come 2025.

The Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office (Investments), Angellah Kairuki (pictured), said during a consultative meeting that brought together investors and the government.

It was convened to discuss challenges and map out the way forward in matters related to ease of doing business in the country.



She said the government expects to table in the legislature the relevant amendments in the next session of the House.

"The government's intention is to build an industrial and middle income economy. We will not get there if our development partners from the private sector are negatively affected by existing laws and policies. The government is coming up with several amendments to reduce levy, tax and costs of registration at the Tanzania Investment Centre (TIC)," she said.

Minister Kairuki further said that the government is committed to supporting the private sector and will ensure that there is always a conducive business environment in which they can operate.

"In a bid to stimulate industrial development, the government will direct more efforts in improving the business environment. This involves review and amendment of various

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exceeded the number of those who entered Kirumba.

The event was attended by various leaders and for the first time since President Magufuli came into power, leader of the opposition in Parliament and chairman for the main opposition party Chadema, Freeman Mbowe attended.

"I came here at around 6:30am but didn't manage to enter the stadium because there were a lot of people," lamented a Mwanza resident who attended the celebrations.

Mwanza Regional Commissioner John Mongella said the turn up was a demonstration that Tanzanians love their country, and also reflects the strong mobilizations made through mainstream media and social media.

Along with President Magufuli, the ceremony was attended by Vice President Samia Suluhu Hassan, Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa, the President of Zanzibar Ali Mohamed Shein, cabinet ministers, heads of security organs, MPs and various senior government officials.

Retired presidents Benjamin Mkapa

and Ali Hassan Mwinyi, former prime ministers John Malecela, Mizengo Pinda, Edward Lowasa and Fredrick Sumaye were also on the grand stand.

During his arrival Mbowe was accompanied by party's Central Zone chairman Lazaro Nyalandu who came as part of their promise to attend this year's event after three years of boycott.

There was heavy security at the CCM Kirumba Stadium with uniformed police and CID personnel in civilian clothing keeping watch around the area even as early as 3 am.

The Tanzania People's Defence Forces (TPDF) and officers from the Prisons Department also took part in strengthening security and maintaining order.

Every person entering the stadium was properly screened regardless of political and administrative position, with the Mwanza Regional Police Commander (RPC) Jumanne Muliro saying everything was in place to ensure peace and security is maintained.

President Magufuli gave a chance to various opposition leaders to speak and in his remarks Mbowe said he attended the ceremony to symbolize the need for reconciliation in the country.



Tabora regional commissioner Aggrey Mwanri (in cap) joins Tabora residents in a traditional dance at the weekend at the launch of a biometric SIM-card registration campaign organised by the Tanzania Communications and Regulatory Authority (TCRA). Photo: Guardian Correspondent

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laws," she stated.

She thanked investors for their cooperation, saying that where such meetings were held the perception was good.

"The response is good. This shows the extent at which we have made progress in attracting investors. We will work on all the challenges that

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have been presented by investors," the minister declared.

In another development, Minister Kairuki ordered regional business councils and government agencies handling investments to reach out to stakeholders and give answers to their

challenges.

"We will not progress if our experts will remain locked in offices as investors and businessmen struggle to overcome challenges on their own. I call upon all the agencies responsible for investments to reach

out to people and address their challenges," she said.

She also appreciated efforts by Tanzania National Business Council (TNBC) for its role coordination in regions, saying regional and district business councils were important

avenues to stimulate business growth and development.

A major challenge presented by stakeholders is the lack of proper answers to problems they are facing, the minister said, noting that the matter was alarming given the fact that

government experts are employed to answer that call.

"Some of the challenges are not related to existing laws or policies. They are caused by people who are employed to work with investors in ensuring smooth operations, so the government will not tolerate such public servants. We will deal with them as per the public service laws," she added.



Amina Shabani (2nd-L), Deputy Permanent Secretary in the Finance and Planning ministry, presents the National Board of Accountants and Auditors' (NBAA) 'Best Presented Financial Statements' award to DCB Commercial Bank Plc chief operating officer Nelson Swai in Dar es Salaam at the weekend after the bank scooped the first prize in the 'Small and Medium Banks' category. Others are NBAA board chairman Prof Isaya Jairo (L) and DCB internal audit manager Samwel Stephano (R). Photo: Guardian Correspondent

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within the required timeframe," the director explained.

He showered appreciation for the governments of Tanzania and Zimbabwe for supporting TAZARA by showing confidence in its ability to handle the consignment.

In September, TAZARA signed a contract with Zambian and Zimbabwean railway authorities to transport the 17,000 tonnes of maize.

TAZARA, Zambia Railways Limited

(ZRL) and the National Railways of Zimbabwe (NRZ) signed a joint contract with the Grain Marketing Board (GMB) of Zimbabwe to transport the 17,000 tonnes of maize from Makambako and Vwawa in southern Tanzania to Bulawayo in Zimbabwe.

Under the agreed terms, TAZARA transported the maize from Makambako and Vwawa and relayed it to ZRL at New Kapiri Mposhi that passed it to NRZ at Livingstone for final delivery to various destinations in Zimbabwe.

Tanzania decided to export 700,000 tonnes of maize to Zimbabwe after an El Nino-induced drought wilted crops, and the sale is expected to stimulate trade between the two countries.

Early this year, the United Nations estimated that about a third of Zimbabwe's 15 million people were in need of food assistance.

President Magufuli said Tanzania had surplus maize this year after harvesting 16 million tonnes, where the demand was only around 13 million tonnes.

An appeal document given to

reporters by Zimbabwe's Information ministry showed that the country needed \$300 million in aid for food and a portion of the funds cater for emergency shelters, logistics and telecommunications.

TAZARA is bi-national railway jointly owned by Tanzania and Zambia on equal shareholding basis. The 1,860km-railway connects landlocked Zambia to the Dar es Salaam Port and further provides road and railway inter-connectivity to other parts of southern Africa.

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encountered problems during initial stages of its construction in 2017. "The project was supposed to be completed in February 2020, but it was delayed for about nine months."

"But now, all needed equipment is here. Since the equipment will not come from elsewhere, this gives us hope, since the companies constructing have already got used to it and increased the workforce, this gives us hope too," he explained.

Dr Kalemami said the ministers look forward to the people of Tanzania, Rwanda and Burundi enjoying the fruits of the project as planned without delay.

There will be transmission lines for electricity, about 94km from Rusumo to Nyakanazi (Tanzania), 161km to Rwanda, and 194km to Burundi.

The works on the plant and those on the transmitter should be going in a parallel manner, he said.

Project benefits

Emile Nkezabera, 31, a resident of Kirehe District who has been working at the project since last December where he earns Rwf5,000 daily said the project has been an opportunity to earn a decent living.

"For about a year I have been working here. I have bought a modern breed cow which is about to give birth. This project has boosted our lives because when the remuneration comes, we get enough money that can help you to do something," he said.

Rusumo project contributed to raising the livelihoods of people living in the neighbourhood of the site through a \$670,000 Livelihood Restoration Programme which is successfully implemented in both Rwanda and Tanzania.

The project established the Local Area Development Plan (LADP), a \$15.5 million benefit-sharing programme designed to equitably boost regional economic and social development in the areas of Kirehe and Ngoma districts in Rwanda, Ngara District in Tanzania and both Giteranyi and Busoni districts in Burundi.

In both Tanzania and Burundi, the benefit-sharing programme was

mainly injected in crop and livestock agriculture, water supply, bee keeping, among others.

Rwanda's \$5 million share was used in rehabilitation of 30km of Cyagasenyi-Gasarabwayi-Nganda feeder road in Kigarama and Musaza sectors, and construction of Kigina Health Centre in Kirehe District.

In Ngoma District, the project constructed the 9.54km Kigabiro-Rurenge-Gatore feeder road, 28.7km mixed water pipeline supplying the 10,500 population in Gatonde and Gahima cells, and 33km of the Gituku-Murama water supply system.

Boosting local businesses, the project workforce consists of 290 Tanzanians, 320 Rwandans, and 120 Burundians.

The workers are accommodated near the construction site, 5km from the Rusumo border in Tanzania, but there is also ongoing construction of permanent housing for 25 staff who will work at the power plant once it is operational, to live with their families.

New management

The meeting also announced a new management for the project, with Darren George Protulipac appointed project manager.

A 12-man special committee was picked to examine how the project can be fast-tracked.

Meanwhile, the project's Council of Ministers (CoM) elected Kalemami as the new chairman, handing over to Manirakiza after one year.

Hard tunnel

The rocks in the tunnel being dug inside a Tanzanian hill nearby the river water are hard and require using the blasting method, but this has not been easy for those living within the area.

"The tunnel is two-thirds complete. However, since June, we have had a problem due to the use of blasting that caused too much noise in the area. Its vibration affected people's houses, with 22 houses reported damaged," Gatete explained.

"There are activities we have to do first in order not to disturb residents. Although we want electricity, we do not want to get it in a disturbing way. Now they will have to find a proper way of blasting not harming people's houses," he added.



DTB-Tanzania managing director Viju Cherian (2nd-L, standing) and operations manager Madhava Murthy (L, standing) look on as young Ayasa Mohamed is examined at a free eye and diabetes camp organised by Lions Club City and sponsored by the bank. It was held at Mbagala Mbande on the outskirts of the city at the weekend. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

By Guardian Correspondent, Unguja

## Zanzibar using ICT to simplify processing of national IDs, birth and death certificates

THE nine years of Dr Ali Mohammed Shein's presidency in Zanzibar has had a number of positive outcomes, with one of the most notable ones being that residents of the Isles can now easily get their civil status certificates at district levels.

This has been able due to the deployment of Information and Communication Technology (ICT), conducted in partnership with other players, including a Chinese multinational telecommunications equipment and systems company, ZTE Corporation.

"The government, under President Ali Mohammed Shein, has been able

to improve access to social services by connecting institutions that are directly involved in the delivery of such services to the national ICT backbone," said executive director for the Zanzibar ICT Infrastructure Agency, Engineer Shukuru Awadhi Suleiman.

Eng Suleiman was speaking to journalists from across Tanzania who visited Zanzibar to learn about the implementation of various ICT related projects in the Isles.

He said the government through the Zanzibar ICT Infrastructure

Agency, has been able to connect all 11 district offices of the Zanzibar Civil Status Registration Agency to the national ICT backbone of Zanzibar.

"As such, all civil status amenities, including access to marriage, divorce and births certificates as well as the Zanzibar Identity Card are obtained directly at district levels," he said.

This is different from those days when people were being forced to travel all the way to the headquarters to make follow ups on the issuance of their civil status amenities.

To ensure that people are able to receive quality telecommunication services, Dr Shein's administration has invested in one sub-marine fibres from Dar es Salaam to Unguja and one more from Tanga to Pemba.

This will help mobile network operators and Internet Service Providers transfer large data capacity from Mainland to the Isles.

"That way, Zanzibar gets enough and quality data and telecommunication services across all areas of Unguja and Pemba," he said.

## TPA: Our performance is massively impressive

By Guardian Correspondent, Mwanza

TANZANIA Ports Authority (TPA) has cited five important issues that it boasts of in their performance during the last four years.

The authority also says that other achievements include collection of revenue from various taxes totaling 940bn/-.

Speaking to reporters yesterday here TPA Director General Eng Deusdedit Kakoko mentioned the five issues including the capacity of its sea and lake ports saying that currently they are doing good work in loading and offloading cargo and handling of passengers as compared in the last four years.

"We weight the freight tonnage handled compared to others or with the past periods. This is a thing to boast of, first we congratulate President John Magufuli who has resolved to revive and develop ports as an integral part in the country's economy," he said.

He added: "And that is a normal thing in the basics of management because what can you be proud of - it means results of the implantation of what you had planned, if you cultivate a farm, you expect to harvest and you will have targeted the number of bags of tonnage of crops per acre, so if you achieve that that's when you say you are proud in getting what you planned for or more."

"...and that is why we are talking now, the ports are very active, for example the port of Mwanza North is now in operation while in the past snakes had started to roam about, now you will always hear ships' honking proving that our ports are now active."

Kakoko said TPA has been collaborating with other institutions including Tanzania Marine Services which contributed 400m/- to revive its ships while Tanzania Railways Corporation (TRC) gave out 200m/- for the same purpose.

He said: "When we see there are many ships in our ports we are able to sleep but when ships are in scarcity we do not sleep at all and start asking the managers why is it so."

"The year we started with the period management board in 2016 was the period

when ships and cargo dwindled, and that is the base for our measurement. We started handling cargo from many countries, and it was the time when it was said some people were spreading propaganda that the Dar es Salaam Port was tiring out - just like an old lady. It was the period many of you took photograph ruins in our ports that in fact had been demolished for the construction of infrastructures."

He said they are proud with the step attained and the current plan is to increase cargo handling capacity that should not go below one million tonnes per month and that they were handling 14.7 million tonnes annually but due to improvement in the services they succeeded to reach 17.8 million tonnes and now they are talking of 18.1 million tonnes.

He said another area TPA is boasting of is revenue collection which has gone up as compared in past when on cargo they had 6 to 7 percent increase per year but now it is between 9 to 11 percent.

He said they used to collect 300bn/- per month which climbed every month to 320bn/- then later to 360bn/-.

"So you find there is an increase of between 10bn/- per year up to 20bn/- . When the board took over it was 608bn/- but now we have reached 940bn/- and we plan to reach 1.4bn/-," he said.

Eng Kakoko said as they reach this step, and be able to issue dividend to the government of 480bn/- from the money they are still collecting and for the first time they have been able to get a profit of more than 240bn/-.

He said: "Projects currently being implemented countrywide are aiding TPA a lot, for example the SGR project, as there are cargoes of heavy metal and other equipment being imported into the country, as well as the Mwalimu Nyerere Hydro Project on Rufiji River which we also expect to reap more revenue through handling of their cargoes."

He said another issue that TPA is proud of is their production capability - this entails criteria used in production such as the time you use for trucks to enter ports, time taken to load them with cargo, and the time ships stay at berths.

By Getrude Mbago

## Foundation embarks on initiative to help out girls with disabilities

A not for profit foundation-'Her Ability' has embarked on a special initiative to capacitate girls with disabilities in various colleges and universities with skills and techniques to achieve academic excellence and grab various employment opportunities.

Victoria Lihiru, the founder of the foundation said the initiative among other things works to identify, empower, link, support, and advocate for the rights of People with Disabilities in colleges.

Speaking during the first conference on university girls with disabilities in Dar es Salaam at the weekend Lihiru said the project also focuses on bridging the gap between female graduates living with disabilities and potential employers in order to enhance employability in accordance with SDG Goal 8 on decent work.

According to her, the foundation intends to achieve the goal through the measurable step of having all final year university female students with disabilities at university identified, registered on an online platform, capacitated on employability skills, and connected with potential employers.

She noted that for decades PWDs faced myriad challenges such as abuse, lack of education, illiteracy, and unemployment and despite the available international law and national laws that protect their rights, the implementation of such laws is at a very low stage.

Lihiru noted that for learners with deafness, the acceptance, harmonization, recognition and usage of Tanzania sign language is still a hindrance towards improving learning outcomes. These factors keep many children with

disabilities out of school and those who are lucky to receive education have to endure serious humiliation, name-calling and discrimination from their fellow students, teachers and the community in general. "Most of our colleges and universities as well are not well equipped to provide quality education, this affects lives and performance of the students with disabilities thus going far to affect their future as well," said Witness Raphael, a first year student at The Institute of Social Work (ISW).

Witness further said that most colleges and universities in the country lack essential infrastructure to serve students with disabilities.

She said that most of classrooms and hostels are characterized by inaccessible infrastructures, absence of assistive devices and technology, lack of appropriate and adequate learning and teaching materials and untrained and unmotivated teachers.



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 Candidates are required to fill in the Application Form and Questionnaire and upload their C.V and a covering letter (no more than 500 words) clearly explaining how they meet both the Essential and Asset Qualifications.

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9	Decorations (venue) kit	11
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 Pact Tanzania  
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 P. O. Box 6348, Dar es salaam, Tanzania

All quotes must be in Tanzanian Shillings and enclosed in a plain sealed envelope. The deadline is 11am EAT Friday 20th December 2019.

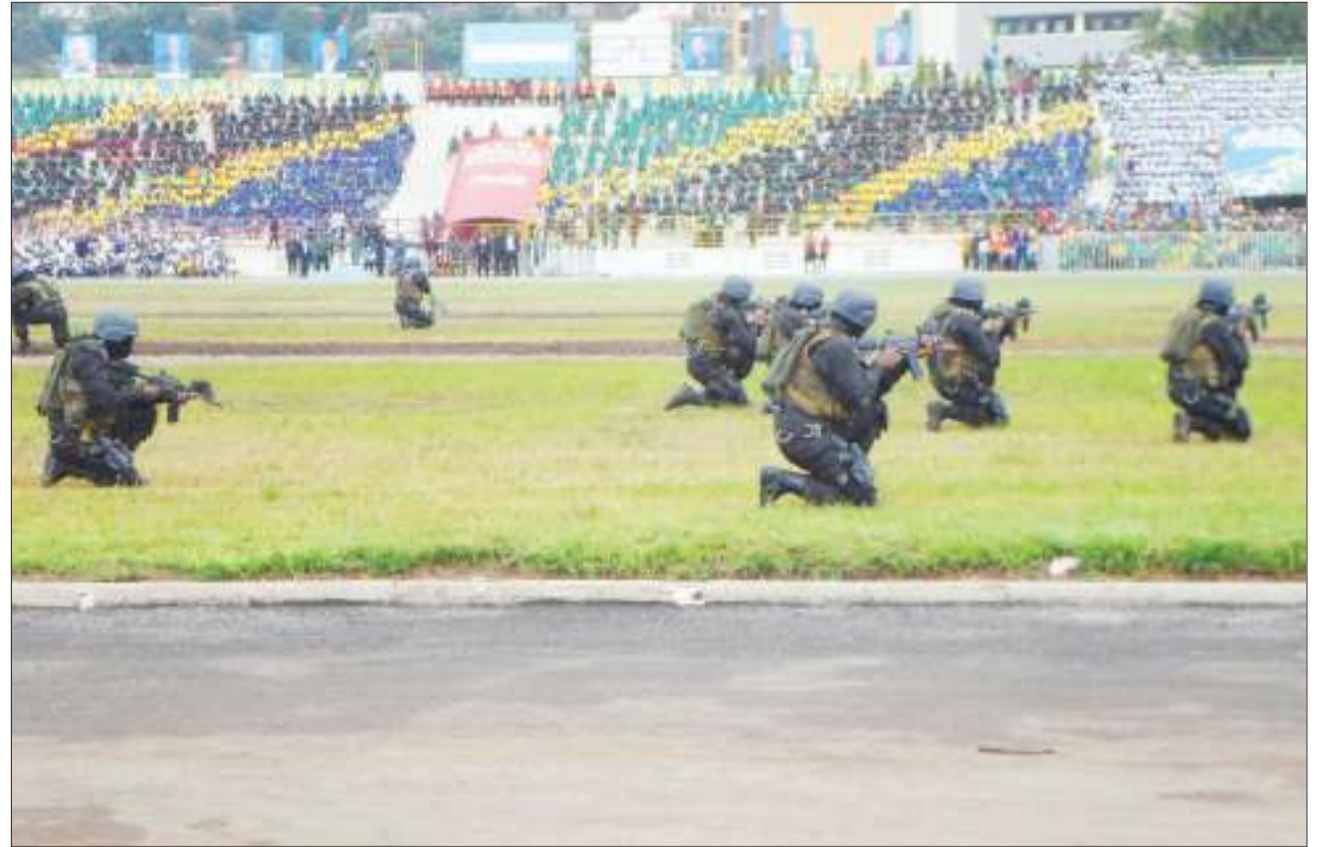
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# Independence Day, as celebrated at national level - in Mwanza city



Members of the traditional militia demonstrate their paramilitary skills, should it come to combating an enemy. It was during celebrations to mark Tanganyika's 58th Independence Day celebrations, held at national level at Mwanza city's CCM Kirumba Stadium yesterday. All photos: State House



Demo: Tanzania People's Defence Forces commandos ready for action, in the event of the worst coming to the worst.



Demo: TPDF commandos prepare to leave the battlefield after rescuing a wounded high-ranking officer from kidnapers.



High-ranking government officials and other dignitaries follow proceedings during the celebrations.



Tanzania Prisons women wardens salute Commander-in-Chief President John Magufuli.



Demo: A TPDF commando drops from a military helicopter to come to the rescue of a colleague facing danger.



Demo: TPDF commandos drop from a military chopper in style.



Demo: TPDF commandos stand ready to airlift a senior officer in danger. All photos: State House



K-Finance loans officer Bernadetha Martin (2nd-L) has a word with presumed customers who visited the firm's pavilion at an exhibition held in Dar es Salaam at the weekend, as managing director Judith Minzi (L) looks on. The firm extends loans and offers business advice to businesspersons and other people. Left is K-Finance Managing Director Judith Minzi. K-FINANCE Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## Development stakeholders call for more investment to improve agriculture sector

By Guardian Reporter

DEVELOPMENT stakeholders have been urged to invest more in the agriculture sector, if the country is to attain middle income status by 2025.

This was aired at the official launch of the report on poverty assessment for Tanzania Mainland over the weekend in Dodoma. The study was conducted by the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) in consultation with other stakeholders, including the World Bank.

Chief Executive Officer of Southern Agricultural Growth Corridor of Tanzania (Sagcot) CEO Geoffrey Kirenga attributed the rapid transformation in agricultural sector to not only the capital injected but the skills, knowledge and experience brought by middle-size enterprises which are now engaging in agri-business.

"The rural farmers are now accessing the skills, knowledge and experience brought by these mid-size companies as well as that brought by individuals from urban areas who are now targeting the sector," he explained.

He said for the first time middle size companies are producing significant amount of wealth produced in agricultural sector and added that about 40 percent of what is being produced in the country comes from those enterprises.

Kirenga elaborated that those entrepreneurs operating in the rural settings whether in production or services they are effectively touching rural population whom majority are poor.

On urban poor, Kirenga was of the opinion that the time has come to also focus on the urban poor population to make them productive as possible instead of always targeting the rural poor.

Unified Registry of Beneficiaries Manager at Tanzania Social Action Fund (TASAF), Phillipine Mmari suggested the need to address gender

parity if we're to address poverty in the country, saying: "Cultural practices have been denying women to access land, despite the fact that they're the ones who are engaging in farm work."

Prof Herme Mosha from School of Education, University of Dar es Salaam also suggested the need for putting more emphasis on Vocational Educational and Training Authority (VETA) to come up with traditional industries—which are key to industrialisation agenda.

World Bank country director, Bella Bird said she concurs with those who believe that the future jobs and inclusive growth in Tanzania lies on agri-business as transformations that are taking place lead to that.

"The face of the sector is changing as many young people are joining it bringing a lot of innovations and trying to invest in agro-industry" She said.

The WB country director acknowledged the contribution of government efforts to open the rural areas through better infrastructure and rural electrification.

She however noted that a big challenge now facing rural farmers is access to financial facilities which she admitted that in spite of many efforts being made still the question lies on how best financial inclusion can be beneficial to the targeted population.

Bird thanked the national statistics office for its cooperation with Development partners including World Bank and praised it for its utter professionalism. "They are really scientists, they know numbers and they treat them well. They understand methodologies and they invest and learn; and they are people of great skills and integrity," she said.

She expressed optimism that NBS will continue collaborating with stakeholders including development partners, civil societies and private sector to see what other insights the report can provide that will keep Tanzania grow and increase prosperity to its people.

## MP pays for tailoring training for over 500 women in Songea

By Guardian Correspondent, Songea

OVER 500 women from all districts of Ruvuma Region are to benefit from the two-week training on tailoring that will be conducted by Songea Vocational Education and Training Authority (Songea-VETA) where after graduation they will be presented with sewing machines.

The training is conducted with funding from Ruvuma Region Special Seats Member of Parliament Jacqueline Ngonyani as part of her promise dur-

ing her election campaign vying to be a Member of Parliament on special seats ticket.

Speaking at the opening of the training, the MP said apart from her political commitments she will offer women in the region development opportunities including in sewing.

She said the training on sewing is in addition to other training courses in other fields she will conduct and those who pass successfully will be awarded with certificates.

The CCM chairman for Ruvuma Re-

gion Oddo Mwisho hailed the project and called on others to emulate the special seats MP gesture in rescuing women in the country from the poverty trap.

Principal of VETA-Songea Gideon Ole Laumbe said VETA implements the CCM Manifesto in enabling the youth to receive training in various skills for their own development.

Some of the participants of the training in tailoring - Kandia Komba, Rose Mvula and Aloysia Komba said in unison that they congratulate the special

seats MP Ngonyani for providing them with the training as it is a lifetime treasure in the upkeep of their families.

Those who participated in training include 17 women from Mbinga District, 11 women from Songea Rural district and 7 women from Nyhasa District. Other 8 were from Tunduru, Songea Municipality had 12 participants while Namtumbo registered 12 women and 17 represented Ruvuma Region.

All these paid for their own transport costs whilst accommodation and food was paid for by the MP.

### HALMASHAURI YA JIJI LA DODOMA



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Tigo north zone director Aidan Komba (L) presents a dummy cheque for 5m/- in Arusha city at the weekend to Arusha resident Elizabeth Makala, who won the firm's 'Kishindo cha Kufunga Mwaka' promotion raffle. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## Over 15,000 residents of Kwimba to benefit from old water project

By Guardian Correspondent, Kwimba

ABOUT 15,000 people will benefit from water project which its construction nears completion.

Speaking during his inspection tour on work of water projects in Shilima, Mhande, and Izizimba A villages in Kwimba District, Mwanza Region the Deputy Minister for Water Juma Aweso said the one area that upsets the ministry is the slow work on the projects.

He said the biggest challenge is in the operation and supervision hence he called on all leaders to be accountable to the wananchi by working hard as the wananchi wanted tap water and not words.

"What pains is the unused money in the account since September that remains idle and I don't know why. And your response is the delay in the procurement procedures while the wananchi continue to suffer," Aweso said.

He said the aim of the government is to remove water buckets off the heads of women, adding: "We have kicked out contractors, and we shall continue to kick out others from all water projects that dilly dally and remain with those who do actual work."

Aweso also presented report of the water situation of Ag Rural Water Supply and sanitation Authority Manager for Kwimba District Eng Boaz Pius saying the project started in October 2013 and was to be completed in six months but did not after the contractor failed to abide by the terms of the contract, thereafter the council suspended the contract in May 2019.

He added that currently the work on the infrastructure is being undertaken by Mwanza urban Water Supply and Sanitation Authority (MWAUWASA).

He said the district is faced with various challenges in the water service, including aged infrastructure

that necessitates water loss, climate change especially in the dry season, some people claiming compensation in project areas thereby causing unnecessary delays as well as delay in paying the contractors.

The Kwimba District Commissioner Senyi Ngaga and the Kwimba Constituency Member of Parliament (MP) Sharif Mansoor said the wananchi are faced with water supply challenges due to drought hence supplying them with water will reduce damage to the infrastructure.

They said the huge water projects for Mhande and Izizimba A villages got stuck following the removal of the contractor as well as the delay in the supply of pipes at project site.

Meanwhile, one of the residents Juliana John told reporters that they hail the government for remembering them in solving their water woes they were experiencing for a very long time hence the completion of the project will be a great relief to them.

According to 2012 National Census statistics Kwimba district had a population of 406,509 with the increase per year of 1.9 percent, and up to June this year the district's population it is estimated to be 515,352.

The district's water supply situation up to October this year shows that 284,240 or 55.2 percent of the population get water.



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## ARU initiates satellite system to locate Dar residential areas

By Guardian Reporter

THE Ardhi University (ARU) has developed a system to locate all residential areas in Dar es Salaam by using satellite pictures.

The system can be used by the Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) to improve revenue collection and other institutions for security purposes.

Speaking at the 13th graduation ceremony, Deputy Vice Chancellor Prof Evaristo Liwa said the aim of the

system is to inform the public of some of the services from the university.

He said the university is conducting various researches including that of improving the proper use of the Rufiji water basin to address challenges and increase agriculture production in districts of Iringa region.

"We have also conducted research on how to mitigate disasters such as floods as well as proper land management to avoid conflicts," said Prof Liwa.

He added that another aim of the research is to identify how best to

involve stakeholders in climate change mitigation.

He further said the university has conducted research on how to control the growth of unplanned cities in 20 towns in Tanzania which are on the planning exercise such as Mafinga, Geita, Ifakara and Gairo with an aim of planning and developing fast developing towns in the country.

"The university has conducted studies on the trend on growth for African cities by involving societies so that there is a correlation between

the real situations on the ground and suggestions by the various past studies.

During the graduation which was attended by the Chancellor Cleopa Msuya, a total of 977 students were awarded degrees and masters in various programmes.

Prof Liwa called upon those who graduated to make well use of the skills and knowledge they acquired to bolster the country's development mostly in the current industrial agenda.

## PWDs hail govt for enhancing security of group's members

By Correspondent Friday Simbaya, Iringa

PEOPLE with albinism have hailed the government for enhancing protection and security of people with disabilities which has led to a reduction in brutal actions against the group.

They said that acts of violence against people with albinism have gone down after the government put in place effective measures to combat such vicious acts of killing them and cutting off organs in the hope that they will get rich.

Secretary of the Albino Association of Tanzania (TAS) in Songea Given Rugora made the remarks yesterday here during the International Day of Persons with Disabilities - 3 December this year held in Mwembetogwa grounds in Iringa town organised by Voluntary Service Overseas (VSO) through Tanzania Local Enterprise Development (TLED) and International Citizen Service (ICS) projects.

Rugora who is a first year law student at the University of Iringa formerly (Tumaini University College) said that the Tanzanian government has taken some steps to combat such a problem as the public condemnation of attacks and killings. "We urge the authorities to take urgent concrete measures to protect people with albinism and to take a more proactive approach to inclusive education to combat the stigma attached to albinism," he said.

According to the Tanzania Federation of Disabled People's Organisations (SHIVYAWATA) General Secretary for Iringa Region, Leo Sambala said that people with albinism in Tanzania are fighting for their survival.

He noted that they not only face discrimination and outright rejection by families and society, but endure extreme violence as they are hunted down and their body parts used in witchcraft rituals.

Sambala said that Iringa Region has the challenge of correct data base for the people with disabilities (PWDs), whereby the number of PWDs is approximately 5,402 (2,796 female and 2,606 male).

He pointed out the Iringa Region is facing the challenge of database hence unable to reach those in the remote

areas of the districts.

The "Tanzania Federation of Disabled People's Organisations (SHIVYAWATA)" is a non-governmental federation which was established in 1992 and brings together ten national Disabled People's Organisations (DPOs). The Federation is a mouthpiece for matters pertaining to Persons With Disabilities (PWDs).

The vice chairperson, Tanzania Association of the Deaf - Chavita Iringa, Rukia Makweta (40), a mother of two children said disability is not inability and urged her colleagues not to deny themselves and PWDs to engage in income generating activities (IGAs) hence poverty reduction.

She explained that for the PWDs to get support from the government they have to form some economic groups.

However, Rukia urged her fellows to accept their disabilities and come out in open and speak out for themselves.

Stella Madahila, a project manager for Tanzania Local Enterprise Development (TLED) for Iringa and Njombe regions said they are working with every group through the principle of social inclusion.

She said they are working with people with disabilities so that they cannot remain behind and making sure those PWDs were also included in the economic development. Madahila elaborated that TLED is a Canadian-funded project and is under a VSO partnership with Cuso International.

The five-year project aims at assisting small and medium-sized entrepreneurs in different fields; providing business training, how to keep financial records, networking, promoting technology, networking with financial institutions.

Theme for IDPD2019 was "Promoting the participation of persons with disabilities and their leadership: taking action on the 2030 Development Agenda"

The annual observance of the International Day of Disabled Persons was proclaimed in 1992, by the United Nations General Assembly resolution 47/3. The observance of the day aims to promote an understanding of disability issues and mobilise support for the dignity, rights and well-being of persons with disabilities.



Angellah Kairuki (L), Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office (Investment), has a word with the Deputy Minister of State in the Vice President's Office (Union and Environment), Musa Sima, at a meeting between investors and members of the business community in held in Coast Region at the weekend. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

By Francis Kajubi

SIXTEEN young students from various countries including Tanzania have emerged winners of this year's Franco Jeune festival after their outstanding performance in French and Kiswahili language reading writing competition that enabled them to walk out with a total of 1,600Euros.

Held in Dar es Salaam during the weekend, the 16th Franco Jeune festival competition brought together 16 high and university students to exchange cultural experiences through writing and reading competition in Kiswahili and French languages. The festival was organised jointly by the Readership for Learning and Development (SOMA) Institute and the Fra.OI organisation.

Speaking at the event, Demere Kitunga, Executive Director, SOMA Institute, said that youth passion

## Tanzania shines at Franco Jeune festival

of learning French in Tanzania has increased compared to ten years ago.

He said each winner was awarded 100Euros as well as a recognition certificate.

The 16 students came from six countries along the Indian Ocean namely Tanzania, Mozambique, Comoros, Djibouti, Madagascar and Mayotte the headquarters of the Fra.OI.

"Public and private schools that teaches French has increased in Tanzania. Today there are many young men and women who can write and speak in French with fluency. Understanding French does not only make one comfortable but it is an opportunity to big connections that can make one earn money through hospitality industry," said Kitunga.

According to her, the completion helps the students to build learning relationships culture by exchanging written stories in Kiswahili and French. She said this is the first time for such a festival to be hosted in Tanzania since the institute started working with the Fra.OI about two years ago.

Mjuni Kalisti, French Facilitator at SOMA Institute said that the competition was a diverse of contemporary dance, folklore, slam poem, story translation from French to Kiswahili and vice versa and writing a joint poem about Dar es Salaam both in Kiswahili and French.

"French learning has become an interesting profession among youths. To my knowledge there are about 40 primary and secondary schools in Dar

es Salaam both private and public that teaches French in their curriculums. There are five public high schools that teach French from two in the late 1990s" said Kalisti.

Anavaileth Felix, a student from the University of Dar es Salaam undergoing a Bachelor of Arts with Education, said that she studied French from ordinary level secondary education to high school thus the festival has been an initiative of strengthening her competence in French.

"My dream was to become a linguistic some day and see the bright future at this stage. My advice to my young brothers and sisters who are in school is to take language subjects as there are plenty of opportunities in this profession," said Felix.



Gaudensia Simwanza (L), Tanzania Medicines and Medical Devices Authority's communication and public education manager, briefs visitors at the weekend inside TMDA's pavilion at an exhibition of industrial products made in the country held in Dar es Salaam. Photo: Correspondent Miraji Msala

## Children foundation reaches out to over 600 children with disabilities with education aid

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

THE Tanzania Cheshire Foundation (TCF) has managed to reach 626 out of the possible 1000 children with disabilities, registering them and ensuring their enrolment in primary schools, it has been revealed.

TCF has also managed to provide the children with learning materials like books, among others that they need in schools, said the project manager, Menance Mhombwe.

Speaking at the event to mark the regional celebration of the International Day of Persons with Disabilities at Kondoa in Dodoma region, he said his organization is responsible for identifying children with disabilities with need to access education just like other children.

"TCF is working in line with the government policies and plans to implement inclusive education system, ensuring that children with disabilities access education," he said adding that the programme aims to uplift the less fortunate children in the country.

Besides enrolment in schools, he said the organisation also help them access treatment at the regional hospital, for those who deserve the service as well as enabling get counseling from the health practitioners.

Speaking about the international day

of people with disabilities, he said it is a day to remember what such people go through in the society as well as deliberations on how to help them lead a better life.

It is an international observance promoted by the United Nations since 1992. The observance of the day aims to promote an understanding of disability issues and mobilize support for the dignity, rights and well-being of persons with disabilities.

It aims to increase public awareness, understanding and acceptance of people with disability and celebrate their achievements and contributions.

TCF's Project Adviser, Theodory Mwalongo said the organization in partnership with Leonard Cheshire (LC) have been awarded a four year grant since March 2017 from a donor to deliver an inclusive education programme in Dodoma city and Chamwino district councils of Tanzania in line with the National Inclusive Education Strategy (NIES).

The project aims to increase the enrolment and retention of children with disabilities in primary schools, to increase their learning and improve their life chances. He named some of the rights for children as protection, education, play and other important matters that help them grow spiritually, psychologically and emotionally.

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

## Shortage of classrooms to delay Form I lessons in Mbeya Region

AT least 2,716 students who passed this year's National Standard VII Examinations and required to join Form I next year in Mbeya Region are in danger of delaying starting their secondary education due to the shortage of 59 classrooms.

This was revealed at the weekend by Ag Mbeya Regional Education Officer George Mbigima at a meeting with education stakeholders in which he briefed them on the selection of Form I students which he said only eight percent of those who passed have been selected to join secondary

education. He said because of this challenge the names of those selected are on hold until the classrooms are ready and that out of the region's seven councils, only three - Busokelo, Mbeya City and Kyela have no shortage of classrooms.

Mbigima said the council leading in

classrooms shortage is Mbarali District Council with 11 classrooms, followed by Mbeya District Council also with 11 classrooms, while Rungwe and Chunya with six each, and called on the leaders of these councils to ensure they supervise the constructions of the classrooms so that by January they

should be ready.

The Mbeya Regional Administrative Officer (RAS) Jeremiah Minja directed all councils to complete work on the classrooms by January 15 2020.

He said the Minister of State, in the President's Office (Regional Administration and Local Government

Seleman Jaffo had directed the classrooms to be completed by January 30, but they have decided to put forward the date.

Some of the district commissioners who attended the meeting gave their strategies to ensure all students who passed start secondary education as

soon as possible.

The Mbarali District Commissioner whose district leads the pack in shortage of classrooms, Reuben Mfune said in his district they have decided to build nine new schools to confront the classrooms shortage challenge.

He said out of these new schools, six will be opened in January and after that they will continue with the work of building new classrooms at old schools.

When giving statement on students selected to join Form I Jaffo said 173,636 students countrywide could not be selected to join Form I due to shortage of classrooms.

## Remote Tanzanian village logs onto the internet

By Guardian Reporter and Agencies

THE village of Sagara B sits along a red dirt road in the baobab-dotted Dodoma Region in central Tanzania, where half-desert savanna meets the Rubeho Mountains. It's home to less than 5,000 people and is so remote no one ever bothered to set up an internet connection. Until four years ago.

Over a week, engineers from Copenhagen-based Company Bluetown erected an 80-foot Wi-Fi tower topped with shiny solar panels and a microwave link antenna. It connected to a fiber backhaul 15 miles away, creating a half-mile-wide hot spot with download speeds up to 10 Mbps—fast enough for Netflix. Villagers rented smartphones from the company and paid 50 cents per gigabyte for the data they used, just over 1 percent of the average monthly income. And just like that, life began to change.

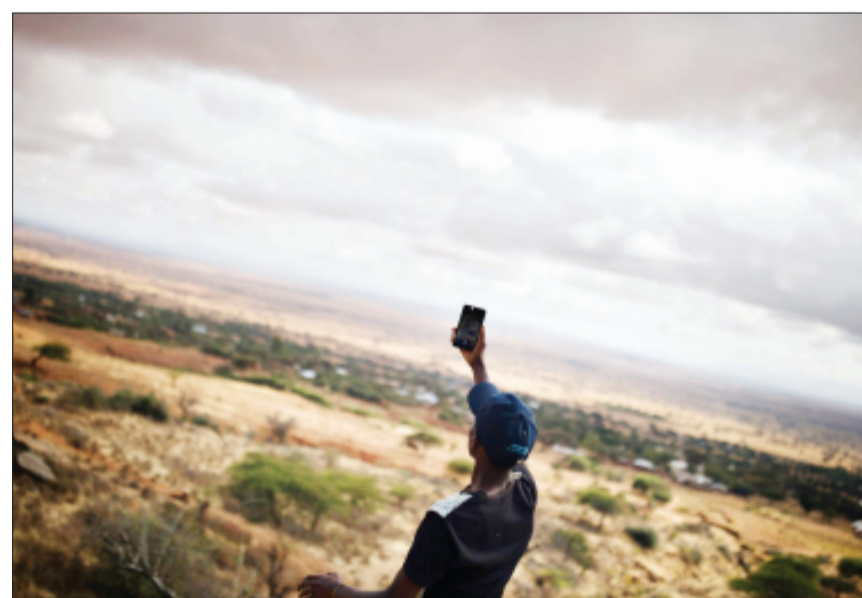
"You can see that something happened with the internet," says Danish photojournalist Lars Just. "The world sort of opened up."

As of 2018, more than half of the world's 7.7 billion people had access to the internet. Africa has seen huge growth, with the percentage of residents online increasing from 2.1 in 2005 to 24.4 last year. In an attempt to connect the rest—not just to the web, but to its proven socio-economic benefits—the African Union and World Bank recently launched Moonshot Africa, an initiative to double broadband access on the continent by 2021, and make it universal by 2030.

Sagara B resident Paul Jackson started a business recharging phones for less than 1 cent per charge.

Those offline often can scarcely afford food, much less expensive data packages. They tend to live in rural areas without existing fiber-optic lines, cell towers, or routers. Telecoms don't invest because of the high capital expenditure and low potential revenue. Governments sometimes lack the resources to bridge the gap and are slow to enact policies fostering growth.

"In many places, it takes public and private resources to improve connectivity," says Darrell West, director of the Center for Technology Innovation at the Brookings Institution.



"Areas that are extremely poor or lack sufficient population density likely will need government resources or incentives to get wired."

Bluetown—helmed by an ex-Nokia Denmark executive—has found an innovative way to reach this market, bringing nearly 1,000 villages in Tanzania, Ghana, Rwanda, Mozambique, and India online since 2014. The company circumvents the cost of pricey, high-power hardware with a green energy setup it now delivers in three IKEA-like boxes. Installation costs one-tenth of a standard 3G base station, and the system runs on free, unlicensed bands like 2.4ghz, 5.8ghz, and TV White Space. The company doesn't profit much from selling data, so instead it boosts revenue by selling content distribution services to local organisations via a local cloud, providing articles and videos about agriculture, education, government, and healthcare free to users.

"Four billion people don't have access to the internet," says Emil Damholt, Bluetown's impact manager. "It's not low-hanging fruit, for sure, but the potential is massive and that's what we're going after."

After hearing about Bluetown's model a couple years ago, Just contacted the company, and they invited him to shoot its second Sagara B installation. He flew from Copenhagen to Dar es Salaam, boarded a plane west to Dodoma, then took a Land Cruiser three hours east,

his driver speeding down dusty, bumpy roads so fast the vehicle occasionally went airborne. On arriving in Sagara B, he visited the most—easily the tallest thing in town—and FaceTimed his wife. "She took a screenshot and put it on Instagram, because it was so great to her," Just says. "She's used to me being somewhere where we can't talk for three days."

Just photographed internet use in the village over three days, guided by a local named Titus who helped maintain the equipment. Some 250 villagers had rented smartphones from Bluetown, from a tailor who began using WhatsApp to communicate with clients, saving him countless trips to the city, to a teacher who started relying on YouTube to check his English pronunciation. But it also has its critics. One woman Just met complained her husband spent too much time on Facebook and her daughters didn't help as much with the housework anymore.

In an unfortunate twist, Bluetown couldn't scale its business in Tanzania due to a difficult regulatory environment. Earlier this year, it handed over its operations at nine sites to Mobiwire Tanzania. It's now focusing on India, where it already connected more than 750 villages, and Ghana, where it's partnering with Microsoft to bring internet to 800,000 people—many in places as far-flung as Sagara B.



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Tanzania Health Promotion Support (THPS) has been awarded by the US Centres for Disease Prevention and Control (CDC) funds to implement the Project 'Strengthening the Quality, Accessibility, and Sustainability of the National Health Laboratory Services (NHLS) in United Republic of Tanzania under the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR). The goal of the project is empowering the National Health Laboratory System (NHLS) in the country to achieve and monitor progress towards the UNAIDS 95-95-95 goals. THPS will support national lab systems strengthening through this five-year award in the following key areas:

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## Zanzibar world scientific cassava conference is golden opportunity

ZANZIBAR is this week playing host to a historic global cassava initiative conference for scientists and various partners involved in efforts to enhance the crop.

A press statement issued by the conference secretariat late last week said that scientists, experts and scaling partners of the African Cassava Agronomy Initiative (ACAI) were expected at the fourth annual review and planning event on ways.

The statement said that the Zanzibar meeting would discuss and profile the progress made in cassava agronomy and how such efforts were addressing the low yield per hectare on farmers' fields in Nigeria and Tanzania.

The key datum is that across Africa, yield per hectare of cassava is about nine tonnes, while in Asia it is more than 20 tonnes, implying that Africa shortchanges itself in this aspect of world trade, seriously hampering its capacity to compete in export markets for the industrial crop - and earning little.

The four-day (Monday through Thursday) meeting has plenty to think about as its cassava initiative is now poised to enter into its fifth year, meanwhile as yield per acreage is still far below that of Asia.

With four years of work in the bag and this disparity still on the table, chances of the funders pumping in more cash for five more years thin out. The question is whether they may despair about the crop or be satisfied with their achievements in Asia, as the 20 tonnes per hectare isn't a work of nature but a feat of technology and credit systems.

Looking at preliminary profiles of what the conference is set to discuss - and come up with, it is clear that there is scant room for much headway, as the African crop is anchored in traditional farming systems with all sorts of

impediments.

There is first the problem of seed varieties and then pests, the inhospitality of markets to chemical additives and Africa's reluctance on the adoption of uniform seeds based on genetic modification conducted abroad. This isn't just an African phobia but is anchored in global environmentalist themes.

The cassava crop is one whose social and economic parameters are different in character, as it is grown by smallholder farmers but even those growing it don't always take it as a major food crop except when poverty hinders them from obtaining maize, flour or rice, not to speak of wheat flour.

The market for cassava isn't a very dynamic one as the growth in population, including sharp increases in the more accessible urban population, yields little business value for cassava farming.

Indeed, cassava is hardly ever on the menu of any restaurant or open 'eatery' in towns; it is at most a street bite or used by some people with tea in the morning, but not lunch or supper.

The cassava project coordinator, Dr Pieter Pypers, is on record as having affirmed that this year's meeting - in Zanzibar - will have less of plenary presentations but more of poster sessions, a world café, breakout sessions and information booths where scientists, knowledge exchange experts and partners will showcase and share ideas.

The event will also be about scaling and dissemination of new information and on how the project has started gaining momentum with Akilimo, a tool to use for extension activities.

Even by just going by the tentative agenda, the Zanzibar conference holds a lot of promise for cassava farmers, consumers and stakeholders across the world. Accordingly, we wish it success.

## Implementing focused reforms crucial if we're to show poverty the exit door

ACCORDING to a just-launched World Bank report on social and economic growth in Tanzania, poverty in the country dropped by from 28.2 per cent four years ago to 26.2 per cent this year.

The report attributes this to gradual improvements in access to basic services and infrastructure, in the ownership of assets and in human capital.

The assessment says a slow but sure pace of structural transformation coupled with employment shifts from agriculture towards more productive industry and services also contributed, but adding that the pace of poverty reduction has been less responsive to economic growth.

The report has come at a time when Tanzanians are celebrating 58 years of Tanganyika's independence - and it would serve excellently for us to ask ourselves as to how we have fared in efforts to 'unchain' ourselves from the shame of poverty we have been fighting for six decades. Has the pace been satisfactory, or could we have done better?

The questions are worth asking because the poverty concern was also raised by none other than Father of the Nation Mwalimu Julius Nyerere at that time and relentlessly repeated - that poverty, disease and ignorance were the three issues giving our people an especially hard time.

In 2012 it was estimated that, given the current economic model built on GDP, it would take 100 years to bring the world's poorest up to the poverty line of earning US\$ 1.25 a day.

And in 2015 World Bank forecast that 702.1 million people were living in

extreme poverty, down from 1.75 billion in 1990. Extreme poverty is observed in all parts of the world, even developed economies.

And it is not always true that in countries with abundance of natural resources poverty is often shown the exit door. Nigeria and the Democratic Republic of Congo boast massive wealth in natural resources, notably oil and minerals, yet millions of their people are still languishing in abject poverty.

No one can say that Tanzania's poverty is at the same level today as obtained at Independence six decades ago. Huge strides have been made in between in bettering the people's lives - if the latest World Bank report is any testimony - this despite periodic hitches, mostly on matters of policy and implementation.

In some ways it's sad that the mining sector, in particular gold mining, started to open up to investors just over 20 years ago and apart from the shaky initial steps and mishaps on policy, and claims of corruption in the mining contracts, the government is visibly determined to turn things around.

We are witnessing some implementation of reforms in various other sectors as well, including tourism, agriculture and the development of infrastructure such as roads, rail and air transport and supply of reliable energy - all meant to spur national development.

This is as it should be. However, it is as ever important that the government and the citizenry soldier on in this as a united army - for in unity lies strength. And how judicious it would be learning from the wisdom in this adage as we mark Independence Day!



By Special Correspondent

IN Tamale, northern Ghana, 25-year-old Hyginus Laari kept coming back to a problem he saw widespread in his community.

Open defecation, instead of using toilets, contributes to the spread of bacterial diseases such as cholera and diarrhoea.

Tamale's tropical climate makes the soil there favourable for the cultivation of staple cereals, legumes and tubers, while rice is a very popular food. But during the milling of rice, the husk on the outer part of the grain is often thrown away - effectively wasted.

Yet the husk has unique physical and chemical properties that are not being harnessed in Ghana and across many other African countries. Laari, a regional finalist in the Young Champions of the Earth prize for last year, decided to change this by embarking on the use of waste rice to address the problem of open defecation.

His idea is an eco-toilet, installed using boards made from rice husks. The husks are first dried and screened for particles of the right size. Then, they are blended and a special adhesive in liquid form is sprayed to make a sheet. The sheets are then compressed, heated, cooled, trimmed and sanded down.

The toilets are made using granite flooring. A commode is then inserted and pipes leading toward a pit and rice-husk panels are screwed into place to complete the walls around the toilets. Laari is now looking for funding to scale up his idea.

"Improper waste management has serious health and environmental consequences. If it persists, it will undermine Africa's efforts to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals,"

## Novel use for rice husks has eye on environmental safety

Abdouraman Bary, UN Environment Programme's Chemicals, Waste and Air Quality Africa sub-programme coordinator, says.

Isaac Emmanuel from Covestro, one of the world's leading polymer manufacturers which drives the Young Champions of the Earth Prize, worked alongside Laari to help him develop his idea further.

"It was very fulfilling to interact with Hyginus and share in igniting new avenues for his idea," he said, adding: "Though the challenges are enormous, youth like him who are full of energy and hope keep up the positive spirit in all of us."

**Africa Renewal caught up with Laari to ask him where it all started: "What inspired you to come up with the idea of making eco-toilets from rice waste?"**

His response: Reading about India's household sanitation and the tremendous improvements made during the Swachh Bharat Mission to increase coverage of safe sanitation services in the country, have inspired me. Husks from rice, itself a major food in Ghana, are all too often either burnt into ashes or dumped as solid waste.

At the same time, no district in Ghana has been certified as open-defecation-free. Despite education about its negative impacts on society, the practice of open defecation remains a major challenge in Ghana.

Our eco-toilet innovation creates a cleaner environment while also tackling the challenge of rice husk

waste. It is installed using agro-waste board panels made from rice husks that are low-cost and eco-sensitive for the construction industry.

**What challenges have you faced along the way, and how have you overcome them?**

Community sensitisation and funding have been my major challenges. While at the University for Development Studies in the Northern Region of Ghana, I found writing blogs about the sanitation challenges in Ghana and sharing them on social media a very good way to raise awareness about my work in the initial phases.

**Have you found being young in general a challenge in implementing your work?**

Not at all. In fact, I have benefited since I have older people as mentors. As late United Nations secretary general Kofi Annan once said: "I talk to young people - their attitude, determination to make a difference, innovative spirit and desire to change things give me hope."

Being young should never be an excuse not to find innovative ways to tackle sanitation. I think it is my responsibility to think beyond my age and create the clean Ghana for the next generation to inherit, a Ghana we can all be proud of.

**You were shortlisted as a regional finalist for the Africa region last year. Has this helped you on your journey?**

Since applying to be a Young Champion of the Earth, I have been

selected among the top 100 African landscape restoration youth leaders under the Youth in Landscape initiative for the African region prior to the Global Landscapes Forum in Nairobi. I also filmed a documentary on my project for national television. I participated in the Clean Ghana Challenge Competition and emerged as one of the winners, and my project continues to catch the attention of mentors who are willing to support me.

**What is your vision for the future?**

My vision is to install household eco-toilet facilities across communities in Ghana and Africa as well as to create sanitation awareness across Ghana and Africa - most recently through a mobile application. As young people, we are the leaders of tomorrow. We must be on the front line of world development. My vision is to continue to reach out and inspire more young people to solve environmental problems, especially those addressed by the 17 global Sustainable Development Goals, contributing to the 2030 Agenda.

The Young Champions of the Earth Prize is powered by Covestro. The prize is UN Environment Programme's leading initiative to engage youth in tackling the world's most pressing environmental challenges. This year's regional finalists have been shortlisted and the winners will be announced soon. Hyginus Laari is a Young Champions of the Earth prize changemaker.

• **An Africa Renewal feature.**

## Guide on safe management of transhumance flows ready

By Special Correspondence in N'Djamena

'TRANSHUMANCE movements' is a modern term for a very old tradition: the foraging of scarce pasturage by traditional herders.

In the region between southern Chad and the Central African Republic, such activities are considered in the modern age among the largest on the planet in the world, according to the International Crisis Group.

Herders are moving cyclically along traditional transhumance corridors, both within the country's boundaries and across borders, in search of fodder for their livestock. These movements have been a source of clashes between the agro-pastoral communities, particularly in Moyer Chari, a province in southern Chad.

Across the region, herders and farmers communities are greatly affected by a mismanagement of

pastures and transhumant cross-border movements which is causing significant disputes, with regular casualties, mainly due to a mutual misunderstanding.

In addition, climate change and ongoing inter-communal conflicts disrupt the traditional patterns of agro-pastoral communities, prompting new challenges for nomadic herders and host communities.

As part of its efforts to support the government of Chad to improve border management and resolve conflicts linked to transhumance, the Chad office of International Organisation for Migration (IOM) on November 19 presented the UN agency's new guide for practitioners on the safe and orderly management of transhumance flows and cross-border information exchange.

Designed together with an international human rights expert

and in conjunction with the government of Chad, the guide covers topics including the identification, referral and protection of vulnerable pastoralists; the best methods to combat trafficking in persons; and the management of tension linked to cross-border movements and profiling techniques.

Benguella Guidjinga, the deputy director of Chad's National Police General Directorate, commended the project. "Border management has improved and the dialogue around transhumance between the two countries (Chad and the Central African Republic) has helped in addressing the difficulties created by weak institutional and political dialogue on transhumance issues."

The cross-border project - Restoration of Peace and Dialogue between Communities Affected by Transboundary Transhumance - is

meant to strengthen dialogue and peace through data collection of pastoral mobility.

It is funded by the United Nations Peacebuilding Fund (PBF), implemented by IOM and the UN Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) in Chad and the Central African Republic, and seeks to strengthen dialogue and peace at the community level for the prevention and management of conflicts between agro-pastoral communities.

The November 19 event gathered representatives of the Government, UN agencies, local NGOs, members of the transhumance community and traditional authorities who shared their feedback and inputs. The finalised guide is expected to be made available in the beginning of 2020.

• **Agencies**





## 58 YEARS OF INDEPENDENCE

## How liberalisation of maize prices uplifts legacy of Sir Edward Twining

By Nimi Mweta

THIS year represents a crucial turn in agro-sector pricing policy at least for a key commodity that for all intents and purposes is confounded with 'food' in political and media parlance, that is, maize grain. President John Magufuli has lately reversed decades of inward looking pricing policy meant to soften 'food' prices for urban dwellers while those who make such decisions know perfectly well that they are impinging on income expectations of rural dwellers. This shift represents the changing balance of forces on the political landscape and policy realism as such.

If realism is to properly set in as policy matrix, then the current mechanism of 'easing conditions of doing business' is likely to reel backwards to themed-1990s and then to the early 1980s for instance as relates to maize prices.

When the crop sector Marketing Development Bureau was created in 1984 it sought price liberalization as the condition of setting business targets at the farm level, as prices determine income levels, which in turn determine investments that each individual marshals for that purpose. The response was halting at best; a state of denial endured.

Assuming that this policy environment will remain durable for the next six years where JPM will be in office, it will set a period of upward growth in agriculture where the policy environment is stable and predictable. When prices are set by the market people will direct more investments to acquire land, not to hold large acreages for speculative purposes as was the

case in the three decades too 2015 but to farm. Prices determined by the market will make Tanzania a crop leader in this part of Africa; we have more arable land than several neighbouring countries put together.

In addition, ravages of climate change are still moderately felt in Tanzania compared to several other countries especially on the northeastern part of Africa as well as to the south, which makes price rise a trend for the future as ability to meet grain needs in most neighbouring countries falters. In that situation a market driven maize pricing policy enables Tanzania to make use of comparative advantage in grain trade, while earlier each country had roughly equal chances of attaining grain self-sufficiency. It means Tanzania specializes in producing maize, rice, chiefly.

If agro-based investments start catching up on that account, chances increase that the market for land will start feeling the heat, as producers who can use irrigation methods seek larger acreages for commercial grain production.

It means purchasing people out of the land so that it is put under new infrastructure and a different farming strategy, where those who sell land shift to small businesses, while those who don't have land to sell get incomes from working on the projects of those who purchase land as well as those who sell land. While traditional thinking on land was equity in access to land, thus maintaining communal structures, interest is now shifting.

The key issue is how to generate occupations that pay regularly in the agro-processing sector, where land ownership per se becomes outpaced



Sir Edward Twining

as the core issue. In the southern Africa region, Zimbabwe had the most extensive land ownership reform policy, and now it faces an existential crisis with drought and those who formally hold land titles are incapable of putting up a viable irrigation infrastructure to offset the more pernicious effects of the ravages of climate change.

It is a pointer to probable displacements on the land where people sell dry patches to start some commercial activity if asking prices are high enough or if some part time work is found in town.

These potential developments

suggest a revamping of the matrix for crop markets on the one hand and land markets on the other on the basis of open markets and structured demand that is likely to remain high for the foreseeable future.

There will definitely be measures to adapt to climate change in Southern Africa and the Horn region as a whole, but it will be gradual and time consuming, for it is something like resettling large communal populations and give them another line of subsistence and partially commercial activity. It is not a market warp set to find bearings.

This leads lack to early days of independence and what happened at that time, as towards the end of the trusteeship period, specifically in 1958 Governor Sir Edward Twining published a White Paper for the Legislative Council seeking to move land ownership to freehold land. Instead of all land being considered as belonging to the Crown (the Queen of England) or for that matter entrusted to the governor for the people of Tanganyika, ownership would be individual, following an act of dissolution of all customary law in relation to succession. It would apply in individual transfer of ownership when a title holder dies and there is a son or other family member inheriting the title.

When the White Paper was tabled to LegCo, TANU president Julius Nyerere took aim at it and rejected it totally, saying that even if Europeans and others do not

pick up most of the land, 'rich and clever Tanganyikans' will arise, who will do so. This morbid fear of the rich and clever has been a hallmark of African land policies generally such that agro-based economic transformation becomes impossible because land is on the whole customarily owned, just urban environment is on the market. This hinders efficiency in agriculture and African comparative advantage in world markets either for crops or even land to set up industries and tap growing markets as at present.

For two decades policy planners have been speaking of imitating the Far East in terms of rapid economic growth, but the reality is that if there is little agro-sector dynamism which occupies upwards of 75 per cent of gainful occupations, the rest doesn't move forward but haltingly. That is what happened after independence, that even without the freehold land policy, freedom to buy and sell as well as market based pricing assured rapid growth of the sector.

A paper presented in an annual conference of the Economic Association of Tanzania in 2004 said that agro-sector growth stood at 13.5 per cent from early 1962 at the time of independence to early 1967 (at the time of the Arusha Declaration), then it slumped to 3.0 per cent growth.

This remained so for the rest of the first phase, until early 1986 up to 1995 during the second phase presidency when the rate of growth inched up to 3.5 per cent.

It then slumped back to 3.0 per cent growth for the seven years of the third phase presidency from early 1996 to early 2003, the upper frame of the data.

Removing the error of urban favoritism in grain pricing and shifting to market-based pricing in affirmative position taking that leaves no doubt that this new orientation will be durable, has the potential to re-ignite the pre-1967 agro-sector dynamism, on the background of massive grain demand in the sub-region and potentially, well beyond.

The need for grain ignites the need for land which in turn is fuelled by the need to abandon land and shift to small plots in a proto-urban setting with animal husbandry, vegetable farming plus modern houses. It's adequate for survival.

When large patches of land are held commercially rather than communally it will be easier for banks to lend for industries not because they are making an effort to support policies (which implies financing with poor prospects of repayment on schedule). The issue is that commercially used land is good collateral while communal land or a farm in a customary land rural setting is inappropriate for bank lending.

So when the mechanism goes into the reverse, from pricing to land ownership and bank credit, it is as if Tanzania, after 58 years of error, now accepts the late trusteeship blueprint of 1958; it would then proceed more assuredly towards industrialization.

## China's government agencies condemn US over Xinjiang bill

CHINESE government institutions have voiced strong opposition on Wednesday against the US move of pushing forward the "Uyghur human rights policy act," condemning the US of interfering in China's domestic issues.

The Foreign Ministry strongly condemned the US Uyghur human rights act that smears China's counter-terrorism and anti-secession work in Xinjiang. "China will respond according to the situation," said Hua Chunying, spokesperson of China's Foreign Ministry.

China's National People's Congress and the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference strongly opposed the act, and called on the US to stop damaging bilateral cooperation and mutual trust.

"We urge the US to stop interfering in China's domestic affairs or it will reap the bitter fruits that it sowed itself," said Chinese National Ethnic Affairs Commission. Some US politicians turn blind eye to the three forces' violent activities in Xinjiang and don't care at all about the safety of Xinjiang residents. The act reveals their menacing intention to contain and split China, the commission said.

China's top counterterrorism official Liu Yuejin, the counter-terrorism commissioner of the Ministry of Public Security, also slammed the act as distorting the truth and using double standards and "human rights" excuses to grossly interfere in China's internal affairs.

China's Xinjiang regional government, regional People's Congress, regional committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference announced on Wednesday that they firmly oppose the US House move of passing the Uyghur bill, calling it an interference in China's domestic affairs and severe infringement of international laws.

Xinjiang is in the best situation in history where people of all ethnic groups stick together closely like pomegranate seeds. Xinjiang people have the final say on affairs concerning Xinjiang, they noted. China will take strong countermeasures against the US, including releasing an "unreliable entity list" that includes relevant US entities, and imposing sanctions on relevant US officials, experts said, after the US House passed an act filled with groundless accusations against China's Xinjiang Tuesday night, local time.

The Uyghur Human Rights Policy Act of 2019 smeared China's counter-terrorism efforts in Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region and used fabricated

information to slander the vocational education and training centers and religious freedom in the region, analysts said. A look at the act shows it sticks to the old US rhetoric that uses double standards to distort China's policies on Xinjiang, and it never mentioned the impressive social and economic development that Xinjiang has achieved.

Lü Xiang, a research fellow on US studies at the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences in Beijing, told the Global Times that this act doesn't have any review process. The sources of the act are loose and unreliable.

Diao Daming, an associate professor at the Renmin University of China in Beijing, told the Global Times that in addition to conveying the truth to the international community, China can adopt the unreliable entity list to list "those companies that dance to the act."

"China will hit back with stronger countermeasures," Wei Jianguo, a former Chinese vice minister of commerce and executive deputy director of the China Center for International Economic Exchanges, told the Global Times. He hinted that the countermeasures could be even stronger than what China had taken after the US passed the so-called Hong Kong Human Rights and Democracy Act.

Wei said China can sanction certain US entities and personnel in the unreliable entity list and restrict their entry to and activities in China. "Chinese people are never afraid of a threat or the US. We will fight back with tough measures," he said. Erkin Oncan, a Turkish journalist who has followed Xinjiang issues for many years, slammed the act for its sinister intentions. "What China is trying to achieve, the US is trying hard to destroy," Oncan said.

## Origins of the act

The act was initially submitted to the US Senate by notorious anti-China Senator Marco Rubio on January 17. Ironically, the act, which tarnished the counter-terrorism efforts in Xinjiang, was passed at the Senate on September 11, the 18th anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks.

According to the document that Global Times reporters saw on the US House website, the act is divided into nine chapters, and its core parts include findings, sense of congress and chapters requiring sanctions targeting China. It claimed the act aims to "direct United States resources to address human rights violations and abuses, including gross violations of human rights, by the People's Republic of China's mass



surveillance and internment of over 1,000,000 Uyghurs and other predominantly Turkic Muslim ethnic minorities in China's Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region."

Compared with the previous version that got passed in the Senate, this amended act took out the "specific cases" and added an updated statement of US policy toward China.

The act states that US policy toward China should be explicitly linked with the situation in Xinjiang. It also proposes sanctions on certain senior Chinese officials and restrictions on exports.

Before the act was discussed in Congress, the US government had already issued a series of administrative orders against China on Xinjiang-related issues. On October 7, the US Department of Commerce announced that it would include 20 Chinese government agencies and eight companies in the list of entities which they claimed are related to the suppression of ethnic minorities in Xinjiang.

The Chinese government agencies in the list of entities include the Public Security Department of Xinjiang and the Public Security Bureau of the Xinjiang Production and Construction Corps. On October 8, the US State Department announced that it would impose visa restrictions on Chinese government officials.

Addressing the differences between the administrative order and act, Yuan Zheng, senior fellow of the Institute of American Studies at Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, told the Global Times

that the administrative order issued by the government can be cancelled anytime based on the real situation. But for the act, it's extremely difficult to abolish it once it is signed by the president and becomes law. It needs adequate reasons and a whole process to abolish it, which is even harder than legislating.

Once the act is passed, it means a new phase for the US in interfering in Xinjiang affairs begins, Yuan said. He pointed out that this interference will become "law-based" for the administrative departments and Congress. And it will also tarnish China's international image, giving the US enormous influence.

Diao told the Global Times the US hastily pushed the act shortly after Trump signed the Hong Kong Human Rights and Democracy Act because congressmen believe it would be easier to get the new act passed.

Generally speaking, the US House was quite busy in the first half of the year. If they don't push it now, they may need to wait until April 2020. "So they want to fight a quick battle. Some congressmen also think the act is easy to get passed under the current situation of pressuring China," Diao said.

"The act shows how US government grossly interfered into China's internal affairs. It's a serious violation of international law and fundamental principles of international relations. It is also a provocation against the Chinese people," Wei said. He added that China is no longer the lamb to be slaughtered and won't tolerate finger pointing by the US at its internal affairs.

## Fabrication and double standards

The amended act deleted specific cases in the findings. The Global Times checked these specific cases in the previous version with relevant agencies and found that they were fabricated. Some of them have been clarified in China's white paper, titled The Fight Against Terrorism and Extremism and Human Rights Protection in Xinjiang.

Diao noted that American politicians are becoming increasingly sophisticated in their attacks against China.

"The cases they listed in the previous version were not credible and could spark criticism regarding its authenticity. Therefore, they didn't bother to include these unreliable "cases" that could be attacked," Diao said.

"Pressuring China has become a bipartisan consensus. They don't need many excuses to pass the act," he said.

The act criticized medical facilities at the vocational education and training centers in Xinjiang. Global Times reporters who have visited the centers many times since 2018 saw that they are equipped with complete medical devices, with doctors who can provide free medical services to the trainees around the clock. Seriously ill trainees can be transferred to the local hospital.

It's noticeable that many of the "facts" listed in the act do not have an exact time, location or sources.

"This is self-circulation. I believe that the anti-China lawmakers did not spend any time to study what happened in Xinjiang. They made the so-called investigative findings based on some of

the media's unreliable reports and the so-called 'testimonies' of the hearings. The legislators referred to Free Asia Radio and Voice of America to make some unwarranted reports. Then they used these media outlets again to say 'further confirmation' [with their reports]. This is a game that the United States has played for many years," Lü said.

Lü said that the US Congress does not care if the cases are true or not. "They are prejudiced. As long as this mistake does not affect the perception of Xinjiang in the West led by the United States, they won't care," he said.

Aside from factual errors, the act is also full of double standards. It accused China of using advanced technology for surveillance across the region. But the adoption of modern technology and big data to improve social governance is common in the international community. "I think the US is the last country that has the right to criticize China in tech security. US itself uses high technology to monitor people, and the US commits very serious crimes by doing it illegally," Oncan told the Global Times.

"China's surveillance system is based on security, but the US version is based on the citizens' privacy. They [the US] watch secretly, categorize them and even sell them to companies which are working on matters like the elections."

He noted that it's absurd for the US to criticize China because China uses its surveillance system to prevent crime and make life easier.

"China is not doing it secretly, unlike the US. The US uses the biggest data collection app in the world: Facebook!" he said.

Another example of the double standards is that the US totally ignores the achievements Xinjiang has made.

Oncan said as a country with a base in Guantanamo Bay, the US represents double standards. "The US repeatedly uses the same arguments, which have already been explained by the Chinese government. And they purposely use a 'human rights' discourse which has the wrong context. China secures the beliefs, language and culture by blocking radical Islam and terrorism."

According to public data, from 2014 to 2018, Xinjiang lifted over 2.31 million people out of poverty and the incidence of rural poverty fell to 6.1 percent. More than 70 percent of the general public budget expenditures in the region are used to improve people's livelihood, ensuring that all ethnic groups share the development achievements.

People's Daily

# EACJ congratulates Dr Ntezilyayo on his new appointment

By Guardian Reporter

THE East African Court of Justice warmly congratulates Justice Dr Faustin Ntezilyayo, Deputy Principal Judge of the First Instance Division, upon his new appointment as new Chief Justice of Rwanda replacing Justice Prof Sam Rugege who has retired.

The EAC Heads of State summit appointed Dr Ntezilyayo a judge to East African Court of Justice in April 2013 and consequently he was designated the Deputy Principal Judge in July 2018, a position he still holds to date.

The president of the court, Justice Dr Emmanuel Ugirashebutja, on behalf of the Court and on his own behalf congratulates Dr Ntezilyayo and commends his dedicated and commendable work as a judge and an exemplary leadership as the Deputy Principal Judge of the First Instance Division, which has greatly contributed to rising the jurisprudence and steady growth of the court.

Dr Ugirashebutja further said that, Justice Ntezilyayo's new elevation to the Chief Justice demonstrates his hard work in the judiciary of Rwanda and entrusting him with greater assignments.

"I once again congratulate His Lordship and wish him good luck in implementing the role of the judiciary of Rwanda. The East African Court of Justice has no doubt in his capacity in implementing its role of ensuring adherence to the law through in-

terpretation, application and compliance of the Treaty in the EAC region and in particular the Republic of Rwanda."

Rwandan President Paul Kagame swore in Justice Dr Faustin Ntezilyayo as the Chief Justice of Rwanda on Friday.

Justice Ntezilyayo before being appointed to EACJ, served as the Assistant Lecturer at the National University of Rwanda; Senior Legal Advisor, Ministry of Trade and Industry Rwanda; Minister of Justice of Rwanda; Vice Governor of the Central Bank of Rwanda; Managing Director of the Rwanda Utility Regulatory Agency; Independent Consultant and Visiting Lecturer at the University of Ottawa, Canada and Managing Director of AGASEKE Bank. His Lordship holds a PhD in Law, University of Antwerp, Belgium 1994; LLM in Fiscal Law, Free University of Brussels, Belgium, 1996; M.A in International Affairs with specialisation in International Trade Policy, Carleton University, Canada, 2009.

EACJ is one of the organs of the East African Community established under Article 9 of the Treaty for the Establishment of the East African Community. Established in November 2001, the Court's major responsibility is to ensure the adherence to law in the interpretation and application of and compliance with the EAC Treaty. Arusha is the temporary seat of the Court until the Summit determines its permanent seat. The Court's sub-registries are located in the respective National Courts in the partner states.



Stephen Adili (C, standing), CRDB Bank Plc's head of customer banking, poses for a group photo with university students and his workmates after the inauguration of 'Boom Advance' in Dar es Salaam at the weekend. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## Hotel foresees bright future in East Africa

By Guardian Reporter

ON average, Tanzania receives over 1.5 million tourists annually who leave behind a whopping 2.4 billion US dollars, compliment to the myriad tourist attractions the country has to offer.

Yet there are still many challenges facing the hospitality sector in the country to meet the demands of the ever-growing tourism industry. Accordingly, the recent entrance of the five-star Johari Rotana in Dar es Salaam could not have been at a time more opportune.

When asked to share his thought on the entrance of the hotel in the East African market, Acting CEO of Rotana Guy Hutchinson, observed that the hotel has a unique story to share.

Hutchinson said during the soft opening in Dar es Salaam that as part of its long-term strategy, Africa has remained a key focus market for the chain of hotels.

"With the opening of the hotel, the company has reached a significant milestone in our journey. Setting new standards in architecture, design, technology, offerings, and service excellence, our first property in East Africa heralds a new hospitality experience in the region.

"We are confident that our spacious rooms and suites, wide selection of food and beverage venues, advanced meeting and conference facilities - including the largest ballroom in Tanzania - and unsurpassed wellness and recreation facilities will appeal to our guests and provide a competitive advantage in the market," he said.

The World Economic Forum (WEF) ranks Tanzania at 93 out of 141 world tourist destinations rich in abundant natural resources.

In addition, Tanzania ranks at number five (5) among African countries with the highest growth in the hospitality industry with an average rate of 6.3 per cent per annum in the last six years and Seychelles leading the list at growing 7.0 per cent per annum in the same period, according to Hotel Partners Africa (HPA).

According to statistics from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Tour-

ism (MNRT), as of 2014, the country had 174 registered tourist hotels with a total capacity of approximately 21,929 branded rooms to cater for 1,140,156 visitors annually.

Data thus indicates that the numbers leave the country with a rate of 63 branded rooms for a million population, which is below the Sub Saharan Region (SSR) and Africa's average at 76 and 106 branded rooms per million population respectively, according to HPA.

On that backbone, the government has over the years been seeking to encourage investments in the country's hospitality industry to boost the tourism sector competitiveness among the main international destinations.

The idea is to have more investments in five-star hotels to raise its competitiveness and match the growth in branded rooms' availability with the growth in international visitors. As is, Tanzania is even further away from the 365 branded bedrooms per a million-population recommended by HPA for countries in the SSR.

On the upside, the undersupply market represents huge investment opportunities where rewards exceed risks involved which will have the spillover effect of enhancing the country's competitiveness as a tourist destination.

Numbers never lie, the wise have always asserted. From available data, the shortage of quality accommodation and accompanying services making up the hospitality industry in the country is too obvious to ignore.

Hu Bo, chairman of the owning company CRJE (East Africa) Ltd., said: "With 50 years of uninterrupted excellent performance in Tanzania, we are very excited to open the state-of-the-art Johari Rotana."

He was quick to note that the company is proud to support the government's efforts to enhance the hospitality infrastructure and promote the country's famous tourist attractions, as well as its commercial capital Dar es Salaam.

"This is the ninth international-standard 5-star hotel we have built in



Several months into the season, water melons are still in abundance in Dar es Salaam. A vendor negotiates the price with customers by the side of a section of the city's Mandela Road yesterday. Photo: Correspondent Miraji Msala

Tanzania. With our rich experience in the hotel construction business and the ever-changing local market, we understand the needs of travelers; the magnificent facility will surely satisfy these needs," he added.

The new hotel, located in the country's commercial capital's Central Business District boasts of spacious rooms, suites, and serviced apartments which include 193 luxurious hotel rooms as well as 60 fully furnished and serviced apartments also marks the company's entrance to the East African market.

The facility also features four stylish dining venues, namely the lobby lounge Kibo, an all-day dining restaurant Zafarani, an upscale Chinese restaurant Noble House and the informal Hamilton's Gastropub.

Guests staying at the hotel also

have access to a wide selection of wellness and sports facilities, including an outdoor pool, fully-equipped gym with a boxing ring, sauna, steam and treatment rooms.

Rotana currently manages a portfolio of over 100 properties throughout the Middle East, Africa, Eastern Europe, and Turkey, with an aggressive expansion plan in place.

A recent survey for the year 2016 was released on June 9 2017, and indicated that the national parks attracted about 36 per cent of tourists, followed by beach tourism, according to Nura Lisa, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Hotel Association of Tanzania (HAT).

The biggest number came from the UK followed by the US for Tanzania mainland, while in Zanzibar Italy came second after UK in number of

tourists. In addition to that, each tourist spends US\$ 178 (383,000/-) per day, and many of them come for leisure and holidays

Yet not all tourists visit the country for leisure, some come on business. It might suffice to state that Tanzania is the current chair of the Southern Africa Development Cooperation (SADC) and thus will be playing host to large conferences and a large number of delegates.

To address the potential challenge of hosting large-scale meeting in the city and in turn attract further conference tourism, Rotana has constructed the largest meeting and conference facility in Tanzania, a 900sqm ballroom with a 6.5-meter ceiling height that can also be divided into three smaller venues.

"The property also features six additional meeting rooms with captivating views of the waterfront, a dedicated business centre, Class-A offices, and an indoor parking facility, making it a perfect choice for both business and leisure guests," Bo said.

With the expansion of the Julius Nyerere International Airport (JNIA) in Dar es Salaam and the government's resolve to work on complaints of unfair taxes and policies by stakeholders, the number of foreign visitors in the country is expected to rise tremendously in the near future.

The entry of Rotana Johari in the market may not be the antidote to all the hospitality industry's challenges, but through value addition in an ever-growing industry, it certainly is a game-changer.

## World-famous Victoria Falls all but dries up in devastating drought

By Jane Wharton

THE once-cascading waterfall has been reduced to a trickle in places and there are warnings it could one day dry up unless urgent action is taken. Water levels at the falls, which border Zambia and Zimbabwe, have now reduced to their lowest level in 25 years.

Also known as Mosi-oa-Tunya - or the smoke that thunders - the

average flow is now down by 50 per cent and having a knock-on effect on local farms, power supplies and tourism numbers.

Zambia's President, Edgar Chagwa Lungu, said: "These pictures of Victoria Falls are a stark reminder of what climate change is doing to our environment and our livelihood. 'It is with no doubt that developing countries like Zambia are the most impacted by climate

change and the least able to afford its consequences.' The water in the falls does reduce during the dry season of May to November. However, officials have said this year had seen an unprecedented decline and the anticipated rains have yet to arrive.

Two million people in Zambia are estimated to be hungry and in need of food assistance because the drought has hit crops and live-

stock. The landlocked country is heavily dependent on hydropower and has seen a drastic cut in the amount of electricity produced. There are daily power cuts in Zambia and Zimbabwe and the Kariba Dam, the world's largest reservoir upstream of the falls, is down to a quarter of its original capacity. Millions of people are also at risk of starvation in Zimbabwe and the country's finance minister, Mthuli

Ncube, said: 'We are dangerously close to a level where we have to cut off power generation.'

Mining has been hit by the drop in power and the Zambian leader has now revised GDP growth for his country from 4% to 2%. Mr Lungu said Zambia's economy needs to improve by 7% to have any meaningful impact on poverty levels. In an interview with Sky News, he appeared to take a dig at

climate change deniers including US President Donald Trump. He said: 'We have no time to play politics with climate change. 'It's a serious problem and a genuine one and we are surprised when people trivialise it and say it's not real. 'They are living in a different world but this world we live in Zambia we are feeling the effect of climate change very adversely and they're impacting on everyone.'

Victoria Falls is classified as the world's largest waterfall based upon its combined width of 1,708 metres and height of 108 metres. It was named after Britain's Queen Victoria by Scottish explorer David Livingstone who is believed to have been the first European to view the falls in 1855. The indigenous Lozi language calls it Mosi-oa-Tunya and the World Heritage List officially recognises both names.

# To answer global protests, tackle new inequalities, says UN report

By Special Correspondents in Bogota, Colombia

**T**HE demonstrations sweeping across the world today signal that, despite unprecedented progress against poverty, hunger and disease, many societies are not working as they should. The connecting thread, argues a new report from the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), is inequality.

"Different triggers are bringing people onto the streets - the cost of a train ticket, the price of petrol, demands for political freedoms, the pursuit of fairness and justice. This is the new face of inequality, and as this Human Development Report sets out, inequality is not beyond solutions," says UNDP Administrator Achim Steiner.

The 2019 Human Development Report (HDR), entitled 'Beyond income, beyond averages, beyond today: Inequalities in human development in the 21st Century', says that just as the gap in basic living standards is narrowing for millions of people, the necessities to thrive have evolved.

It says a new generation of inequalities is opening up, around education and around technology and climate change - two seismic shifts that, unchecked, could trigger a 'new great divergence' in society of the kind not seen since the Industrial Revolution.

In countries with very high human development, for example, subscriptions to fixed broadband are growing 15 times faster and the proportion of adults with tertiary education is growing more than six times faster than in countries with low human development.

"What used to be 'nice-to-haves', like going to university or access to broadband, are increasingly important for success, but left only with the basics, people find the rungs knocked out of their ladder to the future," argues UNDP's Pedro Conceição, Director of the HDR Office, which pioneers a more holistic way to measure countries' progress beyond economic growth alone.

The report analyses inequality in three steps: beyond income, beyond averages, and beyond today. But the problem of inequality is not beyond solutions, it says, proposing a battery of policy options to tackle it.

## Thinking beyond income

The 2019 Human Development Index (HDI) and its sister index, the 2019 Inequality-Adjusted Human Development Index, set out that the unequal



distribution of education, health and living standards stymied countries' progress.

By these measures, 20 per cent of human development progress was lost through inequalities in 2018. The report, therefore, recommends policies that look at but also go beyond income.

One of these relates to early childhood and lifelong investment - with the report arguing that inequality begins even before birth and can accumulate, amplified by differences in health and education, into adulthood.

For example, children in professional families in the United States are exposed to three times as many words as children in families receiving welfare benefits, with a knock-on effect on test scores later in life. Policies to address it, therefore, must also start at or before birth, including investing in young children's learning, health and nutrition.

The second related to productivity: such investments must continue throughout a person's life, when they are earning in the labour market and after.

Countries with a more productive workforce tend to have a lower concentration of wealth at the top, for example, enabled by policies that

**UNDP Administrator Achim Steiner at the First Regular Session of the UNDP Executive Board for 2018. File photo**

support stronger unions, set the right minimum wage, create a path from the informal to the formal economy, invest in social protection, and attract women to the workplace.

However, the report says policies to enhance productivity alone are not enough. The growing market power of employers is linked to a declining income share for workers. Antitrust and other policies are key to addressing the imbalances of market power.

The third is with respect to public spending and fair taxation: the report argues that taxation cannot be looked at on its own, but it should be part of a system of policies, including public spending on health, education and alternatives to a carbon-intensive lifestyle.

More and more, domestic policies are framed by global corporate tax discussions, highlighting the importance of new principles for international taxation, to help ensure fair play, avoid a race to the bottom in corporate tax rates, especially as digitalisation brings new forms of value to the economy, and to detect and deter

tax evasion.

## Looking beyond averages

The HDR notes that averages often hide what is really going on in society and that, while they can be helpful in telling a larger story, much more detailed information is needed to create policies to tackle inequality effectively.

This is true in tackling the multiple dimensions of poverty, in meeting the needs of those being left furthest behind such as people with disabilities, and in promoting gender equality and empowerment.

One example relates to gender equality. The report says that, based on current trends, it will take 202 years to close the gender gap in economic opportunity alone.

It adds that, while the silence on abuse is breaking, the glass ceiling for women to progress is not. Instead, it is a story of bias and backlash.

For instance, at the very time when progress is meant to be accelerating to reach the 17 global Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by 2030, the report's 2019 Gender Inequality Index says progress actually is slowing.

A new "social norms index" in the Report says that in half of the countries assessed, gender bias has grown in recent years. About fifty per cent of people across 77 countries said they thought men make better political leaders than women, while more than 40 per cent felt that men made better business executives.

Therefore, the report says, policies that address underlying biases, social norms and power structures are key. For instance, policies to balance the distribution of care, particularly for children, are crucial.

It says this is given that much of the difference in earning between men and women throughout their lifecycle is generated before the age of 40.

## Planning beyond today

Looking beyond today, the report asks how inequality may change in future, looking particularly at two seismic shifts that will shape life up to the 22nd century.

A second example is with regard to the climate crisis: as a range of global protests demonstrate, policies crucial to tackling the climate crisis like putting a price on carbon can be mismanaged.

This would increase perceived and actual inequalities for the less well-off, who spend more of their income on energy-intensive goods and services than their richer neighbours.

The authors argue that, if revenues from carbon pricing

assessment must consider money, but it must also go beyond to understand other inequalities, for instance in health and education...

"Beyond averages, because they are not enough to capture the complexities of inequality... And beyond today because it is important to capture how inequalities will interact with the two major shifts that will shape the 21st century: technological transformation and climate change."

There is historical precedent for technological revolutions to carve deep, persistent inequalities - the Industrial Revolution not only opened up the great divergence between industrialised countries and those who depended on primary commodities; it also launched production pathways that culminated in the climate crisis.

The report further says the change that is coming goes beyond climate but a 'new great divergence', driven by artificial intelligence and digital technologies, is not inevitable.

The HDR recommends social protection policies that would, for example, ensure fair compensation for 'crowdwork', investment in lifelong learning to help workers adjust or change to new occupations, and international consensus on how to tax digital activities - all part of building a new, secure and stable digital economy as a force for convergence, not divergence, in human development.

## Some facts and figures

Impressive progress has been made in the Human Development Index (HDI) since 1990; with significant human development gains in all regions and major progress among least developed countries.

Since 1990, the global Human Development Index (HDI) value has increased by 22.4 per cent, equivalent to an average annual growth of 0.72 per cent. Globally, the steepest growth happened between 2000 and 2010 (at an average of 0.84 per cent annually), but it slowed down considerably after 2010 to an average 0.6 per cent annually.

Many countries have moved up through the human development categories: between 1990 and 2018 the number of countries classified as having very high human development rose from 12 to 62 while those classified as having low human development fell from 62 to 36.

Meanwhile Palau, Seychelles and Turkey have risen to the ranks of Very High Human Development, while Philippines, South Africa, Indonesia and Bolivia reached the group of High Human Development countries.

The top five positions in the global HDI rankings are: Norway (0.954), Switzerland (0.946), Ireland (0.942), Germany (0.939) and Hong Kong (0.939).

The bottom five are: Burundi (0.423), South Sudan (0.413), Chad (0.401), Central African Republic (0.381) and Niger (0.377).

Unequal distribution of human development gains in education, health and living standards within countries remains a challenge to achieving human development for all. The Inequality adjusted HDI (IHDI) shows that globally, 20 percent of human development progress was lost in 2018, when taking into account inequalities in HDI indicators.

Losses to inequality are highest in Sub-Saharan Africa. By region, sub-Saharan Africa had the highest regional loss in the HDI because of inequality (30.5 per cent), followed by South Asia (25.9 per cent), the Arab States (24.5 per cent), Latin America and Caribbean (22.3 per cent) and East Asia and the Pacific (16.6 per cent). Europe and Central Asia remains the region with the lowest overall losses in HDI from inequality at 11.7 per cent.

Women are more likely than men to be in low human development. These gender gaps tend to be larger in countries with lower HDI scores. Worldwide, the average HDI for women is 6 percent lower than for men. At the global level the gap in HDI between women and men is due to women's lower income and educational attainment in many countries.

The gender gaps in HDI are larger in the low human development group of countries where the HDI for women is 14.2 per cent lower than the HDI for men. At the other end, countries in the very high HDI group have, on average, a gender gap in HDI of 2.1 per cent.

The empowerment gap between women and men, as measured by the Gender Inequality Index, is reducing but at a very slow pace. There are small gains in parliamentary representation (24.1 per cent of seats held by women) and in reduction of adolescent birth rate (42.9 births per 1,000 women of adolescent age), but the gap in economic empowerment persists (the labour force participation rate of women is still 27 percentage points lower than of men).

Michelle Bachelet, the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, meanwhile notes: "There are success stories of better representation of women, more equitable participation in the labour market or driving out discrimination against sexual diversity."

For his part, World Inequality Lab co-director Thomas Piketty remarks: "The UNDP Human development report offers a broad and innovative approach to inequality. It includes for the first time a transparency index regarding inequality statistics, covering different sources including administrative data."

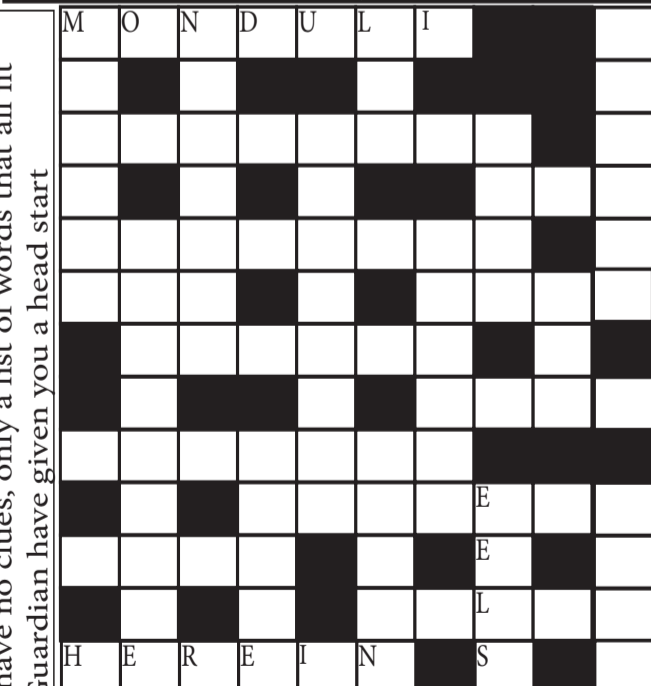
He adds: "Even though everyone is concerned about inequality, not all governments are providing enough information about it. In fact, what this transparency index is showing is that we simply do not have enough data. We need relevant information for a meaningful debate."

Tharman Shanmugaratnam, Senior Minister and Coordinating Minister for Social Policies of Singapore, says: "The Report demonstrates both the seriousness and complexity of the challenge of inequality. It gives us a much broader understanding of the factors shaping unequal life chances, from birth and through life."

That wider picture is critical to mitigating inequality on a lasting basis, and achieving fair and inclusive growth."

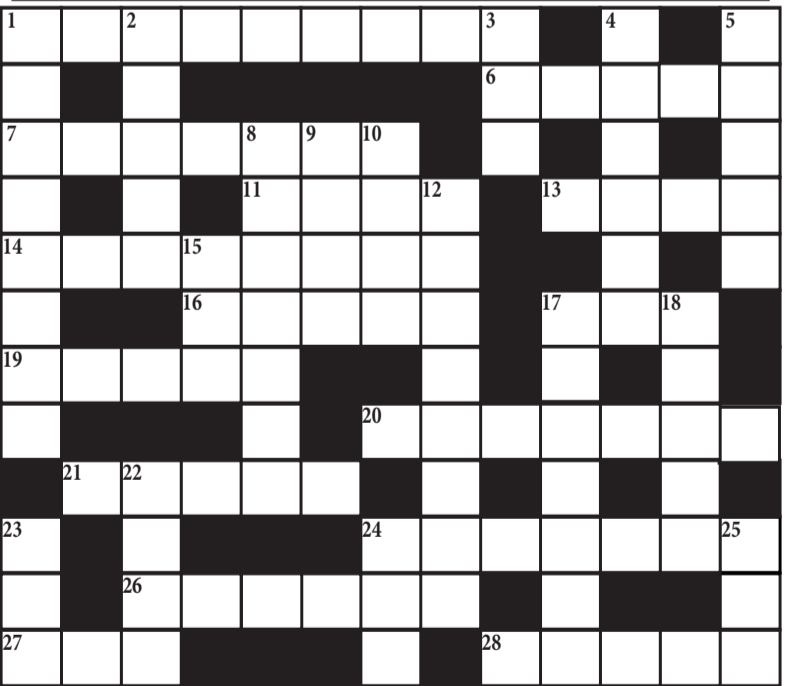
For Laura Chinchilla, President of Costa Rica (2010-2014) and Vice President of the World Leadership Alliance - Club de Madrid: "The report looks at inequality beyond income, beyond averages and beyond today. Beyond income because any as-

## THE GUARDIAN SIMPLE WORD FIT



- 3 Letter word: OPT, LIE, ORE, ELF,
- 4 Letter word: AEON, ISLE, HOST, MALI, INTO, YOKE,
- 5 Letter word: ASIDE, GRAIN, ISLES,
- 6 Letter word: MIDDLE, MODERN, CANINE, TYCOON
- 7 Letter word: NULLIFY, MONDULI, ARRAGN, SCREECH
- 8 Letter word: DELIVERY, VIBRONIC, LAID BACK
- 9 Letter word: ALTERNATE,

## THE GUARDIAN CROSSWORD 014



- Clues: Across
1. Country inhabited by Dodo (9)
  6. Advised (5)
  7. Open-minded (7)
  11. referring to something in the blood (4)
  13. Somebody extraordinary (4)
  14. Seasickness (3,2,3)
  16. High up (5)
  17. Cooking pot (3)
  19. Code word for letter "T" (5)
  20. Issues (7)
  21. Workers (5)
  24. Criticise somebody (7)
  26. Insect larva (6)
  27. Expected (3)
  28. Points made (5)
- Down:
1. Working dog (8)
  2. Umbrella-shaped cluster of flowers (5)
  3. Total (3)
  4. Country in East Africa (6)
  5. Worship (5)
  8. List quickly and easily (4,3)
  9. Bullets and missiles (4)
  10. Willingly (4)
  12. Object made by human (8)
  15. Decorative edging (3)
  17. Synthetic material (7)
  18. Courage (5)
  22. No longer wild (4)
  23. Poor quality (3)
  24. Male child (3)
  25. Perceive (3)

**WORD FIT**

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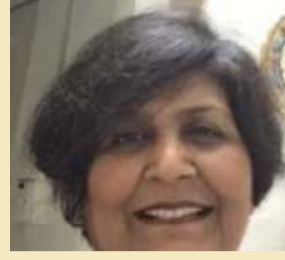
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## Bank debuts boom advance loans targeting higher learning students

By Smart Money Reporter

**S**TUDENT attending higher learning institutions can now access loans from CRDB Bank Plc which has introduced 'Boom Advance' loans to ease financial needs facing the group.

Speaking in Dar es Salaam during the launch of the product, CRDB's Head of Retail Banking, Stephen Adili said the new loan scheme is aimed to provide financing solutions to students in need of paying for their education.

"For a long time, we have been considering starting this loan scheme to assist students facing financing challenges for their higher education fees which affects their performance," Adili said adding that 'Boom Advance' will be issued digitally through the bank's SimBanking application which is simple and less bureaucratic.

"We will issue these loans electronically because many students attending higher learning institutions are tech savvy," he stated while pointing out that the move will also allow students to process their loans without visiting any CRDB branches.

Adili said in order to qualify for the loan, students need to be beneficiaries of



CRDB Bank Plc head of retail banking, Stephen Adili speaks at the launch of Boom Advance in Dar es Salaam at the weekend. Photo courtesy of CRDB

Higher Education Students Loans Board and be registered with digital disbursement system of the bank. "Students can borrow between 40,000/- and 120,000/- interest free loans payable in up to 45 days," the CRDB Head of Retail Banking added saying the repayment period takes into consideration HESLB's payment arrangement.

Speaking at the same ceremony, Institute of Tax Administration's student, Catherine Constatine paid tribute to CRDB's management for coming up with the tailor made loans targeting them because many of them suffer during a period when HESLB is yet to release their loans.

"This new loan by CRDB is a big relief to us because we face challenges during the period when the board is processing loans which often takes longer," said Constatine who further added that the CRDB loan will allow them concentrate on their studies.

She said decision to issue the loans digitally will also work better for the students who will be saved the trouble of visiting physical bank branches and fill sheets of paper.

With 238 branches, 552 ATMs, 15 mobile branches, 10,815 agents and 1,184 points of sale, CRDB remains the country's largest commercial bank in terms of net asset value, deposits and loan disbursement.

## NMB bags NBAA's best presented financial statements award for 2019

By Smart Money Reporter

NMB Bank Plc has been given National Board of Accountants and Auditors (NBAA)'s best presented and internationally recognized standards financial statements award for 2019 in the big commercial bank category.

NMB has won the award for the second consecutive years. At a ceremony held in Dar es Salaam last weekend, NBAA said NMB's financial statement was outstanding hence the judges awarded the bank for such excellent presentation.

The award which is regarded as gauge for financial reporting progress among companies in the country and which passes through a rigorous screening process overseen by sea-

soned judges with diverse backgrounds and use International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS), confirmed the Dar es Salaam based lender's professionalism.

The NBAA judges said the criteria used to select the winners included those who scored over and above 75 percent of the set criteria.

Speaking after receiving the award, NMB's acting Chief Financial Officer, Benedicto Barogomwa said as professionals they attach great importance in preparing the listed company's books of accounts in accordance with IFRS system. "This victory demonstrates how we are committed to maintaining the highest professional integrity in presentation of our financial state-

ments," Barogomwa said after receiving the award from Deputy Permanent Secretary at Ministry of Finance and Planning, Amina Shabani.

"Our financials are prepared in accordance and compliance with IFRS and local requirements, we met the disclosure requirements which is why we emerged as winners for the second year running," he added.

He said the bank and its staff are proud to win the prestigious award from NBAA whose objective is to promote good corporate accounting in the domestic market. "This is the best platform for promoting professionalism and excellence in the presentation of financial statements of companies," he added.



NMB acting chief finance officer Benedicto Barogomwa (2nd-R) and colleagues shows their NBAA 'Best presented financial statements in big commercial banking category' award after receiving it from Deputy Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Finance and Planning, Amina Shabani, at a ceremony held at the weekend in Dar es Salaam. Photo courtesy of NMB.



Deputy Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Finance of Planning, Amina Shabani (2nd L), presents National Board of Accountants and Auditors (NBAA), Best Presented Financial Statements award to Barclays Bank Tanzania Limited's acting chief financial officer, Bernard Tesha (2nd R), at a ceremony held in Dar es Salaam during the weekend. Left is NBAA board chairman, Prof Isaya Jairo. Photo courtesy of BBT.

## Trade war goes digital

GENEVA

A 20-year global moratorium on imposing tariffs on digital trade could end next week if India or South Africa makes good on threats, according to trade officials and documents, potentially forcing people to pay duties on software and movie downloads.

Since 1998, World Trade Organisation (WTO) members have renewed a ban on import duties on so-called "electronic transmissions", worth up to \$255 billion a year by one estimate. Some think this favours rich countries, given it received strong backing from Washington at the outset and most of the lost customs revenues are thought to be borne by developing countries.

Pressure is now growing to lift the ban as more books and movies become digital, potentially reducing revenues further. India and South Africa circulated an internal WTO document, reviewed by Reuters this week, saying that rising digitalisation compelled "a re-think of the role of the temporary moratorium" last year, citing the potential of 3D printing to manufacture products. It will be decided on next week and renewal requires full consensus.

Asked about its position, South Africa's WTO Ambassador Xolelwa Mlumbi-Peter said in an emailed response this week that it was "still consulting on this important decision." India did not respond to a request for comment.

General John Denton. "It could break the Internet."

A proposal backed by 21 countries including China and Canada seeks to extend the ban for at least six months when it expires at year end. Deal-broker Switzerland said "a large part of the WTO has signalled its support for the Moratorium."

Such duties could be difficult to apply and it is not clear how it would be determined where the digital product originated from and whether it is an import. "How do you put a tariff on a byte? How would you capture millions of data flows from multiple sources flowing across countries' borders every minute of every day," asked Denton.

However, the first possible answers are emerging. Indonesia created tariff codes for digital goods in 2018, fixing the level at 0

percent for now. Lost revenues? Should the moratorium

end, it does not mean that tariffs will immediately follow, and Mlumbi-Peter stressed that. But this is seen as more likely in a new culture of permissiveness following the expected paralysis of the WTO's top ruling body after Dec. 10.

"If someone tries to experiment putting customs duties on even a limited set of products or services, then there is a risk of immediate retaliation absent of the dispute settlement function," said the ICC's Andrew Wilson.

Estimates of the ban's effect vary. At the top of the scale, a recent UN report said potential annual tariff revenue losses could be up to \$10.4 billion a year, with more than \$10 billion lost by WTO developing countries.

# SBL ushers in festive season with exciting liquor presents



SBL managing director Mark Ocitti addresses journalists in Dar es Salaam on Friday. Photo: Guardian Photographer

By Smart Money Reporter

**S**ERENGETI Breweries Limited kick-started end of year festive season by unveiling a gifting campaign which allows customers to surprise their loved ones with exciting gifts from its portfolio of international spirits.

Speaking in Dar es Salaam last week, SBL's Managing Director, Mark Ocitti said the gifting campaign is aimed at encouraging people to buy their friends and loved ones its range of premium international spirits brands like Johnnie Walker, Captain Morgan, Ciroc and Smirnoff Vodka among others.

"We are offering these international brands at preferential festive season prices- but obviously not to be sold or consumed by those under the age of 18 years," Ocitti said. He added that the brewer's world famous brands will be on offer during Christmas and New Year festive days at all outlets in the country.

Ocitti added: "The campaign goes hand in hand with our call to drink responsibly that we are implementing to educate our customers and the general public not to drink and drive."

Now in its fifth year, SBL's responsible drinking cam-

paign is implemented in partnership with the police and other stakeholders to promote road safety and the social welfare of the citizens.

The SBL's Managing Director also took the opportunity to talk about other aspects of the business including expansion program of the Dar es Salaam plant which is currently taking place but also that in Moshi which is due to start early next year. Upon completion, the brewer's capacity will increase by 35 percent of beer production.

"Our operations expansion reflects our robust growth and also sets in motion a new growth trajectory characterized by increased availability of our products in the market, creation of more jobs across the value chain and more demand for Local Raw Materials (LRM), hence more opportunities for local farmers", said Ocitti.

SBL in 2018 sourced 17,000 metric

tons of barley, maize and sorghum from local farmers which is equivalent to 70 percent of its total raw materials per year. The company also paid over 120bn/- in form of taxes, fee and permits to government according.

On corporate social responsibility, Ocitti said since 2013 to date, the company has provided over two million people with free, clean water through its Water of Life program and supported over 400 farmers through its agri-business program by giving them free seeds, free technical services and linking them to financial institutions to access loans.

"The company also provides scholarships to needy students pursuing higher education through its Skills for Life. SBL also plants thousands of trees annually in support of the environmental conservation efforts," he added.

## Saudi Arabia ends gender segregation in restaurants

RIYADH

SAUDI Arabia has abolished rules requiring restaurants to provide separate entrances and areas for women and families and for male patrons dining alone.

The decision was announced on Sunday by the Municipal and Rural Affairs Ministry on the state-run Saudi Press Agency, in the latest step towards overturning gender restrictions. The ministry said it was "removing a requirement by restaurants to have an entrance for single men and

another for families," and that restaurants no longer need to "specify private spaces."

Some restaurants and cafes in Jeddah and Riyadh's upscale hotels had already been allowing unrelated men and women to sit together but the norm was that they were not permitted to mix in public.

Restaurants and cafes in Saudi Arabia, including major western chains such as Starbucks, are segregated into "family" sections for women on their own or accompanied by male relatives, and "singles" sections for just men.

Many also have separate en-

trances for women and partitioned areas or rooms for families where they are not visible to single men. In smaller restaurants or cafes with no space for segregation, women were not allowed in.

The ministry also listed newly approved technical requirements for buildings, schools, shops and sports centres, among others, and said the decisions were to attract investment and create greater business opportunities.

Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman has pushed for sweeping social reforms in recent years to open up the kingdom to foreign investors and diversify the

economy away from a reliance on oil. The kingdom now regularly hosts international sporting events and musical performances that women and men can attend.

Two years ago, women for the first time were allowed to attend sports events in stadiums in the "family" sections.

Young girls in recent years have also been allowed access to physical education and sports in school. In August, the kingdom lifted a controversial ban on travel by allowing all citizens to apply for a passport and for women to travel freely without a male guardian.



Azania Bank's Kisumu branch manager Rachel Mathias (4th R) and colleagues hand over a dummy cheque in Dar es Salaam at the weekend to Tumaini La Maisha chief operations officer, Lilian Ndyetabula (3rd R) as the bank's contribution to the orphanage during the weekend. The bank raised the money with its customers during this year's customer service week in October. Others are Seif Salum Abdalla (C), who is one of the bank's customers, as well as Shaban Mbaruk and Esta Anthony (R), who are officials at the orphanage. Photo courtesy of Azania.

## TBL CEO marvels at fruitful 2019 following NBAA award

By Smart Money Reporter

AS 2019 comes to an end, Tanzania Breweries Limited managing director Philip Redman has described the year as very fruitful in the company's performance as it was named as National Board for Accountants and Auditors' winner.

Redman was speaking at the 2019 edition of NBAA's best presented financial statements awards presentation ceremony held in Dar es Salaam over the weekend that the recognition of the company is an important milestone with respect to good corporate governance during the year.

He said emerging as second runner-up in the manufacturing sector category for 2018 was a big achievement which TBL staff must be proud of.

"TBL's NBAA award winning is testimony to the company's dominant role in the manufacturing sector having bagged the top award in beverage sector at this year's President's Manufacturer of the Year Awards held in October," the TBL chief noted.

In addition to the prestigious awards bagged this year, TBL was also certified as a Top Employer for the third year in a row last month. It was also ranked among the best employers in Tanzania by the Association of Tanzania Employers earlier this year.



TBL representative Mahsen Zahoro (R) receives NBAA award from Deputy Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Finance and Planning, Amina Shabani, at a ceremony held in Dar es Salaam at the weekend. Photo courtesy TBL.

## Safaricom now goes toe-to-toe with banks

NAIROBI

SAFARICOM plans to roll out a savings plan on its mobile money service, M-Pesa that will enable its customers to save money and earn an annual interest.

The platform, named Mali (which is Swahili for wealth), is still in testing phase and the company has not yet confirmed a date for official launch. Once rolled out, customers must be registered for three months or more to access the service and will be able to earn 10% interest per annum, which will accrue daily.

The savings limit has been set between KES100 (US\$1) and KES70,000 (US\$700), there is also a 15% withholding tax charged on the investment income and users will have to wait a year before being able to withdraw any monies.

Customers can register for the service by dialling a USSD code \*230# or by using a pay bill number. Mali is considered competition for banks, especially after President Kenyatta lifted the interest caps for banks last month thus enabling financial institutions to set interest rates for their borrowers.

The company seems to be taking advantage of this development with official data showing that in September savings dropped to 4.58% from 6.33% during the same period last year. At the time Kenya's Parliament capped the lending rates by removing a clause that compelled banks to pay their depositors a minimum 70% of the base lending rate.

Safaricom issued a statement claiming it would be premature to comment on the product since it is still in its testing stages. "Mali is one such innovation that is currently in the testing phase and still subject to ongoing engagement with the relevant regulators for approval. It is therefore premature to comment on plans around the service and whether or when it will be available to all our customers," reads an excerpt from the statement.

Currently, Safaricom has about 20 million M-Pesa users. In January 2019, the company launched Fuliza, a borrowing plan that allows M-Pesa customers to complete paying for products or services even when having less money in their accounts. In nine months, Fuliza lent KES140-billion (approximately US\$1.4-billion).



# Hundreds of French beans farmers target lucrative European markets



Taha chief development manager Anthony Chamanga (in white shirt) has a word with French beans farmer, Ladbody Mwakyabala at his farm at Ngurudoto in Arumeru district.

By Smart Money Reporter

DOZENS of smallholder farmers in Kilimanjaro and Arusha regions stand a chance of becoming millionaires early next thanks to cultivation of French beans whose demand is soaring in Europe.

Some 80 smallholder farmers from Arumeru, Siha, Moshi Rural and Same districts have cultivated 54.47 acres of the beans and are expecting to harvest 216 metric tonnes which will be exported to Europe and Middle East with a possible 324m/- earning for the season, courtesy of Tanzania Horticultural Association (Taha)'s connecting Youth and Women to Sustainable Agriculture project which is funded by United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

"We see better days ahead of us thanks to Taha for effective extension services, linking us with access to finance, agriculture technologies and markets," said Ladbody Mwakyabala, a French beans farmer based at Ngurudoto in Arumeru district of Arusha region.

Through the project, Taha has been sensitizing the farmer, form formal groups and build their capacity on use of innovative technologies and application of good agricultural practices to enable them access finance and markets for their commodities.

"The project was designed

to transform horticulture farming among smallholder farmers into commercial farming. We train farmers on how to increase yields and produce high quality crops to access lucrative markets, link farmers with financial institutions," said Taha's Chief Development Manager, Anthony Chamanga.

Chamanga was grateful to women and youth farmers for embracing technologies to increase crop yields, make their business more efficient and profitable, adhere to high quality production practices in order to meet the international markets standards.

"I'm so thankful to UNDP for the financial support as Taha is now able to transform farmers to produce high quality commodities targeting the export market, feed the hungry and pull millions of the rural farmers out of poverty," Chamanga explained. The project will also see construction of perishable crops collection centres in a bid to address poor storage structures blamed for post harvest losses.

Backing Chamanga's observation, Taha's Project Coordinator, Monna Sitayo said the association has, through the UNDP funded project identified, mobilised and mapped out youth and women groups which have been integrated into extension services which provide them with reliable services needed to improve productivity.

Sitayo said through the project, the horticultural association has been able to mobilise 775 farmers in Busega, Bunda, Arumeru, Siha, Moshi Rural and Same districts and build their capacity on application of horticultural innovative technologies and good agricultural practices.

She said 266 out of the total 775 farmers have been trained on Good Agricultural Practices

(GAPs). (54-farmers in Arumeru, 92 in Bunda and Busega districts, 60 Same, 20 Siha, 40 Moshi rural).

"It has also been promoting use of bio-pesticides and biological control agents and linking up farmers with service providers to ease access to improved, quality and affordable inputs. We've successfully established 17 fully-fledged demonstration plots and developed irrigation infrastructure to facilitate crops production," she adds.

Farmers under the project are at various stages of planting the suitable horticultural crops on the demo plots after having supplied with seeds and other inputs. Substantial numbers of nearby farmers and communities have been attracted by the modern demo plots and have been joining Taha as members to benefit. Agronomists are now reaching out to individual beneficiaries.

The adoption of agricultural technologies has marked tremendous productivity and income upsurge for players in the multi-million dollar horticultural industry. Thanks to Taha, the key driver of the \$764 million industry, for introducing modern technology drive that has yielded a massive impact in terms of horticultural crops output and income for growers.

For instance, new data shows Taha supported farmers have increased yields up to between 300 and 400 percent in a decade, depending on the type of crops, technologies applied and geographical areas.

The association's fresh statistics indicate that onions harvested on Tanzania Mainland have increased from 200 to 600 crates per acre per season over the period under review, a courtesy of extensive adoption of new agricultural technologies.

# Complications with HIV

## CORPORATE WELLNESS



By Bhakti Shah,

have the virus OR  
 • They may not be treating it properly OR  
 • Their viral load is not low enough to keep their immune system functioning.

Therefore, in addition to ART, people living with HIV may need to  
 • Get certain vaccinations  
 • Avoid undercooked, unpasteurized foods  
 • Minimize exposure to germs  
 • Prevent exposure to other STDs

**H**IV is a virus that damages the immune system. Untreated HIV infects and kills CD4 cells, which are a type of white blood cell, called T-cells, that move throughout your body to find and destroy bacteria, viruses and other invading germs.

HIV is a lifelong condition and currently there is no cure. However with antiretroviral therapy, it is possible to manage HIV and live with it for many year. Without treatment, a person with HIV is likely to develop AIDS.

At that point, the immune system is too weak to fight off other diseases and infections. Untreated, life expectancy with AIDS is about three years.

With antiretroviral therapy, HIV can be well controlled and life expectancy can be nearly the same as someone who has not contracted HIV.

People living with HIV or AIDS are at a high risk of becoming infected by a wide range of viruses and microbes, including bacteria, fungi and parasites.

These opportunistic infections are forms of diseases that do not usually affect people whose healthy immune systems are able to fight them off.

Such opportunistic infections (OI) are less common with effective Antiretroviral treatment (ART), which helps the immune system by reducing the load of HIV in the body.

Despite the decrease in OIs among people living with HIV, these infections still occur. This may be because:

- A number of people living with HIV do not know that they

Along with OIs, people with HIV or AIDS may develop cancers, kidney disease, severe weight loss and neurological complications.

Although ART has reduced OIs and other conditions mentioned above, HIV medicines themselves cause complications or side effects, which vary from person to person and depend on the treatment regimen.

Over time, diabetes, cardiovascular disease, problems with kidney and liver function, and bone loss can in some cases occur with use of HIV medicines.

Steps to help people living with HIV cope include:

- Fueling their body with a well-balanced diet
- Exercising regularly
- Getting plenty of rest
- Avoiding tobacco and other drugs
- Reporting any new symptoms to their doctor right away

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VIEW FROM THE TOP



# India's manufacturing engine stutters as it looks to attract car makers

NEW DELHI

ON Thursday, Kia Motors Corporation officially launched a new car factory in Anantapur in the south Indian state of Andhra Pradesh. The carmaker has invested \$1.1 billion in setting up the production facility which has the capacity to produce up to 300,000 cars a year, and created about 12,000 jobs in the region.

"Our new plant allows us to serve the growing Indian car market, and export models to markets across the world in major regions," said Han-Woo Park, the president and chief executive of Kia, at the launch of the factory. "In the longer-term, it will also become a vital part of our global production network."

A project like this shows confidence in the country's manufacturing sector which is striving to become a global manufacturing hub under prime minister Narendra Modi's Make in India initiative. This is aimed at generating economic growth and creating jobs for the country's young population. In a country of 1.3 billion people, with an expanding middle class, it is an attractive proposition for many companies.

But although the consensus is that there

## INDIA MANUFACTURING PMI

50+: conditions improving, Below 50: deteriorating



Sources: IHS market

is huge potential for India's manufacturing sector, analysts say the industry has been struggling in the short term and faces challenges inhibiting longer term growth.

The latest gross domestic product data reveals that in the quarter to the end of September, manufacturing in India declined by 1 per cent compared to an expansion of 6.9 per cent in the same period last year. This dragged India's GDP growth to a six-year-low of

4.5 per cent in the July to September quarter. The manufacturing slump poses a real risk to the country's economy.

"This is a matter of serious concern for the Indian economy," says Rakesh Mohan Joshi, research head at the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade. "The manufacturing sector is extremely important for the economy and it has a multiplier effect on job creation."

A prolonged slump in consumer demand

has taken toll on sectors including car manufacturing, and consumer electronics, says Mr Joshi.

There is also stiff competition from imported goods coming in from other countries, including China and Vietnam.

Another worrying sign is that India's industrial production data for September revealed a contraction of 4.3 per cent on the year, which was its second consecutive month in decline, and its steepest fall since the series began in April 2012.

While the Nikkei Manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index, compiled by IHS Markit, for November revealed a pick-up of 51.2 last month from 50.6 in October, the survey also showed that the sector is not yet out of the woods. With companies cutting jobs for the first time in more than 18 months, this suggests a lack of optimism amongst factory owners in the coming months.

"Rates of expansion in factory orders, production and exports remained far away from those recorded at the start of 2019, with subdued underlying demand largely blamed for this," says Pollyanna de Lima, principal economist at IHS Markit.

"The weakness of these forward-looking

indicators suggest that firms are bracing themselves for challenging times ahead."

Another blow to the industry came on Thursday when India's central bank, the Reserve Bank of India, did not cut interest rates in its latest monetary policy meeting, as widely hoped and expected. This could have helped manufacturers to secure cheaper credit for their businesses.

"Of course, revival depends on multiple factors like demand, government policies, and consumer behaviour," says Sanjay Bhatia, the co-founder and chief executive of Freightwalla, a digital logistics company based in Mumbai.

He adds that there are steps that have been taken by New Delhi that should help the sector, particularly the recent reduction of corporate tax rates to 22 per cent from 30 per cent, which includes a special rate of 15 per cent for new manufacturing companies.

"The whole objective of reducing corporate tax was to drive and attract manufacturing investments from all over the world," said India's finance minister, Nirmala Sitharaman, speaking in parliament last week. She said there were already signs of foreign companies showing interest.







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# SPORT



National U-20 soccer team's coach, Maalim Saleh, speaks to youths that are attending the Tanzania Football Federation (TFF) youth development program at a training session in Dar es Salaam recently. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT JUMANNE JUMA

## Russia banned from Olympic Games over doping scandal

MOSCOW

RUSSIA was banned from the Olympics and world championships in a range of sports for four years on Monday after the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) ruled to punish it for manipulating laboratory data, a WADA spokesman said.

WADA's executive committee took the decision after it concluded that Moscow had tampered with laboratory data by planting fake evidence and deleting files linked to positive doping tests that could have helped identify drug cheats.

The WADA committee's decision to punish Russia with a ban was unanimous, the spokesman said.

Russia, which has tried to showcase itself as a global sports power, has been embroiled in doping scandals since a 2015 report commissioned by the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) found evidence of mass doping in Russian athletics.

Its doping woes have grown since, with many of its athletes sidelined from the past two Olympics and the country stripped of its flag altogether at last year's Pyeongchang Winter Games as punishment for state-sponsored doping cover-ups at the 2014 Sochi Games.

Monday's sanctions had been recommended

by WADA's compliance review committee in response to the doctored laboratory data provided by Moscow earlier this year.

One of the conditions for the reinstatement of Russian anti-doping agency RUSADA, which was suspended in 2015 in the wake of the athletics doping scandal but reinstated last year, had been that Moscow provide an authentic copy of the laboratory data.

The sanctions effectively strip the agency of its accreditation.

Sports Minister Pavel Kolobkov last month attributed the discrepancies in the laboratory data to technical issues.

The punishment, however, leaves the door open for clean Russian athletes to compete at major international sporting events without their flag or anthem for four years, as was the case during the 2018 Pyeongchang Olympics.

Some Russian officials, meanwhile, have branded the call for sanctions unfair and likened it to broader Western attempts to hold back the country.

If RUSADA appeals the sanctions endorsed by WADA's executive committee, the case will be referred to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS), WADA has said.

REUTERS



Female athletes from across Tanzania compete in 1500m event of this season's JICA Ladies First race, which took place at National Stadium in Dar es Salaam on Saturday. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT JUMANNE JUMA

## Davis scores 50, powers Lakers to 142-125 win over T-Wolves

LOS ANGELES

ANTHONY Davis hit a long floater with 4:39 remaining to reach 50 points for the first time with the Los Angeles Lakers. The shot that got him to the half-century mark was hardly representative of the work that preceded it.

Davis had a relentless series of fast-break points, second-chance opportunities and attacks in the paint that pummeled the Minnesota Timberwolves, a performance Lakers coach Frank Vogel described as a "smash mouth way of getting 50. 'No 3s, 20 for 29, and then living at the free throw line, post ups, offensive rebounds, crashes, all those types of things. Just an old-school performance and one for the ages,'" Vogel said.

Davis had a season-high 50 points and the Lakers improved to a league-best 21-3 with a 142-125 win over the Timberwolves on Sunday night.

Davis was 20 of 29 from the field and made all 10 of his free throws to go along with seven rebounds and six assists, reaching the 50-point mark for the fourth time in his career.

"It was very special to do something like this in front of these great fans, a historical franchise and my teammates, especially the way we've been playing," Davis said. "It was nothing but amazing."

LeBron James had 32 points and 13 assists despite committing four fouls in the first half. Alex Caruso added 16 points as the Lakers won their fourth straight and improved to 10-2 at home.

While it looked like it could be a special night for Davis as he hit his first six shots, including a thunderous dunk on a no-look alley-oop from James as he racked up seven of the



Los Angeles Lakers' Dwight Howard (39) dunks against Minnesota Timberwolves during the first half of an NBA basketball game, Sunday, Dec. 8, 2019, in Los Angeles. (AP Photo)

Lakers' first nine points, the eighth-year forward was a bit more cautious.

"I mean, I've had nights where I started off like that and ended up with 30 and didn't score in the second half," Davis said.

But it was evident Davis would keep adding to his total. He was at his most relentless to close the first half, helping fuel an 11-0 run that gave the Lakers a 73-65 lead at the "break after James got his fourth foul with 2:27 left in the second quarter.

Much of Davis' damage this season had come off the pick-and-roll with James, but Vogel was impressed how he was able to be effective without the Lakers' primary ball handlers in James or Rajon Rondo on the court. Rondo did not play because of a strained hamstring.

To James, however, it was just Davis doing what he can do.

"He's had to carry a franchise before, so I don't think it's anything foreign to him," James said.

Davis had 42 points through three quarters, one more than his previous single-game high this season, 41 points in his return to New Orleans on Nov. 27. He tacked on 15 points in the third, but balanced scoring allowed Minnesota to stay within 110-103 as the quarter closed.

The Timberwolves had seven players with at least 12 points, including all five starters. Karl-Anthony Towns and Andrew Wiggins each had 19 points as Minnesota lost its fourth straight game.

It wasn't until the fourth quarter that the Lakers could finally relax,

with Rondo and DeMarcus Cousins keeping Davis informed on his progress before he finally got to 50 for the first time since Feb. 26, 2018.

While Timberwolves coach Ryan Saunders couldn't help but be impressed with Davis' ability to do "everything" on offense, he viewed it as an important lesson for how his team needs to compete with the NBA's best.

"I think it was a good measuring stick for us to see what the elite teams in this league (can do), how the physicality is, playing a complete game and minimizing your mistakes," Saunders said. "If you have a minute and a half lapse in game plan, discipline, you see what can happen. They just overwhelm you."

AP

## Joshua 2.0: British boxing star plots new path to dominance

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia

IT'S not all about the devastating knockout for Anthony Joshua anymore.

He's not going to go desperately chasing Deontay Wilder for the elusive belt in his heavyweight collection, either.

This is Joshua 2.0.

After what he describes as a "roller coaster" year, the British boxing star is back as the multiple world heavyweight champion after beating Andy Ruiz Jr. in a unanimous points decision in their rematch in Saudi Arabia early Sunday.

Listening to Joshua after the fight, there's a sense he is about to embark on a new path to domination of the marquee division. The drastic change to his fighting style and mind-set is an indication of that.

Against Ruiz, Joshua overhauled his approach – "I took it back to the old school, '70s style," he said – and used dancing feet instead of his traditional power-punching to break down his opponent.

"Boxing's a sweet science," Joshua said with a grin. "Hit and don't get hit. That's the name of the game."

For a heavyweight who made his name as a knockout merchant, Joshua has only won one of his last five fights by knocking his opponent to the canvas, in a period stretching back 2½ years. He is becoming more cautious, more of a student of boxing.

Expect that to continue in his second reign as champ after regaining the WBA, WBO and IBF belts.

Joshua said he has learned his lesson after not preparing properly for his first fight against Ruiz in June, which went badly wrong when he was knocked down four times before being stopped in the seventh round at Madison Square Garden. He told the BBC on Sunday that he had an "issue with my health" before that fight that led to him putting his head in a bucket of ice because he felt "tired and drained." Joshua gave no precise details about the issue.

When asked if his fans might have expected more from Joshua in the controversial rematch in the Middle East, where avoiding Ruiz played

as big a part in the game plan as

punching him, the Briton said: "If I box for the crowd and people's opinion, I might not have been victorious. I trusted my own process and now I am the champion. I'm going to follow my own instincts while I'm boxing."

The more mature side of Joshua might also come through in his seemingly never-ending pursuit of Wilder, the WBC champion who owns the belt Joshua needs to become the first unified champion since Lennox Lewis early this century.

"I would love to unite the belts," Joshua said. "But when you are chasing ... it's the same as when you're in the fight. Sometimes if I'm chasing the right hand, I'm chasing the left hook, it may come crashing down on me."

"I realize chasing that fight wasn't playing to my benefits. So I'm just going to let the path take its course. When the opportunity presents itself to become undisputed heavyweight champion of the world, I'll definitely

step up and take the challenge."

So, for the time being, Joshua appears likely to fight mandatory challengers, probably starting with Kubrat Pulev of Bulgaria in the spring to keep the IBF belt. Then, Oleksandr Usyk – the unified cruiserweight champion who recently stepped up to heavyweight – in the summer to retain the WBO strap.

Only then could he realistically fight "the other guy," as Joshua often refers to Wilder.

So, apparently, there is no real rush to meet the American. Not like a couple of years ago when that unification fight clearly dominated the thoughts of Joshua and his ambitious promoter, Eddie Hearn.

The loss to Ruiz in New York could, then, be the making of Joshua. It was a shock to the system, making him realize it will not be a straightforward ride to global domination, that he cannot switch off in any fight and expect to pull through.

"It's nice to KO and there were

times when I looked in Andy's eyes and I wanted to put my fist through his head," Joshua said. "But then I thought to myself, 'This is boxing. I need to win for myself, show people that there is a sweet science to the sport as well.' It's not like a script, it's not wrestling, this is real life and it's dangerous."

"These guys are highly skilled athletes. I just love preparing for a good challenge. This is all I have, all I got. I have disciplined myself for it."

Meanwhile, Anthony Joshua is set for a London homecoming to start his second reign as world heavyweight champion, with his next fight likely to take place at the recently built stadium of Premier League soccer club Tottenham.

Joshua reclaimed his WBA, WBO and IBF titles early Sunday with a unanimous points decision over Andy Ruiz Jr. in Saudi Arabia, having lost to the Mexican-American in New York in June for the first defeat of his career.



Britain's Anthony Joshua celebrates after beating Andy Ruiz Jr. on points to win their World Heavyweight Championship contest at the Diriyah Arena, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia early Sunday Dec. 8, 2019. (AP)

## Pep: Man City 'not able to compete' with elite teams

LONDON

MANCHESTER City must accept that they may not be able to compete with the top teams in Europe at the moment, manager Pep Guardiola has said.

City's 2-1 defeat by Manchester United in the Premier League on Saturday was their fourth of the campaign and left the defending champions third - 14 points behind leaders Liverpool.

Guardiola's side were ripped apart by United on the counter-attack and they looked a shadow of the side that won the domestic treble last season.

"That is the level we face, against Liverpool, United, Barcelona, Madrid, Juventus - they are the teams we have to face and the reality is maybe we are not able now to compete with them," Guardiola told Sky Sports. "We have to improve and accept it and move forward. Maybe we need to live that as a club to improve, to accept the reality now and improve."

City's backline has been ravaged by injury, with Guardiola fielding defensive midfielder Fernando in central defence in recent games.

"The reality is we are 14 points behind for the mistakes we have done, for the quality of our opponents and especially, as well, the things we cannot control," he said.

"We are at the beginning of December and we have other competitions to play in and other games to fight and improve on."

City are back in action on Wednesday when they visit Dinamo Zagreb in the Champions League, where they have already sealed progress to the knockout rounds as Group C winners. Greater Manchester Police (GMP) said a man was arrested for allegedly making racist gestures during the Premier League clash between Manchester City and Manchester United at the Etihad Stadium on Saturday.

A video circulating on social media after the match appeared to show a supporter aiming racist abuse at United midfielder Fred, and the Brazil international told ESPN Brasil he blamed the "backward society" for the incident.

City released a statement in which they announced they would launch an investigation into the incident, and United manager Ole Gunnar Solskjaer said it was "unacceptable."

"A man has been arrested after a video posted on social media showed a supporter making racist gestures at the Manchester City vs. Manchester United match at the Etihad Stadium yesterday," a GMP statement released on Sunday read.

"At around 6.55 p.m. [GMT] on Saturday Dec. 7 2019 police were called to a report of a supporter making alleged racist gestures and sounds towards players during the Manchester City and Manchester United derby.

(Agencies)

## 'Explosive' Lautaro Martinez fuelling Inter's ambitions at home and abroad

MILAN

LAUTARO Martinez has had an explosive start to the season, powering Inter Milan's league title ambitions and European hopes under new coach Antonio Conte.

The 22-year-old - known as 'El Toro' (The Bull) - joined the 18-time Serie A champions last season from Racing Club, scoring nine goals as Inter finished fourth in Serie A under former coach Luciano Spalletti.

The Argentina international has flourished this campaign under former Italy and Juventus manager Conte, with 13 goals in 20 appearances that have made him a fan favourite after fellow Argentine Mauro Icardi's loan move to Paris Saint-Germain.

Inter are two points ahead of fierce rivals Juventus as they look to prevent the Turin giants from winning a ninth consecutive title.

"The Nerazzurri (Inter) striker is having an incredible season, he is a great player," said Juve coach Maurizio Sarri. Inter host already-qualified Barcelona in the San Siro on Tuesday knowing a win will seal their ticket to the last 16 of the Champions League.

It was a brace from Martinez and a Romelu Lukaku goal that kept Inter in the Group F chase with a 3-1 win at Slavia Prague last time out.

Barca have shown an interest in signing the in-form Inter striker, who along with former Manchester United forward Lukaku have scored 24 of the team's 40 goals this season.

Six-time Ballon d'Or winner Lionel Messi has already played with the strik-

er, whose style of play resembles Messi's Barca teammate Luis Suarez, in the Copa America with Argentina.

Martinez has scored nine goals for Argentina in 13 appearances, including a hat-trick against Mexico in September.

"We were not surprised by his explosion," said Inter vice-president Javier Zanetti. "When we chose him we were convinced that he could demonstrate the value he is now showing."

"Big dream" - Martinez opted for Inter ahead of Atletico Madrid, Real Madrid and Valencia, with the club's former Argentine stars Zanetti and Diego Milito acting as intermediaries.

His contract is reported to be worth 15 million euros (\$165 million) a season until the end of 2023, with a 111 million-euro release clause, but Martinez insists: "Inter is my home."

"My big dream is to win a championship with Inter," continued the player from Bahia Blanca, whose father was also a professional footballer.

Three-time European champions Inter have not won the league since 2010, the year they won a historic treble under Jose Mourinho.

Former Argentina and Inter Milan midfielder Juan Sebastian Veron believes Martinez chose the best place to learn his trade.

"The Italian league, for a football player, is the university of football," Veron, who won a Serie A title with Inter in 2006, told Gazzetta Dello Sport.

"If Lautaro is so good right now, it's largely down to Conte.

AFP

## Russian soccer fans stage mass walkouts to protest arrests

MOSCOW

SOCCER fans from almost all of Russia's top clubs have staged mass walkouts at games to protest a police crackdown. So-called ultras organized walkouts during at least seven Russian Premier League games this weekend after a wave of arrests targeting Spartak Moscow fans the week before.

Fans walked out leaving behind banners saying "A fan is not a criminal." Even Spartak's bitter rivals like CSKA Moscow and Zenit St. Petersburg saw large numbers of their hardcore supporters join in.

Russian authorities have sought to limit hardcore fans' influence in recent years by cracking down on hooliganism ahead of the 2018 World Cup and by arresting non-violent supporters for issues which

might previously have been ignored, including the use of pyrotechnics or even swearing.

Insulting chants aimed at national team captain Artyom Dzyuba - who's widely disliked by Spartak fans - during Russia's away game at San Marino last month set in motion the events leading to this week's protests.

The insults were widely criticized by Russian soccer officials, and Spartak fans arriving for last week's game in St. Petersburg against Zenit found themselves targeted by police.

Dozens of fans were detained before the game, with state news agencies reporting 34 were later tried on various grounds. A Spartak fan leader was banned from attending games for 18 months by a court after being accused of organizing more insulting chants.

AP

# Free-scoring Salzburg now pose serious threat to leaky Liverpool

LONDON

LIVERPOOL travel to Salzburg on Tuesday needing to avoid defeat to the confident Austrian champions to guard against an embarrassing Champions League group stage exit for the holders.

Jürgen Klopp's men are used to getting through to the knockout stages the hard way. In each of the past two seasons they have needed home wins to secure a place in the last 16 before going on to make the final.

However, the spectre of a free-scoring Salzburg, led by the Champions League's top scorer in Erlin Braut Haaland spells trouble for an injury-hit Liverpool backline that has consistently leaked goals this season despite streaking clear at the top of the Premier League.

The Reds' recorded a first clean sheet in 14 games in Saturday's 3-0 win at Bournemouth, but lost another centre-back as Dejan Lovren limped off in the first half.

Should the Croatian miss the trip to Austria, Joe Gomez will be Klopp's only fit partner for Virgil van Dijk in central defence.

Van Dijk narrowly missed out to Lionel Messi in the battle for the Ballon d'Or last week in recognition of the transformative effect he has had on Liverpool's fortunes over the past two years.

But even the towering Dutchman has been incapable of stopping the steady flow of goals against in recent months.

Injuries have meant there has been a constant rotation of Lovren, Gomez and Joel Matip alongside Van Dijk, while the attacking impetus offered by full-backs Andy Robertson and Trent Alexander-Arnold leaves space in behind to be exploited.

Goalkeeper Alisson Becker also missed the first two months of the season due to a calf injury to further unsettle the backline.

The Brazilian is now back, but another injury to Fabinho has robbed the back four of the best player to protect them in the holding midfield role.

"I forgot how it feels, to be honest," said Klopp on finally ending the long wait for a clean sheet at the weekend.

"It's great, we should have them more often. It was the most-used word in the dressing room by the boys - 'clean sheet, clean sheet, clean sheet'.

"Obviously everybody was desperate for that, now we have it so let's have it more often."



One to watch: Erling Braut Haaland has scored 28 goals in 21 games for Salzburg this season (AFP Photo)

"The next game where a clean sheet would be useful is already around the corner, against Salzburg on Tuesday."

That is easier said than done as Liverpool know from their first meeting with Jesse Marsch's men in October.

The hosts seemed to be cruising to another Anfield win in the Champions League as they raced into a 3-0 lead, but Salzburg hit back to level at 3-3 before Mohamed Salah's winner ensured Liverpool edged a seven-goal thriller.

Salzburg have scored 87 goals in 24 games in all competitions this season, 28 of which have come from Norwegian wonderkid Haaland in just 21 appearances.

The 19-year-old started on the bench when the sides met at Anfield due to injury, but came on to inspire the visitors' revival in the second half and scored one of his eight Champions League goals.

"He's not the only threat from Salzburg but he's a proper one," said Klopp of the danger posed by Haaland ahead of the

sides' first clash.

Salzburg need to win to make the last 16 on their first appearance in the group stage in 25 years.

A point would be enough for Liverpool to progress, but they need to win to secure top spot in Group E ahead of Napoli.

Given Liverpool's paucity of clean sheets and Salzburg's thirst for goals, attack would appear to be the best form of defence for the European champions.

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## Six-goal Pyramids lay down CAF Confederation Cup marker

JOHANNESBURG

AFRICAN debutants Pyramids of Egypt confirmed Sunday that they are the team to beat in the CAF Confederation Cup after crushing Nouadhibou of Mauritania 6-0 in Cairo.

Egyptian Mohamed Farouk and Burkinabe Eric Traore scored twice each and Ghanaian John Antwi and Ivorian Wilfried Kanon once for the expensively assembled side, who led 2-0 at half-time.

It was the seventh victory in eight qualifying and group matches for Pyramids under French coach Sebastien Desabre, with the other game drawn.

They lead fellow Egyptian club Al Masry on goal difference in Group A, six points clear of Enugu Rangers of Nigeria and Nouadhibou after two rounds.

"My goals this season are to challenge for the Egyptian title and to win the Confederation Cup," says Desabre, who took Uganda to the Africa Cup of Nations last 16 this year.

Pyramids were formerly known as Al Assiouty Sport and the club has benefitted greatly from the financial backing of two Middle East businessmen.

Saudi Turki al Sheikh bought Assiouty in 2018, changed the name to Pyramids, hired a succession of foreign coaches and bankrolled a string of signings.

He sold the club to Emirati Salem al Shamsi, who has further strengthened the squad with Tunisian Amor Layouni, Ugandan Lumala Abdu and Kanon among the signings.

A few hours before Pyramids ran riot, Masry defeated Enugu 4-2 in coastal city Alexandria after leading by four goals with four minutes remaining.

Goals from Nigerian Austin Amutu, Ahmed Nasser, Libyan Moftah Taktak and Hassan Ali put the hosts in a commanding position before Enugu rallied to make the scoreline more respectful.

- Disappointing start - Nigeria assistant coach Salisu Yusuf was seconded to Rangers after they won only once of five league matches at the start of the domestic season.

But he has made a disappointing start in Africa with the loss to Masry coming seven days after they were well beaten at home by Pyramids.

Other clubs to watch in the pursuit of a \$1.25 million (1.1 mn euros) first prize are Renaissance Berkane and Hassania Agadir of Morocco and Horoya of Guinea.

Berkane, runners-up to Zamalek of Egypt last season in the African equivalent of the UEFA Europa League, held Zanaco of Zambia 1-1 in Lusaka to lead Group B.

Burkinabe Djibril Ouattara put the club from northeast Morocco ahead on 15 minutes with his second CAF goal in as many matches and Charles Zulu levelled before half-time.



Jose Mourinho

Horoya, a hugely ambitious club under wealthy owner Antonio Souare, outplayed Al Nasr of Libya 3-0 in Conakry to top Group C.

Veteran Burkina Faso forward Aristide Bance, Heritier Makambo from the Democratic Republic of Congo and Zimba-

bwean Tafadzwa Kutinyu scored for the multi-national outfit.

Mehdi Oubila netted midway through the first half and captain Yassine Rami scored just after half-time to earn Hassania an impressive 2-0 away win over Paradou of Algeria in Bida.

They lead Group D by three points from former African champions Enyimba of Nigeria, who edged San Pedro of the Ivory Coast 1-0 in Aba thanks to a second-half goal from Martins Usole.

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Gwiji by David Chikoko



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Free-scoring Salzburg pose serious threat to leaky Liverpool

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Aces' medium pacer Salum Jumbe (C) celebrates with teammates Mohamed Ali (R) and Nassor Zahor after Jumbe had dismissed one of Shree Kutchi Leva SC batsmen in this year's DRCC Caravans T20 competition's clash between the two clubs, which took place at the Dar es Salaam Gymkhana Club (DGC) oval recently. PHOTO: COURTESY OF NIKHIL PUJARA

## Taliss-IST clinches national junior swimming championship silverware

**By Guardian Reporter**  
DAR ES SALAAM'S Taliss-IST Swimming Club has clinched silverware in the national junior championship, which took place at the International School of Tanganyika (IST) Masaki swimming pool in the city last weekend.

Taliss-IST collected a total of 1,736 points to overshadow other nine clubs which competed in the event organized by Tanzania Swimming Association (TSA).

Taliss-IST garnered 788 in the girls' category, the club also collected 948 points in the boys' category of the event which featured more than 150 swimmers who are aged U-12.

The team's manager, Hadija Shebe, pointed out fighting spirit showcased by the club's swimmers, cooperation the team had from parents and coaches' best training helped them lift the title.

Hadija said they had prepared well ahead of the championships and the results reflect their efforts in developing the game.

"The competition was very tough and each club targeted the silverware in the event. Our swimmers made us proud," she said.

Bluefins Club took the second spot with 1,521 points whereby the club's female swimmers scored 798 points and 723 points were collected by male swimmers.

The event saw the famous Dar es Salaam Swimming Club (DSC) finish third after collecting 779 points. DSC scored 385 points in girls' category and 394 points in boys' category.

Upcoming club FK Blue Marlins took the fourth place after collecting 778 points as the team's female swimmers scored 597 points and boys scored 181 points.

Moshi's swimming club, Uwcea, was placed fifth after collecting 294 points while Champion Rise finished sixth after notching 220 points.

Morogoro International School (MIS) team, nicknamed Piranhas, scored 150 points to finish seventh.

Zanzibar-based club, Wahoo, was placed eighth with 106 points while Mwanza Swim Club collected 98 points to sit in the ninth spot. Arusha Swimming Club was placed 10th with five points.

Asmah Hilal, TSA Vice Chairperson, said swimmers competed in five styles namely Freestyle, Butterfly, Backstroke, Breaststroke and Individual Medley (IM).

She noted the swimmers also competed in Relay, which was very exciting and thrilling.

"We have seen many talented swimmers in the event. The national team coaches' task is to prepare them well, nurture their skills with a view to helping them become national team swimmers," she said.

She said that TSA is proud to complete its swimming calendar for the 2019 and the association is now preparing the next year's calendar.



Bluefin Club swimmer, Natalia Ladha (C), Sydney Hardeman of Taliss-IST Club (L) and Mischa Ngoshani of FK Blue Marlins pose for picture with their medals after the completion of this year's national junior swimming championship, which took place in Dar es Salaam last weekend. Natalia and Sydney broke two national records. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT



Mainland Tanzania soccer side, Kilimanjaro Stars.

## Kilimanjaro Stars, Zanzibar renew rivalry in do-or-die clash

**By Correspondent Michael Mwebe**

MAINLAND Tanzania soccer team, Kilimanjaro Stars, and Zanzibar will both look to bounce back to winning ways after stumbling to rivals in their previous 2019 CE-CAFA Senior Challenge Cup encounters on Sunday.

Zanzibar, nicknamed Zanzibar Heroes, were unlucky as they conceded a stoppage time goal to deny them three points in 1-1 draw with Sudan while Kilimanjaro Stars slipped to a 1-0 defeat to rivals Kenya.

Today it is Mainland Tanzania versus Zanzibar. There is certainly no sporting rivalry quite like the one involving these two teams in Africa.

Not only is this a big one because for Zanzibar Heroes playing against Kilimanjaro Stars is always a tasty affair.

This time it is big because it means something more than just bragging rights. If Kilimanjaro Stars lose to their compatri-

ots, then Mainland Tanzania's fate will be sealed, another embarrassing Group Stage exit.

If Zanzibar Heroes lose they know their fate could well be out of Kilimanjaro Stars' hands. A win would make the Island side's lives a whole lot easier.

Man for man, Zanzibar Heroes have a much greater depth of talent. But it is not just about talent.

There are so many other issues to factor in this hotly-anticipated Group B clash, with defiant words from both camps dominating the pre-match build-up.

The history of this fixture makes Zanzibar Heroes slight favourites, they have not lost in the last four matches against their Mainland counterparts.

A lot of fans believe this is down to Zanzibar Heroes players having 'more pride' than their counterparts and are ready to die a little to get victory.

Simply put, Kilimanjaro Stars have the

individuals who have dominated the Vodacom Premier League, Zanzibar have the team.

Zanzibar Heroes' stubborn togetherness and willingness to fight for one another have enabled them punch above their weight in this tournament.

The qualities also helped them reach the final in the competition's last edition held in Kenya.

Kilimanjaro Stars' head coach Juma Mgunda tried to deflect pressure but he knows it is his own team who enter the contest under more pressure given past results.

"What happened against Kenya is behind us. Against Zanzibar it will be two sides that know each other well will battle in what is always expected to be a tough match," Mgunda said about the opening match.

The other Group B game this Tuesday is an afternoon clash between Kenya and Sudan at the same venue, Lugogo Stadium, in Kampala.

## Aces cricketers cruise to DRCC Caravans T20 tourney final

**By Guardian Reporter**

ACES cricketers have booked a place in the final of this year's DRCC Caravans T20 competition, trouncing Aga Khan SC by 16 runs in the semi-final, which took place in Dar es Salaam on Sunday.

Aces were therefore set to lock horns with Saint Gobain Strikers in the final the same weekend, given the latter had bundled defending champions, Caravans Club, out of the last four stage.

A spirited bowling showing by Aces was instrumental in the outfit's victory over Aga Khan SC in the last four clash, given Aces bowlers put their skills to show and easily tamed the opponents' batsmen.

Aces chose to start batting once they won the toss, notching 108 runs all out in 20 overs.

They experienced a slight wobble during the early stages of the innings, in which opening batsman, Ankit Baghel, was dismissed by Aga Khan SC's Riziki Kiseto with only one run to his name. Jumanne Mohamed, who opened the innings with Baghel, made up for his fellow opener's flaws, notching 22 runs, which consisted of two fours.

Raza Baloch, Ali Mpeka and Salum Jumbe boosted Aces' quest for a convincing score, nailing 21 runs, 20 runs and 17 runs respectively.

Batting collapse during the latter stages of the innings, however, frustrated an attempt by Aces to post a challenging target for the opponents.

Khalil Rehemtulla led Aga Khan SC's bowling onslaught, finishing his spell with three wickets and leaking three runs in two overs.

He was ably assisted by Vipin Abraham and Aahil Jessani that took two wickets apiece.

With an achievable target in sight, Aga Khan SC had a wobbly start to the chase given opener, Jitendra Gariya, faced an early exit.

Gariya, the outfit's reliable run getter, was caught by Aces' Ankit Baghel off a delivery by Mohamed Ali, with nine runs to his name.

Riziki Kiseto and Rehemtulla had a brief stay at the crease, posting 12 runs apiece. Aahil Jessani and Arslaan Premji added 15 runs apiece.

Aga Khan SC's efforts to reach the target ended in vain given they posted 92 runs for the loss of nine wickets in 20 overs.

Aces' Salum Jumbe, Mohamed Ali and captain Bhavesh Govind took two wickets each to dash Aga Khan SC's dreams of qualifying for the final.

With the competition's favourites Aga Khan SC and Caravans, already out of the title race, cricket enthusiasts in the city were set to be treated to an equally intriguing clash pitting Aces against Saint Gobain that have lately developed an entertaining rivalry. Caravans Club has organized the competition under the supervision of Dar es Salaam Regional Cricket Committee (DRCC), aiming at raising the standard of the sport at the domestic level.

This year's tournament had brought together 10 teams that had been placed in two groups.

Group A had been made up of Union SC, Caravans Club, Gymkhana, Aga Khan SC and Annadil Burhani.

Group B outfits included Aces Club, Shree Kutchi Leva, GP Club, Estim and Saint Gobain Strikers.

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