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VP: Gender empowerment projects should be realistic

By Getrude Mbago

VICE President Samia Suluhu Hassan said yesterday that for the country to achieve gender equality, men should be involved in all initiatives and programmes leveraged to promote women empowerment.

"We must engage men when discussing various issues related to women. We cannot succeed if we sideline men because most of the decision making posts are held by men," the VP asserted.

Officiating at a special event dubbed 'Super Woman' organized to commemorate the International Women's Day (IWD) marked this year under the theme 'Women in leadership: Achieving an equal future in a challenging world.'

"If we are to achieve gender equality and fight poverty among women, we have to ensure that every empowerment programme engages men because they



This is one of numerous scenes captured as International Women's Day was commemorated across the globe yesterday. It was in Dar es Salaam, where Vice President Samia Suluhu Hassan led Tanzanians in observing the all-important Day at national level. Photo: Correspondent Jumanne Juma.

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Niger's Mahamadou Issoufou wins 2020 Mo Ibrahim Prize

LONDON AND DAKAR

THE 2020 Ibrahim Prize for Achievement in African Leadership has been awarded to Mahamadou Issoufou, the outgoing president of Niger.

The Mo Ibrahim Foundation announced this award yesterday following a meeting of its Africa-based Prize Committee.

President Issoufou served two five-year terms as President of Niger from 2011 to 2020, the sixth recipient of the Ibrahim Prize, which celebrates excellence in African leadership.

The Ibrahim Prize aims to distinguish exceptional leaders who, during their time in office, have developed their countries, strengthened democracy and protected rule of law for the shared benefit of their people.

In its citation, the Prize Committee praised President Issoufou's exceptional leadership after inheriting one of the world's poorest economies, facing seemingly insurmountable challenges. "Throughout his time in

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RC: Maize still entering Kenya

■ Mycotoxins report a market sabotage ploy, says Shigela

By Guardian Correspondent, Mkinga

AUTHORITIES in Tanga Region yesterday refuted reports about maize produced in the country and exported to Kenya lacking in quality and deemed unfit for human consumption.

Addressing reporters here, Regional Commissioner Martine Shigela rejected the reports when addressing traders at the Horohoro border post, visiting the area to assess the situation after eruption of those reports in social media.

The RC's reaction came after media reported that Kenya banned maize imports from Tanzania and Uganda, citing a letter by the acting Director-General of the Agriculture and Food Authority, Kello Harsama to Pamela Ahago, the Commissioner of Customs in the Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA), saying that the imports should stop

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after a survey conducted indicated maize

from the two countries is not fit for human consumption.

"The authority has been conducting surveillance on the safety of food imports into Kenya. The results from maize imported from Uganda and Tanzania have revealed high levels of mycotoxins that are consistently beyond safety limits," the letter reads.

Shigela described the reports as misleading, saying there was a strategy by some traders bent on tarnishing trade relations between the two countries, and East African Community (EAC) member states.

he said the situation at the border post was good and trade was continuing normally with maize moving to Kenya without hindrance. Traders were bringing in their

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Minister wants Mikumi to uplift rhino numbers

By Guardian Reporter, Morogoro

The management of the Mikumi National Park management needs to strengthen efforts and work hard to restore rhino levels following extensive poaching and threat of disappearance of the species starting from the 1980s.

Dr Damas Ndumbaro, the minister for Natural Resources and Tourism, issued the directive here yesterday at a meeting with the park management to chart out how to improve tourism and fight poaching.

“I do not want to see this place become a source of endless grief after you leave... ..and if you ignore the government's directives no permit ...

He reminded the management that the park had a large number of rhinos but they were decimated due to rampant poaching.

The minister asked the management to install special equipment on the rhinos so as to monitor their movements and find out if they are being followed by poachers or any other danger.

Currently the park has remained has four big game for tourism, namely lion, elephant, buffalo and leopard.

"So we should collect ourselves to ensure that we restore the rhino in this park so that

park has all the big five," he said.

The Mikumi ecology favours rhinos to grow and reproduce, he said, noting that the management has to ensure that the animals are more numerous, such that the park is counted among the best tourist attractions.

The management must enhance security in the park after having restored rhinos to protect their being poached, the minister elaborated, noting that the country regis

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goods from Kenya without any bother, he stated.

He asked traders to continue with their activities, underlining that the government was watchful, hinting at plans to further improve facilities at the border area.

"I stress that the border area is calm. Reports saying Tanzania's maize destined to Kenya was unfit for human consumption are outright lies; we cannot export food unfit for human consumption to Kenya, as if it were so, we would have suffered such diseases ourselves first. Our relations with Kenya are good and I again stress that the maize was being exported to Kenya without any obstacles," he said.

"Conduct your trade peacefully and do not fear anything regarding those reports. It appears these are strategies by some traders to disrupt access to the maize market," he reiterated.

The border post acting manager Nsajigwa Mwambelele said that following social media reports investigations were conducted which found the reports to be untrue, elaborating that the movement of goods continues between the two sides.

"We received a letter saying that maize from Tanzania had toxins that make it unfit for human consumption, but we saw the contents of the letter as lacking merit and so we continued with the movement of the commodity. It was being received on the other side without any problem," he stated.

On their part, maize traders said there were rumours tied to the reports but after communicating with Kenya government authorities, they were told that there was no banning order on maize imports into the country.

Jafo Otara, a maize exporter said that he has engaged in the maize export trade to Kenya for

six years now and had not come across such a challenge, "and when we communicated with the Kenya's Agriculture ministry we were told that the said letter did not emanate from them."

"We have carefully examined the situation and discovered that it is more like sabotage by large traders bent on destroying the market, as the Kenya Agriculture Minister said the letter must have come from the forest, but there was no such letter from his office," he elaborated.

On Saturday, long queues of trucks were seen at the Namanga border after KRA officials reportedly denied the trucks entry into Kenya.

Hussein Bashe, the deputy minister for Agriculture was on Sunday quoted as affirming that the government was taking the ban on maize imports seriously. "The government is closely monitoring the ban and I can assure business people and the general public that the government will continue to protect the country's interests."

A Kenyan public agency regulating trade in scheduled crops said the importation of the crop has been stopped with immediate effect as they work on seeing the way forward in crop trade with the two countries.

"The Republic of Kenya is however committed to facilitating safe trade with her trading partners and look forward to working closely with all stakeholders to address the concern."

The news that is now being denied was received with shock as it would hit hard traders and farmers who earn a living off the maize sold to the Kenyan market, as maize is among the leading exports to Kenya.

Experts describe mycotoxins as naturally occurring toxins produced by certain moulds (fungi) and can be found in food.



Tanzania Breweries Limited (TBL) managing director Philip Redman (R) pictured in Dar es Salaam yesterday speaking during International Women's Day panel discussions organised by UN Global Compact Network Tanzania in collaboration with the Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange. With him is CRDB Bank PLC's Director of Corporate Affairs, Tully Mwambapa. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

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office, he has fostered economic growth, shown unwavering commitment to regional stability and to the constitution, and championed African democracy," it said. Announcing the decision, Festus Mogae, chairman of the Prize Committee and former President of Botswana said that in the face of the most severe political and economic issues, including violent extremism and increasing desertification, President Mahamadou Issoufou has led his people on a path of progress. "Today, the number of Nigeriens living below the poverty line has fallen to 40 per cent, from 48 per cent a decade ago. While challenges remain, Issoufou has kept his promises to the Nigerien people and paved the way for a better future. After careful

consideration, the Committee finds President Issoufou a worthy winner of the Ibrahim Prize."

President Issoufou was democratically elected president in 2011, following many years of military rule in Niger. He was elected for a second term in 2016 and stepped down at the end of this mandate, demonstrating his clear respect for the constitution, the committee underlined. Data from the 2020 Ibrahim Index of African Governance (IIAG) underline President Issoufou's achievements. During his ten years as president, Niger has made progress in multiple areas, including improving in all four sub-categories of human development. At the end of the decade, Niger ranked 28 out of 54 countries in the IIAG, counted among the ten most improved African countries in

strengthening socioeconomic opportunities for women, it observed.

On learning the outcome of the Prize Committee's deliberations, Mo Ibrahim expressed his delight that the Prize Committee has made the Nigerien leader the next Ibrahim Prize Laureate. "He is an outstanding leader who has worked tirelessly for the people of Niger, meeting some of the region's toughest challenges with determination and respect. I am proud to see Issoufou recognised as an example of exceptional leadership and I hope his legacy will inspire generations of African leaders." President Mahamadou Issoufou joins former president Ellen Johnson Sirleaf of Liberia (2017), former president Hifikepunye Pohamba of Namibia (2014), former president Pedro Pires of Cabo Verde (2011), former

president Festus Mogae of Botswana (2008) and former president Joaquim Chissano of Mozambique (2007) as a laureate, with the late South African leader Nelson Mandela making the inaugural honorary laureate in 2007.

The Ibrahim Prize is a \$5m award paid over ten years. It ensures that the African continent continues to benefit from the experience and wisdom of exceptional leaders once they have left national office, by enabling them to continue their invaluable work in other civic roles on the continent.

The candidates for the Ibrahim Prize are former African executive Heads of State or government who left office during the last three calendar years, having been democratically elected and served their constitutionally mandated term.



Kisarawe district commissioner Jokate Mwegelo (C) plants a tree in the Kazimzumbwi Natural Forest Reserve at the weekend on the sidelines of the ongoing Kisarawe Ushoroba Festival, part of whose thrust is on promoting tourist attractions in Coast Region. With her are Vodacom Tanzania Foundation manager Sandra Oswald (R) and World Wildlife Fund environment conservator Dr Severin Kalonga. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

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should also be educated on the importance of valuing women," she said.

The Vice President affirmed that Tanzania will succeed in the war against gender based violence (GBV) if men are properly engaged in the campaign, noting that it is high time that men change their perspective on women.

"The government continues to promote women's growth efforts as well as ensuring that their rights are not violated," she said, highlighting the need for concerted efforts to bring down incidents of violence against women.

Despite the setting up of supportive centres in hospitals and gender desks at police stations, the number of GBV cases reported at the centres was still high, she stated.

Samia appealed to the public to collaborate with law enforcers by reporting and providing information on GBV incidents, urging women to support one another so as to achieve the targeted goals, underlining

that the challenges women face must be addressed at family and community level as it is where violence occurs.

In spite of strides attained by government efforts, the private sector and other stakeholders to empower women and promote gender equality in all sectors, there is still a long way to go to achieve these goals, the VP declared.

She asserted that President John Magufuli had periodically sought to put up policies and laws which promote women's rights and appoint them in top leadership positions.

"Various studies have shown that the more women are in top leadership positions, the faster the pace of development. We have a number of graduates from the Female Future Program; these women can support implementation of the mentorship programme by educating younger women as to what it takes for them to become good leaders," she had earlier declared.

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tered a resounding success in fighting poaching, improving security and rare species stability in the national parks.

Dr Gabriel Ottawa, a senior member of the Tanzania Wildlife Research Institute (TAWIRI) assured the minister that they are going to work hard to ensure that once brought into the park, rhinos will live safely and longer.

"We will carry out research before bringing the species, so as to identify challenges which may arise later and affect the animals. We should figure out solutions to the challenges to ensure that rhinos can stay safe," he said.

Late last year, the Tanzania National Parks (TANAPA) aired the view that rhinos are becoming more numerous, with the latest count putting their number at 190 and likely to reach 205 in the next two years.

Philbert Ngoti, assistant conservation commissioner and national rhino coordinator made this observation at the closure of a two-day working session with senior journalists

He said that in the 1970s Tanzania had 10,000 rhinos in various national parks and game reserves but the decimation of the animals thereafter threw them towards extinction during the 1990s, reaching the low end of 15 rhinos towards the end of the

decade, stirring up international alarm.

There was a situation of uncontrolled poaching in the roaring days of the free market and adoration of all sorts of speculative visitors putting up a façade of investment but having other agenda.

At the same time, donor fatigue was creeping, occasioning a poachers' haven of frustrated wildlife conservation staff and paperwork without effect in government accountability, so poaching went to the

limit.

It was at that time that global pressures from CITES (the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species) stepped in, but this time it was elephants whose numbers were being decimated, as rhino had become so rare that some had to be airlifted from South Africa to prepare for repopulating them in Tanzania's national parks.



William Mpinga (R), Tigo's head of marketing services, addresses journalists in Dar es Salaam yesterday on the occasion of the tenth anniversary of the mobile phone service provider's operations in Tanzania. Looking on is Angelica Pesa, the firm's chief officer in charge of mobile financial services. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Zanzibar First Lady roots for greater efforts in war on GBV

By Guardian Reporter

THE wife of Zanzibar President Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi, Mariam Mwinyi, has called on the Friends of Children and Women Community (Jumuiya ya Rafiki wa Wanawake na Watoto Zanzibar) (RAWWAZA) through its 'Wake up my Child' (AMKA MWANANGU) campaign to continue working together with the government in the fight against gender based violence (GBV) and child abuse.

First Lady Mariam Mwinyi made the call when launching 'AMKA MWANANGU' which was established by RAWWAZA, the event which was held in Malindi.

In her speech, she said there was the need for the organisation to educate the children on how best to protect themselves against the vice as well as teaching them legal procedures to take when reporting such incidents and the procurement of witnesses.

She said that efforts by the organisation contribute immensely towards the implementation of the Zanzibar government goals in

advancing justice, equality as well as increasing economic, political and social opportunities for the women of Zanzibar and Tanzania in general.

She beseeched parents, saying they have a big role to play in ensuring they protect their children and desist themselves from receiving bribes as a way to silence them after their children are sexually abused. She called on the organization to make sure the double their efforts in order to successfully implement its vision and aims including those of 'AMKA MWANANGU' campaign during its one year of its implementation.

She expressed her pleasure in launching the 'AMKA MWANANGU' campaign that goes in tandem with celebrations to mark the World Day for Women on March 8. Mama Mariam Mwinyi also praised the Zanzibar President, Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi by appointing women to various leadership positions.

She explained that there is good representation in the cabinet, House of Representatives, perma-

nent secretaries, regional and district commissioners and promised to convey women's greetings to the President calling for more leadership positions for women.

RAWWAZA chairperson Casian Gallos said big achievements attained were attributed to better supervision by its patrons as well as good cooperation by its members.

RWWAZA secretary, Tatu Hussein Abdallah said the organisation was registered in 2016 with its head offices at Dole in Zanzibar Urban West Region and has 49 members.

She said the organisation submitted its report on its planned activities and funds set aside in the 'AMKA MWANANGU' campaign, and it expects to spend 133,792,000/-.

She said for the campaign to succeed they plan to meet students in various schools in every district and to educate parents via programmes in media outlets as well as meeting with teachers through workshops in all regions of Zanzibar.

Tanzania inflation decreases to 3.3 pc

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

THE annual headline inflation rate for the month of February, 2021 has decreased from 3.5 per cent that was recorded in January, 2021 to 3.3 per cent, the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) said yesterday.

Releasing the statistics yesterday, the acting director of population census and social statistics, Ruth Davison said, "The decrease of the headline inflation explains that, the speed of price change for commodities for the year ended February, 2021 has decreased compared to the speed that was recorded for the year ended January, 2021"

She noted that the decrease in annual headline inflation rate for the month of February, 2021 is mainly attributed to the decrease of prices for non-food items for the year ended February 2021, compared to the prices recorded in February 2020.

Some of the non-food items that shows a price decrease for the month of February, 2021 compared to the prices for the month of February, 2020 includes, furniture by 5.3 percent, kerosene (15.7), household appliances like electric iron (4.7), house hold utensils (3.3), diesel (22.8) and petrol (13.4).

According to the acting director, food and non-alcoholic beverages inflation rate has increased from 2.8 percent in January, 2021 to 3.6 percent in February, 2021.

Minja noted that in comparison with other East Africa countries of Kenya and Uganda, the annual headline inflation rate in Kenya for the year ended February, 2021 has increased from 5.69 percent recorded for the year ended January, 2021 to 5.78 percent for the year ended February, 2021.

In Uganda, the annual headline inflation rate for the year ended February, 2021 has also increased from 3.7 percent for the year ended January, 2021 to 3.8 percent for the year ended February, 2021.

NBS stated that there was a relatively stable price movement from January, 2020 to January, 2021, adding that annual headline inflation rates over the same period have shown a stable trend that range between 3.0 percent in November, 2020 and 3.7 percent recorded in January and February, 2020.

According to the acting director, the overall index went up from 98.07 recorded in January, 2020 to 101.53 in January, 2021.

She added that food and non-alcoholic beverages inflation rate has decreased from 3.0 percent in December, 2020 to 2.8 percent in January, 2021.

Annual inflation rate for unprocessed food stands at 1.4 percent in January, 2021 while inflation rate for all items without unprocessed food stands at 3.7 percent.

Minja noted that the national consumer price index has increased by 0.8 percent between December, 2020 and January, 2021.

The same increase was recorded between November and December, 2020. "The overall index has increased from 100.73 in December, 2020 to 101.53 in January, 2021", she said

Appeal to uphold the dignity of women

By Guardian Reporter

TANZANIAS Commission for Human Rights and Good Governance (CHRAGG) has called on members of the community not to close eyes on all incidents that degrade the dignity of women and to report them to relevant authorities.

The call was made by chairperson of the Commission retired Judge Mathew Mwaimu in his press statement to mark the World Day for Women on March 8 2021. Judge Mwaimu said it was better for the community to continue mobilising themselves to abandon misleading concepts by taking a woman as a weak human being incapable of bringing any positive results in leadership.


"Through various efforts in such mobilization in the country, there have been women participation in leadership issues in political parties, the government,

Parliament and the Judiciary as well as other leadership positions in the society," he said.

He said apart from various government efforts in screaming gender based violence, still there are challenges facing women who vie for leadership positions, including restrictive traditional customs.

He said since the government has ratified various international protocols and resolutions that call for equal rights of all people in the participation in leadership positions in respective countries, the Commission supports these government efforts.

"The Commission, in collaboration with various stakeholders, has been mobilizing women to come forward to vie for various leadership positions from village to national level and empowering them on how to legally fight for these rights whenever they feel they are violated," Mwaimu explained.



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NAME OF PRODUCT/ SERVICES	CHARGE/FEE
SAVING ACCOUNTS	
Transaction fees-Ledger Fees-LCY	TZS 13,200.00 half-yearly
Transaction fees-Ledger Fees-USD	US \$ 14.50 half-yearly
Transaction fees-Ledger Fees-GBP	GBP 10.00 half-yearly
Transaction fees-Ledger Fees-EUR	EURO 10.00 half-yearly
Temporary Statement-LCY	Tsh. 2,000.00 per page
Temporary Statement-FCY	US \$2.00 per page
Interim Statement-LCY	Tsh.2,000.00 per page
Interim Statement-FCY	US \$2.00 per page
Withdrawal Charges- FCY	Maximum 1.20% of the amount
Withdrawal Charges below TZS 5 MIL-LCY	No such Charges
Withdrawal Charges above TZS 5 mil-LCY	0.06% of the amount
Cash deposit Charge	FCY-small denomination 5%
Savings Card/Passbook	No such Charges
Passbook/Card replacement	No such Charges
Closing Account-LCY	Tsh. 25,000.00
Closing Account-FCY	US\$ 25.00
Dormant account activation-LCY	TZS 15,000.00
Dormant account activation-FCY	US\$ 15.00
CURRENT ACCOUNTS (PERSONAL)	
Transaction fees-Ledger Fees-LCY	TZS 35,000.00 monthly
Transaction fees-Ledger Fees-USD	US \$ 35.00 monthly
Transaction fees-Ledger Fees-GBP	GBP 25 monthly
Transaction fees-Ledger Fees-EUR	EURO 25 monthly
Temporary Statement-LCY	Tsh. 2,000.00 per page
Temporary Statement-FCY	US \$2.00 per page
Temporarily/Unauthorized Overdraft	27% p.a
Interim Statement-LCY	Tsh. 2,000.0 per page
Interim Statement-FCY	US \$2.00 per page
Withdrawal Charges below TZS 5 MIL-LCY	No such Charges
Withdrawal Charges above TZS 5 mil-LCY	0.06% of the amount
Cash deposit charges	FCY-small denomination 5%
Closing account-LCY	TZS 30,000.00
Closing account-FCY	US\$ 30.00
Bank Drafts	US\$ 35.00
Bank Draft cancellation charge	US\$ 60.00
Cheque book-LCY	Tzs 35,000
Cheque book-FCY	US\$ 35.00
Cash payment to 3rd party	No such Charges
Cash deposit charge	No such Charges
Bulk cash deposit	No such Charges
Bulk cash withdrawal	No such Charges
Stop Payment orders	TZS 20,000.00
Standing orders (within bank)	TZS 2,500.00
Standing orders (to other bank)	TZS 5,000.00
Certificate of balance/Balance confirmation	Tsh. 30,000.00 , US\$ 30.00 Per certificate
Letter of introduction-LCY	TZS 25,000.00
Letter of introduction-FCY	US\$ 25.00
Salary handling	TZS 10,000.00
School fees deposits	No such Charges
TRA collection	No such Charges
Safe custody charges	No such Charges
Safe custody access fees	No such Charges
TISS transfers	transfers
Dormant account activation-LCY	TZS 25,000.00
Dormant account activation-FCY	US\$ 25.00
Retrieval of Old document more than a year	TZS 50,000.00
EFT charges	
Incoming EFT	Tzs 1,500
Outgoing EFT	Tzs 1,000
Clearing charges	Tzs 1,000 per cheque

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NAME	DESIGNATION	SIGNATURE	DATE
S.S Hasan Rizvi	Managing Director		02.03.2021
Ephraim Mkonde	Finance Manager		02.03.2021
Salha Suleiman	Branch Manager		02.03.2021

We, the undersigned have examined the above information and hereby declare that the information is true and correct to the best of our knowledge and information.

TIME DEPOSITS	Lowest	Highest
a) 1-Month	2.00%	3.00%
b) 3-Months	3.00%	5.00%
c) 6-Months	4.00%	6.00%
d) 9-Months	6.00%	8.00%
e) 12-Months	8.00%	11.00%

LENDING RATE	Lowest	Highest
a) Base lending rate		
b) short-term (up to one year)	10.00%	27.25%
c) medium term (2 to 3 years)	5.00%	18.00%
b) short-term (up to one year)	N/A	N/A
c) medium term (2 to 3 years)	N/A	N/A

TIME DEPOSITS	Lowest	Highest
a) 1-Month		
b) 3-Months	1.00%	1.50%
c) 6-Months	1.50%	2.50%
d) 9-Months	N/A	N/A
e) 12-Months	3.00%	4.00%

LENDING RATE	Lowest	Highest
a) Base lending rate		
b) short-term (up to one year)	1.50%	13.50%
c) medium term (2 to 3 years)	5.00%	8.50%
b) short-term (up to one year)	N/A	N/A
c) medium term (2 to 3 years)	N/A	N/A

Foreign Remittance Charges	Telex / Swift	Commission	Total (USD)
LCY To FCY	70.00	NIL	70.00
Fcy to Fcy (USD or Equiv)			
Up to 10,000	50.00	50.00	100.00
From 10,0001 to 25,000	50.00	100.00	150.00
From 25,0001 to 50,000	50.00	150.00	200.00
From 50,0001 to 100,000	50.00	175.00	225.00
From 100,001 to 250000	50.00	250.00	300.00

IWD as marked in Dar, Dodoma, Manyara, Zanzibar



A scene captured during International Women's Day celebrations at the Mlimani Conference Centre premises in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Photo: Correspondent Jumanne Juma



Teachers Service Commission (TSC) staff mark the Day in Dodoma. Photo: Guardian Correspondent



TSC staff in Dodoma chant at the ceremony. Photo: Guardian Correspondent



TSC staff in Dodoma break into a dance in celebrating the Day. Photo: Guardian Correspondent



Tanzania Union of Government and Health Employees (TUGHE) members in Manyara Region present foodstuffs, mattresses and other items as an IWD gesture of support to Mahoce children's centre. Photo: Correspondent Jaliwason Jasson



Zanzibar's First Lady, Mariam Mwinyi, awards a Zanzibar One Group artiste (R) during yesterday's IWD celebrations. Photo: Zanzibar State House



Staff from the President's Office (Public Service Management and Good Governance) in Dodoma come together in commemorating IWD. Photo: Guardian Correspondent



Zanzibar's First Lady, Mariam Mwinyi (R), graces yesterday's launch of 'Wake up my son, read diligently so as make your tomorrow' project. Photo: Zanzibar State House



Fatma Hassan Toufiq (R), chairperson of the Parliamentary Aids, Tuberculosis and Drugs Committee, pictured in Mbeya at the weekend viewing an assortment of products made by people living with HIV/Aids. Photo: Correspondent Nebart Msokwa

Dr Mwinyi calls on Z'bar govt units to increase sugar cane cultivation

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

ZANZIBAR President Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi has called on Isles defence and security units to increase efforts in sugar cane farming to enable Mahonda Sugar factory have adequate raw materials.

Dr Mwinyi gave the remarks at the weekend at Mahonda in North Zanzibar Region during his visit at the sugar factory where he witnessed sugar making process and later spoke to the factory's management, workers and out-farmers' representatives and those from the government brigades.

He called on the units including the Prisons, JKU and Zanzibar Volunteer Squad (KVZ) through their own labour force, farming equipment and the adequate land available to double efforts and increase sugar cane production in their areas.

He said the farming situation in these units does not correspond to their actual capability, hence he called upon them to increase production aimed at increasing their own incomes.

President Mwinyi said that the government will provide solutions to various challenges facing the sugar factory and called on its management to solve long time challenges facing its workers as quickly as possible.

He said among other things, the government will look into the price of sugar and the availability of suitable land for sugar cane farming and directed the Ministry of

Agriculture, Irrigation, Natural Resources and Livestock to empower sugar cane farmers to use irrigation to enable the factory get adequate raw materials for sugar production.

He said sugar cane farming could be a savior of farmers lives, hence it would be better for the government to look for other suitable areas for farming.

He also called on large scale farmers to support sugar cane farming as well as small scale farmers, saying that could change their lives.

In regard to various claims from workers at the factory, President Mwinyi said he does not like to hear challenges facing workers including lack of work agreements, poor wages and lack of working tools, hence he called for quick solutions of these challenges.

For his part, the Trade and Industry Development Minister Omar Said Shaaban said his ministry has been conducting various meetings aimed at finding solutions to the challenges facing the factory.

North Zanzibar Regional Commissioner Ayoub Mohamed Mahamoud said the regional government has formed a special committee aimed at finding solutions to various challenges facing the sugar factory.

For his part, the Director of Mahonda Sugar factory Rahim Bhaloo said collaboration between the ministry and the investor was the only way that can solve various problems facing the factory.

'More women empowerment initiatives needed to achieve gender equality'

By Henry Mwangonde

A Number of initiatives are yet to be done to empower women economically and amplify their voices to achieve gender equality despite the successes recorded globally in addressing inequality, stakeholders said yesterday.

Speaking during an event to ring the bell for gender equality in Dar es Salaam, the stakeholders said achieving gender equality involves transforming social norms and power dynamics that prevent the political, social and

economic empowerment of the most marginalized and vulnerable groups such as women and girls.

"We will not break the vicious circle of poverty and violence without stepping up efforts to amplify the voices of women and girls and support their opportunities to choose their own future and fully contribute to their communities," said Pamela O' Donnell Canadian High Commissioner to Tanzania.

The envoy said there is still a lot of work to do in order to achieve gender equality and it cannot be left to the government alone.

"We cannot support women economic empowerment if all the programming in the world will not make a difference if women are not actually participating in the economy," she added.

On what should be done, the stakeholders agreed that there is a long way to go to achieve what it entails to empower a woman economically by carrying out in-depth assessment on the challenges facing women but also involve men in carrying out initiatives to address them.

Tully Mwambapa the Director of

Corporate Affairs at CRDB Bank Plc said it is high time to allocate resources for women especially in the informal sector to ensure they achieve their goals.

For her part, High Court judge and chairman of Women Judges and Magistrates Association (TAWJA) Joaquine De'Mello said the best way to build sustainable leadership is through mentorship. Mentorship can provide concrete opportunities for women to learn from others and see what is possible.

In his remarks, Executive Director

for TradeMark East Africa John Ulanga said gender parity can not be achieved without the involvement of men because they are interconnected.

DSE Chief Executive Officer Moremi Marwa highlighted that the World Economic Forum (WEF) gender report for 2017 showed that achieving gender equality requires more than 200 years.

"So far several initiatives have been done, we cannot give up now, we must progress together and come together to overcome difficulties and hurdles to achieve gender equality," he said.

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			2. Gummula Sai Charan, - (Tanzanian)	20
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RECEIPTS	ACTUAL
Opening fund balance	72,877,478
RECEIPTS FROM DONORS	
Disbursement from Donors	459,223,224
RECEIPTS FROM OTHERS	
Others	17,040,000
TOTAL RECEIPTS	549,140,702
EXPENDITURE	
Reliable, Concrete and up to date information on Land and Natural resources	67,717,530
Increased Access to reliable, concrete and up to date information on land and natural resources matters	11,021,586
Enhanced Knowledge base and Citizens participation in policy and decision making process on land and natural resources	155,345,960
Strengthening partnership with likeminded local and International on land rights, women's land rights, environment and climate change resilience	1,567,052
Secured and protected citizen/communities rights through village land use plan (Secured and protected small-scale producers, women, girls and people with disabilities rights to land and natural resources through preparation of village land use plans for sustainable development)	2,400,000
Securing programme equipment and services	27,548,679
Other programme costs	7,342,269
Improved HAKIARDHI Institutional Governance	4,786,900
Ensured availability of resources and improve Financial Management system	9,019,578
Improved quality of HAKIARDHI interventions	41,306,078
Personnel costs	169,910,424
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	497,966,056
FUND BALANCE	51,174,646

FUND BALANCE: Donors fund committed for the implementation for the year 2021.

Govt considering reducing charges for foreign tourists landing at KIA

By Correspondent Michael Sikapundwa, Morogoro

THE Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism is considering omitting some charges for foreign tourists landing at the Kilimanjaro International Airport (KIA) with purposes of making it a free special tourist zone.

The move is aimed at increasing the number of tourists using the airport from the current 1.5 million to 5 million by 2025.

The decision came following a variation of landing fee at the Julius Nyerere International Airport (JNIA) and KIA as well as double charges to air charter routes by the Tanzania Airport Authority and tourism licensing authorities.

Addressing stakeholders in the aviation industry, Minister for Natural Resources and Tourism, Dr Damas Ndumbaro said making KIA a free special tourist zone would boost revenues in the tourism sector which is currently contributing 17 percent of Gross National Product (GDP) and a part of 25 percent of foreign currency.

He said there are needs to come up with strategies to ensure reliable income sources from the sector.

"We cannot meet our target of increasing the number of tourists if KIA is not transformed into a free special tourist's zone," he said.

Dr Ndumbaro added that charges at other airports would remain constant. He said to reach the targeted 5 million tourists per year, at least some 417,000 tourists should visit the country every month.

The minister underscored the need for discussions between the Ministry of Transport and Communication and world airlines such as Qatar, Ethiopia and Swiss air to set friendly charges for visitors so as to increase the number of visitors in the country.

The Ministry's Deputy Permanent Secretary, Dr Allan Kijazi said besides the improvement of regional airports including Kigoma, Mwanza, Mpanda, Bukoba and roads infrastructures, the ministry has continued with talks with aviation stakeholders on various challenges and ways to resolve them.



Serengeti Breweries Ltd health and safety manager David Mwakalobo (R) explains a point to students from Bagamoyo's Kaole Wazazi College of Agriculture who toured the firm's plant in Dar es Salaam at the weekend. The students are among the beneficiaries of the company's Agriculture Industry Agro Scholarships programme. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Be courageous, engage in various economic activities, women urged

By Felister Peter

WOMEN including those with disabilities have been called upon to be courageous and engage in various economic activities since they are capable of doing similar jobs which are believed to be for men.

"There is a need to change peoples' perceptions against women, most women in Tanzania and Africa have now stepped-up and can do much better compared to men," said Judith Wambura, a famous female musician when speaking in Dar es Salaam yesterday at an event to celebrate the International Women's Day.

ternational Women's Day.

This year's International Women's Day is centered on the theme "Women in leadership: Achieving an equal future in a Challenging world".

The event which was organized by Puma Energy Tanzania recognized a number of successful women as well as entrepreneurs who were presented with various gifts and had their car's fuel tanks filled to full capacity.

She said: "I am here to represent all the women, we are today celebrating the international women's day, but we should let the world know that women are powerful and

capable of doing all the things that can be done by men. Let us use the day to encourage women to continue working hard to achieve their goals."

Judith said although most of the African communities are dominated with the patriarch system, things have started changing with more women acquiring top leadership positions in both private and public institutions.

"Doing music was previously considered as a men's job but things are now changing as more women are engaged in the music industry," she added.

Jasmine John, a disabled

female Bajaj driver thanked Puma for the fuel saying she has been struggling to make ends meet for several years. She urged fellow women with disabilities to come out and engage in productive activities because being disabled does not mean they cannot do other jobs.

"I am now familiar with the job, I can provide for my children and my mother," said Jasmine as she urged women to stop being selective when it comes to jobs because all they want is to raise money for themselves and their families.

She said being a female bajaj

driver is a challenge especially during night hours. Jasmine said to avoid the challenges she has decided to only drive her tricycle motorbike during day time.

Speaking at the event, Puma Energy Operations Manager, Lameck Hiliyai said the company recognizes the role of women in its daily operations as well as in the community. He said the oil marketing firm has always been considering gender equality and making sure women are given priority to participate in various activities.

"We have been striving to improve the welfare of our

women workers as well as empowering a number of women in surrounding communities," said Hiliyai.

The company's Human Resource Manager, Loveness Hoyange said: "To celebrate the International Women's Day, Puma has decided to provide gifts to its women customers to recognize their contribution in community development.

Some women who were recognised by Puma Energy include Doris Mollel, Founder and Executive Director of Doris Mollel Foundation, Jennifer Bash, co-founder and CEO of Alaska Tanzania and Dr Ne-

ma Mduma, a computer scientist and founder of BakiShule initiative.

Puma Energy Tanzania is owned jointly by the government and Puma Investments Limited, each with a share ownership of 50 percent. It is a midstream international oil marketing company that is engaged in large storage and distribution of petroleum products.

The company is a market leader in the country with market share boasting a storage capacity of 94 million liters, and operates 56 petrol stations countrywide and servicing 8 airports.

Women donate foodstuffs, health insurance cover to Dar orphanage

By Correspondent Devota Mwachang'a

FEMINISTS in collaboration with food vendors and Tembeke District residents have donated food stuffs, liquid soaps and health insurance to children of Anglican Orphanage Center in Buza.

During the event which brought together stakeholders to discuss challenges facing children and women, Director of Tiffa Entertainment Decoration and Catering Services (TEDCS) Latifa Masasi said the donation is part of celebrations to mark the International Women's Day.

She said they have also provided the orphanage centre with 1.5m/- cash.

"While celebrating our day, we should think of orphans and children living in vulnerable environments because they need our support, love and caring. It is time to hold their hands and provide them with basic needs," said Masasi. She condemned irresponsible men who abandon their children in the hands of helpless mothers and guardians. She suggested for women to take precautions against unplanned pregnancies advising them to use safe birth control methods.

"Women and men who do not have children should take advantage of the orphanages and support them. This will help them avoid loneliness and give them chance to grow into loving families," she said.

Masasi who is also taking care of children at the center said they started with seven children, but the number has now increased to 47.

"I decided to start supporting the children because the orphanage centre is close to my home. I normally provide them with food and several other items," she stated.

According to her some children brought to the centre were infected with HIV/Aids. She said those living with the disease were registered for the antiretroviral drugs (ARVs). Tanzanian Film Actor, Gabo Zigamba said it was the responsibility of all the people to support children living in difficult conditions. He said leaving everything to the government wasn't right because there are many individuals with financial muscles to support the children.



A lawyer with the Tanganyika Law Society, Rehema Mmanga, pictured in Dar es Salaam yesterday sensitising Mugabe Secondary School students on their rights vis-à-vis gender-based violence. This was at talks organised by the society in marking International Women's Day. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

District spends 400m/- on hostel construction in five sec schools

By Guardian Correspondent, Songea

SONGEA District in Ruvuma Region has spent 400m/- for the construction of five hostels in secondary schools to reduce inconveniences faced by girl students.

The District's Planning Officer Athumani Nyange said every hostel cost about 80m/- and that the money was provided by the government for building hostels at Matimira, Kilagano, Maposeni, Mpitimbi and Mha-

lule secondary schools.

Nyange said the District Council received the funds in August last year for the hostel project which has been completed by 100 per cent and what remains was the purchase of beds.

"Every hostel has the capacity to accommodate 80 students in 20 rooms of four students each, and on behalf of the people of the district, we thank the government as the hostels are a savior for the girl students," he said.

Mhalule Secondary School Acting Headmaster, Selestine Mlelwa said the hostel project at the school has been completed and stressed that it will save girl students the inconveniences of walking up to nine kms every day to and from the school.

Mpitimbi Secondary School Headmaster Patrick Matebo also thanked the government for providing the school with 106m/- for the implementation of three projects - the hostel project that cost 80m/-, one classroom (20m/-) and six pit latrines (6m/-).

Mpitimbi Secondary School Form VI student, Elizabeth Mwakusya also thanked the government for the construction of the hostel, the move that she said would enhance their compulsion to study hard and pass examinations as well as reducing students' truancy.

Songea District has a total of 21 secondary schools out of which 16 are government owned and five are privately owned including by religious organisations.

Emphasis on Sex Education for Girls to Prevent Sexual Precocity

By Guardian Correspondent,

Adolescence is the phase of life between childhood and adulthood, the golden period for growth and development. Parents should pay great attention to children in this stage, providing them with the proper education and guidance to ensure their normal growth and development. Due to various factors such as environment, there are now children with sexual precocity, i.e. early entry into adolescence, which not only affects growth and development but also increases the risk of psychological disorders among children, especially girls.

Adolescence shall start around the age of 14

The World Health Organization (WHO) defines adolescence for girls as the period between 10-18 years of age. Adolescents experience rapid physical, constitutional, intellectual and psychological growth in this phase, the second peak of growth and development. An account of adolescence in girls is given in Huangdi Neijing (Huangdi's Canon of Medicine), "For a girl... At the age of 14, Tiangui (menstruation) begins to appear, Renmai (Conception Vessel) and Chongmai (Thoroughfare Vessel) are vigorous in function. Menstruation comes at regular times, thus the girl is able to give birth to a child. At the age of 21, as Shenqi (Kidney-Qi) is in vigor, the wisdom teeth begin to grow, and her body has fully developed." Therefore, girls begin to have menstruation and thus be able to conceive a baby around the age of 14 and reach sexual maturity at the age of 21.

However, there are large individual differences in the start and end age of adolescence due to personal constitution and environment. For example, girls with congenital malnutrition usually enter adolescence later than other normal girls. In ancient times, adolescence also came later than nowadays due to the lack of nutrition.

The appearance of secondary sexual characteristics in normally developing girls represents the onset of adolescence. Generally, at the age of 9-10, breasts start to develop; at the age of 11, pubic and armpit hair forms; at the age of 12-13, nipple and areola get larger; pubic hair increases and spreads over the mons pubis (part of vulva protuberant anterior to pubic symphysis) and the middle part of abdominal wall, being thicker and darker. If a girl develops secondary sexual characteristics or even has menstruation before the age of 8, sexual precocity is considered.

Sexual precocity can be caused by various factors, including genes, diet and environment. For dietary factor, a common cause is excessive nutrition that children consume, which leads to obesity. Overnutrition is the result of frequent intake of fried foods, cream cakes and fast foods in the diet



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as well as lack of exercise. Children with overnutrition are more prone to obesity, which can increase the risk of sexual precocity.

It is necessary for children to develop good dietary habits. They shall not be too picky about food and have a balanced diet rich in protein, calcium, phosphorus and iron, such as beans, meat, eggs, milk, etc. to maintain the body needs; drink more water to promote the emission of metabolic waste; ensure regular food intake and avoid overeating.

Early development of secondary sexual characteristics requires a prompt treatment

Traditional Chinese medicine (TCM) holds that sexual maturation is a state of yin-yang harmony, whereas sexual precocity is a state of yin-yang disharmony. TCM clinical pattern differentiation of sexual precocity is mainly heat pattern, including: **deficiency heat**, such as pattern of yin deficiency resulting in effulgent fire with symptoms of tidal fever, night sweat, vexing heat in the five centers (chest, palms and soles), red tongue with sparse coating; **excess heat pattern**, such as pattern of exuberant liver fire and pattern of accumulated phlegm heat with early menstruation as the main symptom, while the former pattern has the concurrent symptoms of oppression in the chest, constrained mind, distending pain in the breasts and vexation and irascibility, and the latter one has the concurrent symptoms of increased vaginal secretion, facial acne, fat build, red greasy tongue.

When the symptoms of sexual precocity appear, the child should be treated timely. Medicines shall be used based on clinical pattern differentiation: Modified Zhibai Dihuang Pills for the pattern of yin deficiency resulting in effulgent fire;

Modified Danzhi Xiaoyao Pills for the pattern of exuberant liver fire; and Modified Wendan Decoction for the pattern of accumulated phlegm heat.

Girls with sexual precocity can receive regular treatment while taking massage, such as kneading acupoints of Ganshu (BL 18), Shenshu (BL 23), Taichong (LR 3) and Qimen (LR 14) to improve symptoms. The characteristic TCM therapeutic health care of auricular acupressure can also be prescribed, such as pressing ear acupoints of endocrine, jiaogan, liver, spleen, kidney with Wangbuliuxing (Semen Vaccariae) Seed.

Some parents in China ask children to take TCM supplements regardless of their physical condition. If children manifest as qi deficiency and blood deficiency, including prolonged emaciation with sallow complexion, lack of strength and poor appetite, they can take Chinese herbs to replenish qi and tonify blood under the guidance of professional doctors. However, children without above symptoms shall not take powerful supplements, such as royal jelly, ginseng and cordyceps sinensis, for those thick-flavor and greasy Chinese herbs would wind the fire and damage yin, resulting in increased fire. Chinese medicine can treat disease when it is used based on patterns. Otherwise, it would do harm to health like "poison".

Breast development shall be handled properly

Apart from attaching importance to preventing sexual precocity, parents shall also give their children sex education in advance for health care. Many adolescent girls have trouble adapting to their breast development. The initial development of breast may be accompanied by the symptoms of pain, gland thickening and lump, which are normal. Parents must



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care physical and mental changes and communicate with them more. Breast symptoms can be improved by TCM treatment. Adolescent girls are sentimental and delicate, and their negative emotions can easily lead to stagnation of liver qi, resulting in breast distension, breast lumps, menstrual abdominal pain, etc., which can be relieved by Chinese medicine that can regulate liver qi and expel stasis.

In addition, girls can do chest expansion exercise to clear the stagnant qi and blood in the chest. When qi and blood are flowing normally and meridians and collaterals are unblocked, symptoms will be relieved. Massage can also help alleviate symptoms.

Ribs massage: Clean the hands, rub the palms together till warm, cross them over the other side of the armpit and gently rub the ribs. This manipulation not only helps to promote the flow local qi and blood, but also has the effect of warming and dredging the meridian.

Acupoint massage: Girls with irritability, distending pain in flank rib and breast can relieve their symptoms by massaging Danzhong (RN 17), Qimen (LV 14), and Rugen (ST 18). Massage each acupoint for 2-3 minutes, 1-2 times a day.

Daily care for breast is also important. Parents shall help girls develop a right view on breast development and ensure regular communication. Guide them to not be shy or self-abased about their breast development, and not to slouch. During breast development, do not wear tight brassiere, which may squeeze breast tissue and thorax, resulting in abnormal breast development or difficulty in breathing. Brassiere that is made of pure cotton or other breathable materials with no steel ring and appropriate tightness is recommended. The Brassiere shall be changed and cleaned every 2-3 days, and the small brassiere should be eliminated in time with the development of breast.

Girls shall pay attention to vulva hygiene

Due to the particular physiological structure of female, the pubic hair of a girl gradually grows thick when the vulva vagina develops. Then, vaginal secretions appear, and menstruation begins. If hygiene is neglected, the delicate vulva vagina will become a breeding ground for microorganisms.

Cleaning the vulva shall be a part of a girl's daily life from childhood. Improper cleaning of the vulva may

induce inflammation of reproductive organs such as vaginitis. Before cleaning the vulva, make sure to wash your hands; the water temperature should not be too high, and it's better be around 40 degrees Celsius; shower is better for vulva cleaning; girls who are used to bath shall ensure the cleanliness of utensils. In addition, the direction of wiping after urination shall be from front to back, that is, from the urinary meatus to the anus, so as to avoid contamination of vulva vagina by bacteria around the anus.

Learning physiological knowledge to relieve the fear of menstruation

The first menstruation is a major event for adolescent girls. Girls with physiological knowledge about menstruation can face it more calmly. Traditional Chinese medicine believes that emotion has a great influence on physiology. Lacking knowledge of menarche will aggravate the fear, tension and anxiety of girls. This negative emotion will cause qi depression, affect menstruation, induce or aggravate dysmenorrhea, resulting in breast distension, abnormal menstrual cycle and other diseases.

Girls who have menstruation shall pay attention to menstrual health care, like changing sanitary pads frequently. Now, many menstrual health-care products are popular under the banner of "science", "traditional Chinese medicine" and "health care". They have launched products such as "Chinese herbal medicine sanitary napkins" and "mint sanitary napkins", claiming that they can treat gynecological inflammation and dysmenorrhea. Don't fall for their fancy words easily. Do not use lotion to clean vulva during menstruation, so as not to cause vaginal flora imbalance, inducing inflammation or menstrual disease. Be sure to go to a regular hospital when vaginal symptoms or abnormal menstruation appears.

Note: The TCM methods mentioned in this article should be used under the guidance of professional TCM doctors.



Manifestation of ear acupoints and Wangbuliuxing (Semen Vaccariae) Seed

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Transformation of African food systems vital in ending hunger

IN politics, humanitarian aid, and the social sciences, hunger is defined as a condition in which a person cannot eat sufficient food to meet basic nutritional needs for a sustained period. In the field of hunger relief, the term hunger is used in a sense that goes beyond the common desire for food that all humans experience. While most of the world's people continue to live in Asia, much of the increase in hunger since 2015 occurred in Africa and South America. The FAO's 2017 report discussed three principal reasons for the recent increase in hunger: climate, conflict, and economic slowdowns. The 2018 report focused on extreme weather as a primary driver of the increase in hunger, finding rising rates to be especially severe in countries where agricultural systems were most sensitive to extreme weather variations.

Throughout history, portions of the world's population have often suffered sustained periods of hunger. In many cases, hunger resulted from food supply disruptions caused by war, plagues, or adverse weather. In the decades following World War II, technological progress and enhanced political cooperation suggested it might be possible to substantially reduce the number of people suffering from hunger. While progress was uneven, by 2014, the threat of extreme hunger subsided for many of the world's population. According to the FAO's 2020 The State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World report however, the number of people suffering from chronic hunger has increased over the prior six years. This is both a percentage of the world's population and in absolute terms, with about 688 million afflicted with hunger in 2019.

Food and Agriculture Organisation's (FAO) Regional Representative for Africa, Abebe Haile-Gabriel, has disclosed that Africa is not on track to achieve zero hunger by 2030.

Africa's forests terribly degraded, and call for immediate 'salvation'

FOREST degradation is a process in which the biological wealth of a forest area is permanently diminished by some factor or by a combination of factors. Deforestation and forest degradation are urgent matters when it comes to our world's forests: about 47 per cent of the world's forests are at high risk for deforestation or degradation by 2030. While both are damaging to forest health, there is a difference between deforestation and forest degradation.

Deforestation refers to the clearing of a forest, entirely removing it to put something else in its place. The main driver of deforestation is unsustainable and illegal agriculture—making room for cash crops like palm oil and rubber. The realities of deforestation are staggering: we're losing forests at a rate equivalent to 27 soccer fields per minute.

When a forest is degraded it still exists, but it can no longer function well. It becomes a shell of its former self; its health declines until it can no longer support people and wildlife by, for example, filtering the air we breathe and water we drink or providing animals with food and places to live. Forest degradation, in terms of land mass, is an even bigger problem than deforestation: about 6.5 million square miles of forest are at high risk of degradation in the next 10 years.

There are a few main drivers of forest degradation. One is climate change: higher temperatures and unpredictable weather patterns increase the risk and severity of

He said in a meeting reviewing progress made by the continent towards attaining that goal so far.

Co-organised by the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) and the World Food Programme (WFP), in collaboration with the government of the Republic of Congo, the meeting was part of the seventh session of the Africa regional forum on sustainable development (ARFSD).

In Africa there are many challenges due to climate change, the poor economic situation and the negative impacts of COVID 19, as well as the lack of public investment. The African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) should continue to be a unique opportunity for the transformation of the continent's food system.

To address the issue of hunger in Africa political will and commitment at the highest level should be key, adding national and local level actions and investments also are critical. Therefore there is an urgent need for the continent to build and move forward better after the COVID-19 pandemic, with governments being called on to invest in social protection measures to save the most vulnerable in society.

The transformation of the African food system was crucial to help end hunger and indeed the adoption of holistic multi sectoral approaches are most needed. Many thousands of organisations are engaged in the field of hunger relief, operating at local, national, regional, or international levels. Some of these organisations are dedicated to hunger relief, while others may work several different fields. The organisations range from multilateral institutions to national governments, to small local initiatives such as independent soup kitchens. Many participate in umbrella networks that connect thousands of different hunger relief organisations. At the global level, much of the world's hunger relief efforts are coordinated by the UN and geared towards achieving SDG goal 2 of Zero Hunger by 2030.

forest fires, pest infestation, and disease. But the main cause of forest degradation is unsustainable and illegal logging. It's a multi-million-dollar industry, built on the increased demand for cheap lumber, paper products, and fuel.

The magic that can restore Africa's degraded forests, farms and pastures is in the millions of local champions across the continent, especially youth and women. Across Africa, land degradation is threatening the health of 1 billion people, eroding opportunity just as it erodes the soil. That crisis is compounded by the impact of COVID-19, which could push a further 49 million people into extreme poverty. But this is not the future that we foresee for Africa's vital landscapes. We see thousands of communities healing forests, farms, and pasture across 100 million hectares of land, an area the size of Egypt, by 2030.

What makes us believe in this bright future? First, African countries have already made high-level political commitments to restore those 100 million hectares through the AFRIIO Initiative. Some have even developed national plans for restoration. Second, investors increasingly understand that restoring landscapes is a nature-based solution that pays off, providing \$7-30 in benefits for every \$1 invested. At the One Planet Summit in January, they committed over \$14 billion USD to restore the Sahel through the Great Green Wall.

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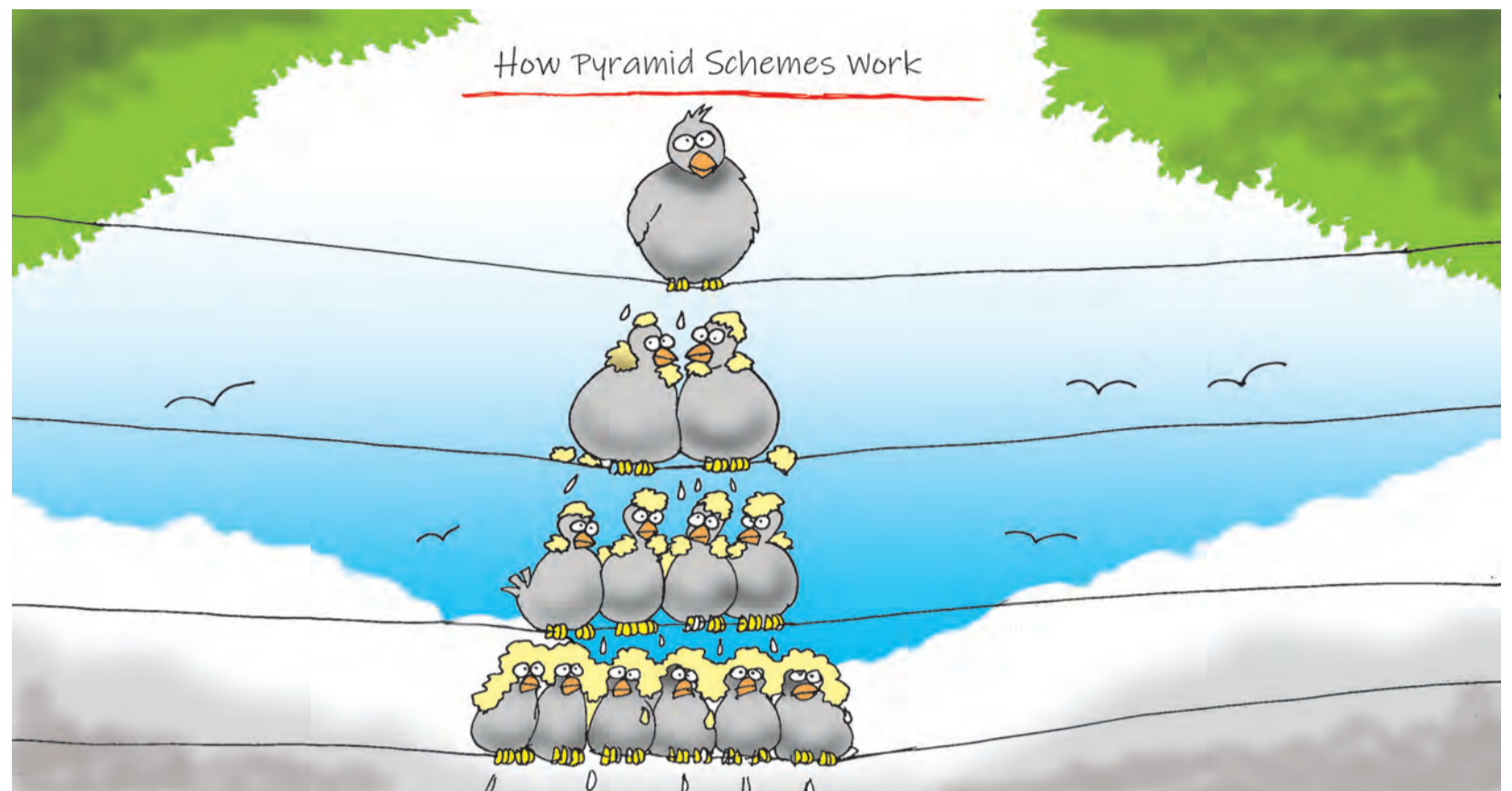
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Human Rights Month: We are killing our children, we are killing our future

By Faiez Jacobs

SOUTH Africa remains an extremely violent and traumatised society, and violence and abuse of children are systemic. We have to do the hard work to unearth the causes and find sustainable solutions. We owe it to them and the future of this nation.

March is Human Rights Month, a time to reflect on how far we have come as a nation. Given South Africa's traumatic past, it is comforting to note the many positive developments over the past 26 years in legislative reform, creating institutional capacity to advance human rights, such as the Human Rights Commission, the Gender Commission, the Equality Court and even the Office of the Commissioner for Children in the Western Cape.

However, recent events compel me to flag the glaring statistics and pervasive phenomenon of children's rights violations and rampant abuse.

It is common knowledge that section 28 of the Bill of Rights in our Constitution states that "every child has the right to basic nutrition, shelter, health-care and social services, as well as the right to be protected from maltreatment, neglect, abuse or degradation". So what is amiss? Where are we going wrong and why are we failing our children?

Law is never framed in a vacuum and the very inclusion of these provisions in the Bill of Rights is indicative of the underlying malaise. Nutrition, shelter, healthcare, education and other social services are very real issues we grapple with as a society. To some extent we have made substantive progress in respect of nutrition through the school feeding scheme that eases the plight of about 12 million school-children every day, universal free basic education, access to primary healthcare and other social services such as counselling for victims of abuse.

But that's where the tyre hits the track. South Africa remains an extremely



violent and traumatised society and violence and abuse of children is systemic. We have to do the hard work to unearth the root causes and find sustainable solutions. We owe it to our children and the future of this nation to do much more to rid our country of this scourge.

South Africa has high levels of domestic violence, gender-based violence, gun violence, gang violence and death at the hands of the police as well as the killing of police. Children are affected by all of these categories.

Last week, the case of Nathaniel Julies, a Down's syndrome teenager who was gunned down by police in Eldorado Park, Gauteng in 2020, made headlines again with the trial date for the three accused set for 19 March 2021. This case represents all that is wrong in our society and the triple jeopardy that someone like Nathaniel faces: disabled, disadvantaged and a vulnerable teen. While

there are allegations he was killed in the crossfire of police-gang warfare, this is an almost daily phenomenon in some areas of the Cape Flats.

In an open letter to the president, a 23-year-old complained that "there is absolutely no freedom because of the high volumes of crime taking place. One can never move without fear in the neighbourhood; it's constantly a factor that has to be considered when going anywhere."

A Hanover Park teen spoke about dodging bullets at school. Just this weekend, around the corner from where my parents live and I grew up, children were mowed down in another senseless drug and gang turf war. The gang situation has become so severe that many are calling for tougher measures to save the lives of our children.

Some have even called for shutting down drug dens and the homes of known gang bosses.

Gang warfare is just one factor in

the horrific statistics for violence and abuse of children - add the harrowing domestic violence, rape, physical and emotional abuse our children suffer.

We want to respond to a mother in Hanover Park who called on mothers of the victims of gang violence and other forms of abuse to stand together. Her voice echoes the aching hearts and desperate pleas across the Cape Flats from mothers who feel that for the past 10 years the provincial government has failed them. They also express frustration that the South African Police Service is not doing enough.

Attempts to stimulate debate on and awareness of children's rights invariably resort to a lament about inadequate resources, as cited in the Save the Children South Africa Annual Report 2015, which says "one of the reasons for not achieving these rights is inadequate resources to fully implement laws such as the Children's Act, Child Justice Act and Sexual Offences Act".

This, however, does not exonerate us from doing more. This must include a multisectoral approach to create greater awareness and champion children's rights, especially in vulnerable communities; a compact between state, private sector and community structures; and a collective effort to address the ultimate root causes of poverty, inequality and unemployment that feed the crime psychosis.

Oliver Tambo said: "The children of any nation are its future. A country, a movement, a person that does not value its youth and children does not deserve its future. Join me as an adult to protect and care for all our children."

We cannot afford to fail them nor can we surrender in the struggle for children's rights. To surrender would add a bizarre twist to the words of Khalil Gibran, and render his sage writings along the lines of: "Your children are not your children. They are the statistics you surrender to violence, abuse and gangsterism. You may give birth to them but crime will take them from you. You may have dreams for them of a world you thought you would never see, but it is they who are snatched from your world of dreams and laid to rest in shallow graves. It is true that they come through you but not from you, but unless you act now you will never again know the unbridled joy a child can bring or the profound sense of loss of a child's untimely departure."

Achieving it all with consistency

YOU are great at many things but that does not mean you should do all of them.

These words punch me in the face during an episode of Super Soul Sundays with Oprah. The guest gives an example of playing a guitar. If you pick up a guitar and become good at it, that does may mean you are the next musical sensation, you might just love guitars. You could possibly make the best cupcakes on a whim that does not mean you should open a bakery store tomorrow.

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

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

I am great at many things.

It took the #decade challenge in 2020 for me to reflect on a couple of them. Take away every negative thing that social media has amplified and you have a source of enrichment. The #decade challenge had us give glory details of the past decade in the hope of inspiring someone else across the world. It is too late to think about privacy and what Amazon, Facebook and Google are doing with our information, so why stop cataloging our lives now? My inspiration for the decade was by renowned director Ava DuVernay who details what paced success looks like with a touch of unquestionable great talent.

When I look back at my 10 years I see a rambunctious young teen racing too fast for her own good and facing a serious case of identity crisis. At 17 years old she walks into a theatre (No America I will not spell it as Theater, how else do you get the flair?). At 17 years old she walks into the Phoenix Players Theatre and try to convince a respectable director that she's the piece that is missing in his directorial career. She's the talent he has been waiting for. She fails miserably but that begins a beautiful journey of dancing through different media platforms. She misses a few steps and fall face flat but still managed to make it through the decade.

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

Where I grew up, I sheltered an inconvenience I embraced out of fear. Trauma was littered everywhere, so when I could get away, I hibernated. Being a loner also makes you the most trusted person in the hood. I



was privy to so much and that kept me away from the streets, quite literally.

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

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

It has been as messy as that paragraph. She loved all those jobs but she loved to survive too. Make it out of the hood. Pull her mother and cousins

with her. Break these cycles and set up the next generation for success with a better chance at self-actualization. Hard work is sold as the golden ticket. That has proven to not be entirely true owing to systemic classism and organized corruption. It will take a couple of posts to unpack the rot by the political class in this country.

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

This part of the piece is credited to a friend who once called me in despair recently venting about how lost she felt. America moves too quickly it's easy to disappear in the crowd. It was after a day of reflecting on the past decade that culminated in conversations with people who told her that her aspirations need to be 'adjusted'. She did not pack my bags and leave my mother's cooking for this.

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

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

Here is how we achieve consistency.

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

What I am good at and have previously monetized
Skills that I am actively working on improving

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

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

What I am good at and have previously monetized

Milk
Writing
TV & Radio hosting
Production management
Running my mother's business
Skills that I am actively working on improving

Honey New Media technologies
Producing content
Teaching

Things I am passionate about

Wine
Filmmaking
Acting
Working with charity organizations especially children

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

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Revisiting hazards faced by women moving as waste scavengers

By Correspondent Zuwena Shame

WASTE collectors are at times distinguished between waste scavengers (pickers) and other waste collectors (more mechanized), where the former are exposed to a number of risks given the nature and environment in which they execute their duties.

Playing vital roles in environmental management, particularly in solid waste management, they recover some valuable waste materials either at sources or from sanitary landfills and dumpsites. They reduce quantities of wastes which are to be disposed in sanitary landfills and occupy airspace in the disposal sites.

In some developing countries, waste scavengers tend to be women, many of whom opted for waste collection following social and economic challenges they experience such as gender violence followed by divorce, unemployment and poverty, chiefly

These ladies are on average in their late twenties and a few in their late forties; many are energetic and provide a substantial work force in solid waste management. Further, these women consider this activity as a means to earn their living and provide for their families.

Scavengers especially those working in developing countries face potentially risky occupational hazards. These may result from low public awareness and inadequate government investments on solid waste management where communities are not supplied with receptacles which they may sort their wastes at source, and thus waste pickers would more easily collect rather useful materials for other markets.

In this regard, wastes are stored in commingled fashion where hazardous and non-hazardous wastes are mixed together. Waste scavengers tend to sort them and recover the valuable materials, pack them and finally sell them to recyclers and other waste brokers at marginal profits.

Although the scavengers earn some profit they exercise this trade without protective gears, especially the informal pickers who ply their trade in the streets. Lack of Personal Protective Equipment (PPEs) exposes the scavengers to risks and as they are not formalized they don't have health insurance. In that case they may not receive adequate medical attention in case they experience any occupational challenges.

Viral hepatitis, respiratory conditions, skin diseases, dog and rat bites, jaundice and diarrhea are some of the challenges and likely risks faced by waste scavengers. Cuts from sharp items including pieces of iron or blades, glass cutlets or any metals are a daily hazard especially those working in sanitary landfills

In Tanzania, waste scavengers particularly women are found in different dump sites and sanitary landfills, recovering useful items for disposal. Sanitary landfills which were visited include Nsalaga where



The photo shows some women waste scavengers in a meeting at Nsalaga sanitary landfill

women scavengers were found picking and extracting some disposed materials. Different from other waste scavengers the ones in Mbeya city are organized, registered and wear PPEs whilst working.

Although these waste pickers do their best and assist municipalities on solid waste management, however, they aren't assisted to add values on the recovered items and thus may sell them at reasonable prices to increase their profits. Further, they may be supported to produce some items from recovered discarded waste materials at industrial scale to add values while minimizing wastes.

This would lead to increasing small scale industries, create employment where majority of beneficiaries will be from vulnerable group members particularly women, while improving environment management. Tanzania needs environment-based poverty alleviating projects to assist waste scavengers who work at a risk in many dumpsites and sanitary landfills. Such support would also enhance waste minimization.

Shangashanga station in Arusha may be cited as a good waste minimization project in which some discarded glasses are utilized to produce quality glass items. People With Disabilities are the main group in the station.

The station is a part touristic site where some tourists visit and purchase the items as souvenirs.

This project illustrates that environmental based poverty alleviation can assist in waste segregation at source, waste minimization and lead respective waste type storage in separate bins. The scavengers will be collecting valuables materials at source instead of recovering them from dumpsite/sanitary landfills where risks are even higher.

As a number of items are recycled, some industries purchase metal scraps and utilize them to produce steel bars and other metal

products. Plastic bottles are also recycled while some plastics have been utilized to produce chairs, mats or mugs. This shows the wide potential market of the items, implying that the development of small scale industries benefits from the raw materials and a ready market.

Besides, with waste scavengers' economic gain, municipalities benefit from diversion of some huge quantities off sanitary landfills, creating more sanitary landfill airspaces.

Reduced disposal of waste materials lead to extension of sanitary landfills' lifespans save some funds for sanitary operations, while empowering waste scavengers leans towards the zero waste concept where generated sites could be largely be recycled with much less waste transported to dumpsites/sanitary landfills for disposal.

Regional integration at the forefront of Mozambique's energy success

By Charnè Hundermark in Maputo

As one of leading resource-rich countries in sub-Saharan Africa, Mozambique has the potential to not only significantly advance its own socioeconomic status but also to dramatically boost economic growth throughout the region.

According to the World Bank Group, regional integration helps countries to overcome divisions that impede the flow of goods, services, capital, people and ideas.

As large-scale energy projects are expected to come online in Mozambique through 2023, the country has observed renewed political commitment to establishing sustainable regional integration with neighbouring governments and private operators.

By prioritising cross-border cooperation across its energy value chain, Mozambique is well-positioned to achieve shared objectives, including widespread electrification, establishment of energy security and access to a wider regional market.

The country is one of the top electricity exporters in southern Africa, largely thanks to its significant hydropower resources and growing gas-to-power potential.

The 2,075-MW Cahora Bassa Hydroelectric Dam in Mozambique represents the largest hydropower facility in southern Africa and has enabled the country to become a top regional electricity exporter.

With only 500 MW procured for domestic use, Mozambique transports the surplus electricity to neighbouring South Africa, Zimbabwe and Botswana.

Through the establishment of the Southern Africa Power Pool - as well as cooperation agreements with Zimbabwe and South Africa - Mozambique has been able to effectively monetise its hydropower resources through proven demand linkages.

What's more, this form of regional integration has allowed electricity-deficient countries in the region to increase their own electricity access rates and reduce associated costs for their growing populations.

The World Bank Group has posited that fragmentation within sub-Saharan Africa has led to the creation of small, isolated domestic markets characterised by high production costs and low investment.

By spearheading regional integration, resource-rich nations such as Mozambique can connect to growing markets within the sub-region, among them Tanzania, Angola, Rwanda, South Africa, Uganda and Zambia.

As a growing number of African countries re-direct their focus on cleaner sources of energy, such as natural gas, regional integration can ensure that Mozambique's sizable reserves are effectively monetised.

By prioritising infrastructural connectivity, Mozambique can establish a direct link to viable lique-



fied natural gas (LNG) markets for export.

Moreover, regional integration can lower the cost of getting Mozambican gas to market. By integrating infrastructure and pooling resources, countries can bridge supply, gain direct access to regional markets and utilise both current and emerging infrastructure - in turn, significantly reducing project costs for all parties involved.

According to the World Energy Council, security of supply remains one of the primary drivers of the development of interconnections between countries.

Facing challenges such as lack of critical infrastructure, depletion of national energy resources and the need to diversify energy supply, countries such as Zimbabwe and South Africa are turning to Mozambique as a viable energy supply solution.

By leveraging these connections, Mozambique can ensure energy success, secure vital foreign currency revenues and est-

ablish strong bilateral relations, spurring long-term regional economic growth in the process.

Moreover, the World Energy Council notes that the provision of affordable, modern energy to developing countries to meet growing demand will have a domino effect on productivity and macro-economic growth. For international investors, regional integration among developing countries can foster a more attractive investment climate as a result of shared resources, and therefore, increased security and alleviated risk.

In fact, regional integration may lead to a greater influx of capital for projects compared to individual domestic developments. This is evidenced by projects such as the African Renaissance Pipeline Project - a 2,600-km natural gas pipeline linking Mozambique's natural gas to South Africa's growing demand - and the Temane Natural

Gas Project - a collaborative gas-to-power project between the Mozambican Government and South African energy and chemical company Sasol.

By drawing on integration opportunities, Mozambique can drive sectoral growth and establish itself as both a regional and global competitor.

Still, significant challenges must be addressed if Mozambique is to realise the full scope of its industry growth and success. The lack of adequate complementary policies and regulations may lead to ineffective outcomes and inhibit productive cooperation.

Additionally, the World Bank Group suggest that countries may hold varying priorities for regional integration, depending on their

connectivity gaps, economic geography or preference for sovereignty in specific areas.

By addressing these concerns, Mozambique will be better equipped to monetise its natural gas resources, in which regional integration can ensure maximum project success.

Africa Oil & Power (AOP) is this year working with the Mozambican government to promote investment in energy and diverse sectors, including agriculture, industry, tourism, construction and logistics

On March 8-9, it will host a Presidential Award ceremony and Workshops Day in Maputo, preceding the Mozambique Gas & Power 2021 conference and exhibition to be held later in the year.

Female journalists face 'twice the danger' of male colleagues

By Charlotte Tobitt

WOMEN journalists endure "twice the danger" of their male colleagues because of the risk of sexist violence both in the field and in their own newsrooms.

Reporters Without Borders (RSF) has produced a report on sexism in journalism, defined as all forms of sexist and sexual violence - including verbal and physical threats - to mark International Women's Day.

Some 112 journalists - RSF's own correspondents and journalists who write about gender issues - in 120 countries filled in a survey about the trends they are seeing.

The group found that all women journalists are concerned and vulnerable - whether they are on a permanent staff contract, fixed-term or freelance - although "the more precarious her employment status, the less likely she will be able to make her voice heard and defend herself".

More than two-thirds (71 per cent) said they were aware of discrimination towards women journalists because of their gender and 73 per cent said most of this behaviour occurs online, making the internet more dangerous than the streets.

Last year 73 per cent of women journalists who participated in a UNESCO and International Centre for Journalists (in Washington, DC) survey said they had experienced online violence in the course of their work.

Canadian video games journalist Mary Gushie wrote last month that receiving an extreme amount of harassment had become "the norm" for women journalists and that over her ten-year career she has received "countless death threats, harassment and hurtful comments".

"At times it was an occasional trolling comment; other times it was dozens of comments ranging from sexism to outright toxicity and hatred," she wrote, adding: "It appears that when I tailor my content to highlight issues of female representation in the games industry, I receive more hate."

More than half (58 per cent) told RSF discrimination happens in the newsroom and more than one-third (36 per cent) said it happens in the street.

In England, in the past year, two men have been jailed for threatening regional journalist Amy Fenton on Facebook while two female journalists in Belfast, Patricia Devlin and Allison Morris, have been the subject of threats both online and in graffiti form.

Devlin told the BBC: "Male journalists who do the same job as I do, who have written closer to the bone about paramilitaries, do not get the same level of abuse. I suppose these people think that these women are an easier target."

Half told RSF that superiors and authorities - including state, police and ruling politicians - were among the perpetrators. Women covering politics, sport and gender issues were identified as some of those most likely to be



in the firing line.

Being a member of a minority compounds the risk to female journalists, with 36 per cent of respondents saying that racist comments were an additional issue and 36 per cent pointing to lesbophobia.

Being a mother also makes women more vulnerable to sexism both within their news organisations and online, the survey found.

The most common consequence of sexism and sexual violence is stress, with 79 per cent of survey respondents pinpointing this, followed by anxiety (65 per cent), fear of losing one's job (54 per cent), and loss of self-esteem (50 per cent) and fear of being killed

(49 per cent). French journalist Julie Hainaut, who has been targeted by far-right activists for three years, said: "The cyber harassment is itself traumatic but what accompanies it is also at least as shocking - the deafness on the part of the state and judicial system, the lack of support and silence on the part of your editors and the people around you, who blame you for being a victim."

"I am disturbed by the suggestions that you should just turn off your computer or that 'it's just insults and threats,'" she noted.

Professionally, self-censorship appeared to be the most prevalent consequence - according to 48 per cent of the RSF respondents.

Also, more than one-third (38 per cent) said that women lose

motivation to work and 22 per cent pointed to women closing their social media accounts and/or leaving professional networks.

Speaking at the TUC (the UK's Trade Union Congress) Women's Conference last week, National Union of Journalists national executive member Natasha Hirst said that when women journalists are forced to withdraw from online platforms their voice is being silenced, meaning that all their rights and freedoms are compromised.

"Online abuse of journalists is highly gendered and is a form of discrimination and violence against women," she said, adding: "It's intersectional too, with black women journalists being especially targeted."

An emergency NUJ motion passed at the conference said: "Such attacks not only harm the individuals concerned but also normalise and legitimise the harassment of journalists at work, which is highly damaging to the critical role that journalism plays in our democracy."

The RSF survey found an unsatisfactory internal response to reported incidents, with 61 per cent of people saying that there had not been any specific response from the relevant news organisation. Some 9 per cent said that a good conduct charter or code had been established.

The campaign group made a number of recommendations for news organisations including developing mechanisms, such as a monitoring unit and naming an internal point person to support and protect women journalists who have been victims of any harassment or sexist or sexual violence.

Another was the need to create an emergency internal mechanism to respond to threats and sexist attacks online, whether by means of online content moderation or by providing psychological or legal support to the women being targeted.

Bulobora distributing oil palm commercial seedlings

By Correspondent Gerald Kitabu, Kigoma

BULOMBORA National Service has distributed 66,000 improved commercial seedlings of oil palm, Tenera variety worth more than 400m/- to different district councils in Kigoma Region. The move is aimed at engaging farmers in a massive cultivation and transformation of oil palm and end importation of edible oils in the country.

Bulobora National Service assistant farm manager Warrant Officer-II, Ombeni Mushi told Tanzania Agriculture Research Institute (TARI) officials that disseminated seedlings are enough to plant 1,200 new acres in different districts in the region.

The district councils that have benefited from the improved commercial seedlings of oil palm, Tenera variety are Kigoma TC, Kigoma District Council, Uvinza district council and Kasulu District Council.

"Bulobora as National Service, we were tasked by the Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa to produce more improved commercial seedlings of oil palm, Tenera variety and distribute to the district councils in plenty so that large and smallholder farmers can full engage in massive cultivation of oil palm to end importation of edible oils in the country," he said.

He said since the Prime Minister's directive that the farmers should be given the improved seedlings for free, followed by awareness raising, there have been very positive response and in fact turn out is very big from all the districts.

"With this encouraging speed of uptake and if there shall be sufficient oil palm processing factories, I am convinced that within three years time, the nation will be self-sufficient of edible oil and export," he said.

Bulobora as a large scale farming arm of the Tanzania People's Defense Forces was also directed to cultivate two thousand acres of improved seedlings of oil palm, Tenera variety in different phases. The first phase Bulobora National Service has cultivated 400 acres and planted 22,000 improved seedlings.

Director General of Tanzania Agricultural Research Institute (TARI) Dr Geoffrey Mkamilo commended efforts being done by Military Institutions in Kigoma Region to transform oil palm agriculture in the region.

He said besides research and production of the improved commercial seeds, TARI was also assigned by the Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa to conduct monitoring of production, distribution and management of the seedlings wherever district council they are being produced and sent.

"These 66,000 improved commercial seedlings of tenera which are



Tanzania Agricultural Research Institute director general Dr Geoffrey Mkamilo (C) pictured at the weekend briefing researchers and members of the National Service on improved oil palm seedlings of the Tenera variety. Photo: Correspondent Gerald Kitabu

valued at 400m/- have cost the government more money. We as the government institution tasked to make follow up and monitor the progress and management of these seedlings, we cannot stay behind, wait to see the seedlings are dying because of mismanagement, we shall make close follow up at district level, ward level, and village level to know who received the seedlings and make sure that the seedlings are well managed

and brings desired results," he said.

He advised that the farmers surrounding Bulobora National Service should also be considered in the exercise of distribution of the improved commercial seedlings of oil palm, Tenera variety so that they can cultivate them in their farms.

Dr. Geoffrey Mkamilo said that the efforts of multiplying and disseminating the improved seeds of

Oil Palm at local government authorities and to farmers in Kigoma and elsewhere is basically trying to address the issue of importation of vegetable edible oil from Malaysia and some other countries like Costa Rica, which in recent years has cost the nation billions of shillings.

"Actually we import 365,000 metric tons of edible oil which cost approximately 443 billion/- annually. This should not be the

case because Tanzania has a potential land to produce all types of vegetable edible oil that we need in this country," he said.

Citing an example, he said Kigoma alone has an area of about 114,000 hectares of land which is suitable for oil palm production saying if it can be utilized well, definitely the nation will be able to reduce or eliminate importation of vegetable edible oil in the country.

He called on the district councils and other stakeholders in the Kigoma Region to commit themselves to this course especially providing education, creating awareness and management of the improved commercial seedlings.

TARI-Kihinga centre director Dr Filson Mbezi Kagimbo said currently demand of the improved seedlings of oil palm, Tenera variety is high after big campaigns and awareness creation. "We are now set to increase production. We planned earlier to produce two million seeds but with the current high demand we are planning to increase production to five million and later on move up to ten million commercial improved seedlings.

Bulobora National Service was selected as a Centre of production and distribution of improved seedlings of oil palm, TENERA variety by the Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa when he first visited the military camp 2018. Since then it has devoted to production of the improved seedlings, setting an example for both large and small scale farmers in the region.

Building resilient food systems against food security threats in Africa

By Special Correspondent, Addis Ababa

CONCERTED efforts to reshape Africa's food system to be more resilient, productive and inclusive is vital to withstand food security threats and achieve SDG and Agenda 2063 commitments. This was the key message that came out of the inter-agency dialogue on the impacts of Conflict-Climate change-COVID-19 Nexus on Africa's food systems.

Building on the overall theme of the Seventh Session of the Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development, "Building forward better: towards a resilient and green Africa to achieve the 2030 Agenda

and Agenda 2063", the side event highlighted the connection and implications of conflicts, climate, and the COVID-19 pandemic (CCC-Nexus) on Africa's food systems. The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) jointly organized the virtual side event along with the African Union Commission (AUC), the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA); the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and the World Food Programme (WFP) on 01 March 2021.

"Food systems in Africa have been adversely affected by the compounded im-

pacts of climate-induced shocks, conflicts and most-recently, COVID-19," said Chimimba David Phiri, FAO Subregional Coordinator for Eastern Africa. These triple risks have resulted in unprecedented socio-economic impacts and eroded the resilience of large segments of the population on the continent, especially the poor and marginalized groups" and are threatening to wipe out the gains made towards achieving food and nutrition security in Africa.

The triple risks are interlinked as a nexus and present complex challenges. Climate change is a critical driver of resource-based conflicts. The COVID-19 pan-

dem has further aggravated this conflict situation through increased competition for water, pasture and land - all of which are essential assets in promoting food systems. The pandemic possesses the same drivers of conflict as those from climate variability and change. Volatile security situations and the coronavirus pandemic threaten food systems and rural livelihoods.

This reality was echoed by John Kaniiso, Secretary-General, South Sudan Food Security Council, who stated that conflict had disrupted the road transportation network, adversely impacting food security in his country. Kaniiso also emphasized that

COVID-19 containment measures have disrupted humanitarian interventions.

Dina Saleh, IFAD Regional Director for Europe, Near East, Central Asia and North Africa Region, reminded that transforming food systems in Africa to make them more sustainable and resilient was of primary importance even before the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. After decades of continued decrease, hunger and malnutrition have been rising again in recent years, reaching almost 700 million people. Saleh added that "improving food security should be considered a precondition to foster sustainable development for the whole of Africa."

NBI organises webinars to build consensus on Nile co-operation

By Guardian Reporter

THE Nile Basin Initiative (NBI) in collaboration with the Government of Ethiopia is organising a string of webinars for the 6th Nile Basin Development Forum (NBDF) under the theme 'Rethinking Regional Investments in the Nile Basin'.

The Nile Basin Development Forum is a science-policy dialogue organised by the Nile Basin Initiative (NBI) with its Member States—Burundi, DR Congo, Egypt, Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda, South Sudan, The Sudan, Tanzania and Uganda. Eritrea participates as an observer.

It has been held since 2006 and brings together stakeholders from across the Basin and around the world to build consensus on the Nile cooperation agenda and the way forward for the sustainable development and management of the Nile Basin.

NBI Secretariat Executive Director, Prof Seifeldin Hamad Abdalla said: "The theme of the 6th NBDF: "Rethinking investments in the Nile Basin" is very timely taking into account that the Nile riparians, building on the work of NBI over the past more than two decades, are moving towards a new approach to regional/basin planning and investment agenda."

Prof. Abdalla said that the goal of the NBDF is to enhance transformative processes and projects that will contribute to NBI's shared vision: to promote socio-economic benefits for the people and countries of the Nile Basin.

Ethiopian Minister for Water, Irrigation and Energy Dr. Eng. Seleshi Bekele, called on citizens of the Nile to participate in the event,

saying: "I encourage all friends of the Nile to take part in the 6th NBDF webinar series, which Ethiopia is privileged to host."

The webinars will last for nearly two months from March 9 - April 29, covering all critical six sub themes of the NBI strategy—water security, energy security, food security, environmental sustainability, climate change adaptation, and transboundary water governance.

The webinars are organised under various themes including Water Resources Management; Water-Energy-Food Nexus; Environment and Wetlands; Water and Climate and Transboundary Water Governance.

The Forum will bring together multi-stakeholders from within and out of the Nile Basin including government officials in Nile Basin countries, Members of Parliament, water resource managers, environmentalists, economists, development partners, academia and researchers, to deliberate on opportunities and challenges of Nile cooperation.

Other stakeholders are river basin organisations, regional, continental and international organisations, civil society, private sector as well as media practitioners.

The Nile Basin Development Forum will be held virtually due to the global COVID-19 pandemic and is being organised with support from the European Union, the German Federation Government through GIZ, World Bank and Co-operation in International Waters in Africa (CIWA).

On the sidelines of the Nile Basin Development Forum will be the Nile Media Awards in recognition of journalists that have published



In the lead up to the climax of this year's edition of International Women's Day (March 8), Tanzania National Parks (Tanapa), Ngorongoro Conservation Area Authority and CRDB Bank Plc staff plant trees on the slopes of Mount Kilimanjaro in an effort to replenish the vegetation on Africa's highest peak. Photo: Correspondent Marc Nkwame.

outstanding articles that tackle issues concerning the Nile Basin.

Traversing about 6,695 kilometers, the Nile is one of world's longest rivers, feeding millions and giving birth to entire civilizations. The river is a major source of water for the Nile Basin countries.

Water, energy and food are inextricably linked and are essential for human well-being, poverty

reduction and sustainable development.

The close interrelationships amongst these resources therefore call for our balancing of the act of exploitation to ensure sustainability for our future generations, for we are, but only stewards of these resources.

Projections in the Nile Basin region indicate that demand for ener-

gy, food and freshwater, will increase significantly over the next decades under the pressure of population growth and mobility, economic development, regional trade, urbanization and climate change among others.

Agriculture in the Nile Basin consumes more water than any other sector. At the same time, water is needed for energy generation and

transmission, particularly for hydro power, which is the preferred source of energy for various reasons; key among them the low production cost, which makes power affordable to the urban and rural poor.

On the other hand, energy is needed to produce, transport, treat and distribute water; the more energy we need, the more water we use, and vice versa.

Is the press too pessimistic about the Covid-19 pandemic?

By Jon Allsop

JUST the other day, President Joe Biden gave a speech at the White House and said that the US is on track to have enough vaccine supply to cover every adult in America by the end of May - a two-month improvement on his administration's previous timeline.

Biden announced that the federal government has taken steps to accelerate the production of Johnson & Johnson's vaccine - including helping to finalise a deal that will see Merck, a rival pharmaceutical company, manufacture doses.

"This is a type of collaboration between companies we saw in World War II," Biden said, calling them "good corporate citizens". He also announced plans to get a first dose to every teacher this month.

Across the mediasphere, these new developments were hailed as very good news. Some politics watchers noted that they also reflected smart media management on Biden's part.

Eli Stokols, White House reporter for the LA Times, recalled "how Trump, desperate to win the daily news cycle, said Covid-19 would be gone by Easter, then summer - and kept moving goalposts back".

There's more benefit, Stokols wrote, in "setting moderate expectations, working to exceed them, and THEN doing the press conference".

US health officials only approved Johnson & Johnson's vaccine, which requires just a single dose, last weekend. The greenlighting was also welcomed in much coverage. The Washington Post greeted it, in a push notification, as added "firepower in the fight against the pathogen".

Spencer Bokot-Lindell, an opinion editor at the New York Times, put the new vaccine at the heart of his "case for Covid optimism".

Insider's Hilary Brueck and Andrew Dunn wrote that it is "probably the best shot", since it's relatively easy to administer, works very well in young people and potentially has lesser side-effects than other vaccines.

Still, such positivity wasn't ubiquitous: ever since Johnson & Johnson reported its trial data, some coverage has emphasized that its vaccine has lower headline efficacy rates than those produced by Pfizer and Moderna.

The Post recently reported, under the headline "Johnson & Johnson vaccine deepens concerns over racial and geographic inequities", that the expected deployment of the new shot to hard-to-reach areas could "drive perceptions of a two-tiered vaccine system, riven along racial or class lines - with marginalised communities getting what they think is an inferior product".

On Sunday, Dr Anthony Fauci



toured the networks and was repeatedly asked what he had say to Americans who would rather wait for Pfizer or Moderna shots than get Johnson & Johnson's.

He explained patiently that all three vaccines are very effective and that, since they were tested under very different conditions, minute comparisons of efficacy percentages aren't useful.

On Monday, Johnson & Johnson CEO Alex Gorsky was asked the same question on Today. He stressed that the company's vaccine, unlike its competitors', was tested late last year, when Covid-19 was at the peak of its spread, in countries with differing dominant variants.

Gorsky added that the shot was still completely effective against hospitalisation and death.

Despite the broad underlying positivity of the Johnson & Johnson news, these variations in tone speak to a broader question that I briefly visited a month ago and that experts and observers have since continued to ask. And that question is: is the press being unduly pessimistic in its coverage of the pandemic?

Late last week, techno-sociologist Zeynep Tufekci - who has argued repeatedly that the answer is "yes" - made her most detailed case yet in an article for The Atlantic that took aim at various public-health communicators, as well as journalists.

"The steady drumbeat of good news about the vaccines has been met with a chorus of relentless pessimism," Tufekci wrote. She then outlined five fallacies that, in her view, have consistently bedevilled Covid-19 messaging.

One: the undue fear that advising certain precautions will trigger a false sense of security and widespread reckless behaviour; two: the repetition of inflexible rules at the expense of educating people about mechanisms of transmission so that they can make risk calculations for themselves; three: misleading media scolding about outdoor activities like going to the beach; four: excessive absolutism; and, five: "a poor balance between knowledge, risk, certainty, and action".

Tufekci gave the example of the framing that vaccines' ability to reduce transmission (in addition to infection) remains a scary unknown, when sound reasoning and available evidence suggests that they do have this ability, pending the collection of more data.

"The public," she concluded, "has been offered a lot of misguided fretting over new virus variants, subjected to misleading debates about the inferiority of certain vaccines, and presented with long lists of things vaccinated people still cannot do, while media outlets wonder whether the pandemic will ever end".

But there is, of course, still ample bad news about

the pandemic. As I wrote last week, case and death counts remain objectively very high.

Yesterday, they again topped fifty-four thousand and one thousand eight hundred, respectively - and optimism about a general decline in rates shouldn't obscure that gutting human cost.

Trump may be gone from the US federal government, but state leaders continue to make foolish decisions: yesterday, the governors of Texas and Mississippi moved to roll back mask mandates and other restrictions, defying CDC (US Centres for Disease Control and Prevention) guidance and offering every news show a fretful counterpoint to the hope of Biden's vaccine speech.

As Boston University professor of science journalism Ellen Ruppel Shell told me last month, much coverage, in seesawing between good and bad news, has felt "schizophrenic," and induced whiplash.

The Times has meanwhile written, in an article on the reopenings, that many Americans "are wondering whether to follow the lure of optimism or to heed the warnings of health officials who say it's premature to lift restrictions".

It's helpful, instead, to think of such formulations as false dichotomies: health officials are optimistic, but in the long term, more than the short.

The pandemic has been marked by a flattening of time - the arrival of March sparked innumerable Twitter jokes about how last March never ended - but time is essential to any assessment of what constitutes good and bad pandemic news.

We need constantly to interrogate how our baselines have shifted - not just in terms of what we consider to be high numbers of cases and deaths but also in more positive contexts.

If the overall efficacy of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine is worth noting at all, it's in the sense that a year ago, the breadth of our current vaccine arsenal, and the pace of the rollout, was almost unimaginable.

As James T. McDevitt, of Baylor, told the Times last week, if Johnson & Johnson's shot had been authorised before Pfizer's and Moderna's, "everybody would be doing handstands and back flips and high-fives".

Time also has a distorting effect when we look forward. The light at the end of the tunnel illuminates how much tunnel we still must navigate, which creates a set of expectations different from the one-day-then-the-next grind of the past year.

The best thing we can do to guard against whiplash is to situate optimism and pessimism not as contrasting poles of a coverage debate but as compatible - indeed, unavoidable - facets of this same everything story we are all still living.

As Tufekci put it, "effective communication requires a sense of proportion - distinguishing between due alarm and alarmism; warranted, measured caution and doombait; worst-case scenarios and claims of impending catastrophe".

In her view, such balance has a practical benefit. She wrote that encouraging "people to dream about the end of this pandemic by talking about it more, and more concretely can help strengthen people's resolve to endure whatever is necessary for the moment".

During his just-delivered vaccine speech, Biden said that the Johnson & Johnson news is "a huge step in our effort to beat this pandemic, but I have to be honest with you: This fight is far from over". Increasingly, and may be a better word than but.

Below, more on the pandemic:

"The looming vaccine story": Oliver Darcy, a media reporter at CNN, writes that with Biden's new timeline for supply, the vaccine story is about to enter a new phase.

"Stories about limited doses and the need for new approvals of new vaccines are about to be a relic of the past," he writes. "Instead, the story looming on the horizon is about vaccine hesitancy and skepticism."

Dr Jonathan Reiner, a CNN medical analyst, told Darcy that coverage should "start talking about how being vaccinated changes someone's outlook and daily life", and centre the stories of vaccinated people from communities of colour.

What the numbers don't show: For Scientific American, Amy Yee takes aim at the "myth", stoked by widely-reported polling data, that the pandemic has been less hard financially on Asian-Americans than on Black, Latinx and Native Americans. Working-class Asian-Americans, Yee writes, "are woefully neglected by researchers, academics and pollsters" and consequently overlooked by the press and policymakers. "Coverage about struggling Asian Americans and unemployment are a fraction of similar coverage about other racial groups," Yee writes. **CJR**

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06.50 AM	MATANGAZO
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7:10 AM	MATANGAZO
07.15 AM	TAARIFA ZA BARABARANI
07.25 AM	UDONDOZI WA MAGAZETI
07.40 AM	KUMEPAMBAZUKA II
08.00 AM	HABARI NYEPESI
08.10 AM	KUMEPAMBAZUKA III
09.00 AM	HABARI ZA BIASHARA
09.10 AM	MATANGAZO
09.20 AM	BRAND TALK
09.30 AM	KUMEPAMBAZUKA SHERIA
10.00 AM	NEWS BRIEF
10.03 AM	DEATH ANNOUNCEMENTS
10.10 AM	YALIYOMO YAMO
13.00 HRS	NEWS BULLETIN
13.10 HRS	DEATH ANNOUNCEMENTS
13.30 HRS	DJ SHOW
16.00 HRS	NEWS BRIEF
16.03 HRS	DEATH ANNOUNCEMENTS
16.30 HRS	HOJA YA LEO
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19.30 HRS	SPOTI LEO
20.00 HRS	NEWS BULLETIN
20.10 HRS	UCHUNGUZI KAMILI
21.00 HRS	NEWS BRIEF
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18:00-18:10HRS	HABARI
18:10-21:00HRS	BOZOUK TIME
21:00-22:00HRS	SPORTS
22:00-00:00HRS	DALA DALA(marudio)
00:00-04:00HRS	LETE RAHA (marudio)
04:00-05:00HRS	SPOTI (marudio)

THE GUARDIAN SIMPLE WORD FIT // THE GUARDIAN CROSSWORD --00 166 00--

In this puzzle you have no clues, only a list of words that all fit into the grid. The Guardian have given you a head start

- 3 LETTERS: SEE, LIT, GET
- 4 LETTERS: BACK, UEFA, CAFE, RAGE, EBON, SOON, IDEM
- 5 LETTERS: ABODE, AGAIN, LASSO, ELECT, NDAMA,
- 6 LETTERS: ELITES, ADHERE, STAGER, PLUNGE, TABOOS
- 7 LETTERS: ALLOWED
- 8 LETTERS: LEGALESE
- 10 LETTERS: BOUNDARIES

WORD-FIT

SOLUTIONS

CROSSWORD

- CLUES: Across
- a native of the south
 - a large perching bird with mostly black plumage
 - bear native to bamboo forests in China
 - Kathmandu is the Capital city
 - the ship built by Noah
 - Latin from Greek Khoreia
 - break with a sharp cracking sound
 - accept
 - movements of hands when you talk
 - a person who uses something
 - feel doubt
- Down:
- ill
 - formal term for on
 - not imagined or supposed
 - tolerate
 - put on clothes
 - canal connects the pacific ocean and Atlantic ocean
 - medium for communications
 - stoat
 - stone in Greek
 - a diving waterbird with a long neck
 - a weapon with bullets
 - join fasten

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NBC Bank trains women's SMES on business quality, credit



Tanzania Business Women Association director Noreen Mawala (L) presents a gift on behalf of women entrepreneurs in the country to NBC Bank relationship manager Consolatha Shayo (R) and product and banking services manager Jonathan as a token of recognition for the bank's contribution to supporting and empowering women entrepreneurs in the country. The handover took place yesterday during the closing of the Tanzania Business Women Trade Fair held in Dar es Salaam for four days with the bank's sponsorship. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

By Smart Money Reporter

WOMEN entrepreneurs in the country have been advised to increase their efforts to further improve business ideas as well as increasing the quality of their products in order to convince financial institutions to lend them easily.

Closing of the four-day Tanzania Business Women Trade Fair held in Dar es Salaam, NBC Bank's Relationship Manager, Consolatha Shayo said financial institutions are driven to lend based on the quality of the business idea and not the name or gender of the borrower.

She said that is why NBC bank has been at the forefront ensuring that it continues to sharpen the skills of the entrepreneurs in order to improve their business ideas and products to enable them to do their business professionally and make a profit that will enable them to repay their loans.

"That is why through this kind of platforms we have been training them and emphasize the importance of building their brand names and products than their personal names as financial institutions focus more on their business and not their gender or personal names," said Consolatha.

In addition to sponsoring the exhibition, the bank also organized a several training programs for entrepreneurs

including a business clinic involving various institutions and authorities including the Business Registrations and Licensing Agency (BRELA) and the Tanzania Bureau of Standards (TBS)

The bank further used the opportunity to 'sell' its products and services especially those related to women and entrepreneurs including NBC Kua Nasi account and Johari account.

"NBC Kua Nasi is a special account for all SMEs including street food vendors, boda bodas and similar others while Johari account is designed specifically for women as it enables them to save a small amount starting with only 10,000 shillings. All of these accounts have no monthly deductions," she said.

For her part, the Director of the Tanzania Business Women Association (TABWA) Noreen Mawala, whose institute co-ordinated the exhibition, congratulated NBC Bank and other stakeholders for making the exhibition a success, said her office is currently organizing a trade tour to Oman and Comoros to provide opportunities for the members to advertise their businesses in the two countries.

"After the success of this exhibition which coincided with the celebration of International Women's Day we are preparing ourselves for a trade tour in Oman and Comoros to open more doors and promote our business abroad," she said.

Distilling firm celebrates Women's Day in style

By Smart Money Reporter

THE Tanzania Distilleries Limited, who are brewers of Konyagi beverage have decided to change the looking of its brand by posting a logo showing a woman with rising up hands as part of its recognition of efforts made by women in the country in the transformation of their lives.

Konyagi is being used by people of all sexes and has for years remained with its finest taste.

Speaking to reporters at the launch of the temporary logo held in Dar es Salaam, Konyagi brand manager Pamela Kikuli said that the changing of the logo goes hand in hand with the celebration of International Women's Day, that is being celebrated every March 8 globally.

"We recognize continued efforts by women of this country to participate in day to day activities in their move to transform their lives in all corners of life," said Kikuli.

She said that women have in recent years been major contributors of the country's economy as several others are owning mega companies, apart from their formal and informal involvement in other development activities for the making of the country's economy.

And to support those women's moves, Konyagi has decided to temporarily change the logo of its bottle to portray a woman's image of bravery.

She added that what has changed is just the brand looking, from an earlier logo of a 'man rising up hands' to the current logo of a woman with rising hands supported by a message wishing all women in Tanzania a happy International Women's Day.

"The Konyagi drink has not changed, even its finest taste remains the same. But what we did is just to change its look in another way of recognizing women's effort to encourage them in their moves of life. "I, therefore, urge our consumers to continue using the drink without



A digital specialist, Lilian Flavian (C) receives a gift that carries a new logo of a woman with rising hands as part of the finest drink's recognition to support women initiatives. Photo: Guardian Correspondent.

worries to enjoy the unique and high-quality beverage," said Kikuli.

Pamela added that Konyagi is a Gin-based drink that was first brewed in 1977 and that its taste is the same, but they have changed the appearance only.

And in the marking of International Women's Day, the finest drink has further decided to recognize 100 local women in the country for their tirelessly efforts to transform their lives and stand as role models for others.

According to Kikuli, among those recognized, are Esther Maongoze, who is an East Africa TV & Radio presenter and Angella Karashani, who is working as Media and Entertainment consultant.

The duo attended East Africa TV and

Radio's popular program called Friday Night to speak about their experience and life struggle to impose a lesson to other women. They were also awarded token prizes from Konyagi. During the Friday Night Show that is sponsored by Konyagi, Karashani said that women are currently daring to do tough jobs like mechanics and even driving which were previously thought to be done by men only.

She also hailed Konyagi for supporting women's initiatives by recognizing their efforts to encourage others to step in right direction.

Others who were recognized include Hellen Kazimoto (Music festivals organisers), Leah Mollel (a founder of

Starshine TV), Mwanaidi Msuya, alias DJ Sweet Lady) - DJ and Rachel Pallangyo, who is a referee officiating at the Mainland Premier League (VPL).

Pamela Kikuli, who is Konyagi's brand manager said that the changing of the logo has absolutely not affected the taste of the drink that has for years been celebrated by millions of Tanzanians, assuring the 'drink lovers' to enjoy the same taste they used to celebrate.

The International Women's Day is being celebrated on March 8 of each year. The day began to be celebrated on March 8, 1975 after the United Nations approved this day to serve as an official day to remind the world of women's rights.

Provide EFDs to all traders to curb tax evasion, RC tells TRA

By Smart Money Reporter

MBEYA Regional Commissioner, Albert Chalamila has advised the government to provide electronic receipt machines (EFD) to all traders in the country regardless of sales level to control tax evasion by some traders using existing laws.

RC Chalamila made the advice over the weekend when wrapping up training for community development officers from all the district councils in Njombe, and Katavi regions. The two-day training on microfinance services was organized by Bank of Tanzania (BoT).

He advised the Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA), to change the tax estimating system for traders and that if possible they should not announce sales rates to a person eligible for tax exemption.

"The current tax laws create loopholes for businesses to evade taxes by ensuring that their sales do not exceed the required tax level," the RC said.

He said the Value Added Tax (VAT) law exempts a trader whose sale does not reach 100m/- per annum and the EFD Machine Use Act provides a waiver to a trader whose sales do not exceed 14m/- a year.

"Now traders are trying to keep their sales up to 14m/- per year so that he/she is not given this Machine and others are trying to make sales not reach 100m/- so that he is not included in VAT, now I suggest that if possible every trader who does legitimate business should be given a machine," said Chalamila.

According to him, the number of traders who conduct their business fraudulently is high and so the only way to control them is to ensure they are given all the machines regardless of sales standards.

Director of BoT Mbeya Branch, Ibrahim Malogoi said the bank is in the process of registering various financial services groups in the country, noting that one of the preparations that has already been made is to formulate regulations for the management of the service at each level of groups.

He also said that they have developed systems and guidelines for the registration of the joint service providers and provide education for the community about the policy and legislation of financial services management.

"At the moment what is being done is to train these leaders who register these groups so that when they register the rules and guidelines are observed," said Malogoi.

Energy firm to raise 20m/- for students' sanitary pads

By Francis Kajubi

TOTAL Tanzania Limited yesterday launched a 'put a smile on a female child by giving her confidence' campaign to 20m/- from its fuel sales for sanitary pads that will be distributed to students in public schools across the country.

This initiative is part of the energy firm's corporate social responsibility (CSR) as well as celebrating the International

Women's Day.

In this campaign, Total is partnering with Flaviana Matata Foundation producers and distributors of Lavy sanitary pads to have such products reach students in public schools.

Total's director of legal and corporate affairs, Marsha Msuya, said that the company has chosen to partner with Flaviana Foundation because it has since last year fully engaged in supporting young girls in public schools who struggle to

access sanitary pads during their menstrual days.

"Total will cede aside 1/- from every litre of diesel or petrol sold at its filling stations across the country to raise the money. We wish to have collected more than this amount at the end of this month so that we can procure more lavy pads to provide for the students in need of them during their menstrual days" said Msuya.

According to her, Total will purchase the lavy sanitary pads from

Flaviana foundation and the two parts will collaborate in disseminating the product to schools that will be selected later on.

Flaviana Matata, Founder and CEO Flaviana Matata Foundation said that her organisation has since last July engaged in distributing sanitary pads to primary and secondary school girls.

"Since last July when the product was introduced to the market my organisation has been providing almost 1,300 boxes of pads a

month. Since the establishment of my organisation almost 9,000 girls have reached through the education sector by building toilets for female students, scholarships, construction of classrooms and learning materials," said Matata.

She said that she was convinced to come up with the product after she had learnt that girls miss three to five days in school because they either lack money or fail to find proper protection during menstrual days.

SBL offers an additional 70 students agro-scholarships to boost extension services

By Smart Money Reporter

AN additional 70 students from underprivileged families with an agriculture background have been given full scholarship to study in the field by Serengeti Breweries Ltd (SBL).

This is the second year in a row that SBL is supporting bright students from underprivileged backgrounds to access college education in agricultural disciplines. Last year 40 students were given this opportunity as the brewer unveiled its agri-industry scholarship program known as 'Kilimo-Viwanda'.

SBL Managing Director, Mark Ocitti said in Dar es Salaam this week that 'Kilimo-Viwanda' program is also meant to compliment government's effort to strengthen the existing pool of agricultural experts in the country.

Ocitti said while announcing a group of 15 scholarship recipients from Kaole-Wazazi College of Agriculture based in Bagamoyo, that SBL's support for agriculture development extends to 400 local farmers who last year supplied the brewer with 17,000 tons of grain equivalent to 70 percent of its total raw materials requirement.

"SBL's association with the agricultural sector is deep-rooted. The company currently has a network of over 400 local farmers in eight regions across the country from whom we buy barley, maize, and sorghum for beer production. SBL supports these farmers by providing them with free seeds, field technical services and linking them to financial institutions to access credit facilities," he said.

In remarks at the event, Principal of KaoleWazazi College of Agriculture, Sinani Simba commended SBL for the program while also appealing to other



SBL managing director, Mark Ocitti

stakeholders to support the agricultural sector's development.

"Training of agricultural experts is one of the priorities spelt out in the Agriculture Sector Development Program Phase two. It is a prerequisite to increasing productivity and income generation for the local farmers," Simba said.

SBL has partnered with four agricul-

tural-related local colleges to implement the program and they include Kilacha Agriculture Institute (Moshi), Igabiro Institute of Agriculture (Bukoba) and Saint Maria Goretti Agriculture Training Institute (Iringa). The remaining 56 students are based in the last three colleges, according to Ocitti.

Senator facing arrest over Sh530m bank forgery claim

NAIROBI

MERU Senator Mithika Linturi is seeking court protection against his impending arrest over claims he used forged signatures to secure a Sh530 million bank loan with properties of his estranged wife as collateral.

In a petition filed before the High Court last Friday, Linturi and Emily Nkirote Buantai are seeking anticipatory bail.

Marianne Kitany, the estranged wife of Meru Senator, has accused Linturi of forging signatures to secure the multimillion-shilling loan from Family Bank.

The Meru Senator reckons that the Director of Public Prosecution has recommended his arrest and prosecution for criminal offences linked to the loans, overdrafts and other credit facilities from the lender.

"The imminent arrest, charges and prosecution also relate to fraudulent change of directorship, shareholding and share capital of the Atticon Ltd," he said in an affidavit.

Linturi says he was alerted of his planned arrest by one of his staff after

some documents were dropped at his office, among them a draft charge sheet containing 38 counts.

The charges, he said include giving false information, obtaining credits by false pretences, personation, abuse of office and fraudulently procuring the registration of charge documents.

The planned arrest comes in the middle of a vicious court battle pitting Kitany against the Senator over the vast business empire that the couple built before their acrimonious break-up.

Kitany is a former chief of staff at Deputy President William Ruto's office. Linturi has denied that Kitany has been his wife, claiming he had hosted her on compassionate grounds after she lost her job in 2017.

At the centre of the commercial and forgery dispute is Atticon Limited, a firm that Linturi fully owned before ceding 50 percent shares to Baron Estates Ltd, which is associated with the estranged wife.

The ceding of ownership was in exchange for Baron Estates guaranteeing a Sh50 million loan that Linturi intended to borrow at Family Bank.

Linturi is, however, accused of fraudulently kicking out Baron Estates from ownership of Atticon and further increasing the loan secured using the Baron's property to Sh530 million without its consent.

Documents filed in court identify Baron Estates' signatories as Rodha Kitany and Collins Kipchumba Ngetich.

The forensic audit report filed in court indicates that Rodha Kitany's signature was forged to secure loans of Sh100 million from Family Bank, another loan of Sh325.7 million, and a separate overdraft facility of Sh100 million using the properties of Baron Estates.

But the report indicates that Linturi's signature on the documents authorising these loans are genuine.

Sometime in August 2015, Baron Estates says, it was approached by Atticon emissaries to aid in the liquidity and workings of their firm.

The firm says it agreed to charge two of its properties to secure Sh50 million 12-month overdraft facility from Family Bank for consideration of 11,000 shares equivalent to 50 percent.

Linturi was left with 50 percent shares, which he owned through Litany Investments Limited. Further, the two shareholders in April 2017 agreed to appoint two directors each to run the business. Emily Nkirote and Linturi agreed to resign as directors to allow the new directors to take over.

But Linturi is accused of breaching the agreement after declining to allow the new directors to take over, thereby single-handedly running the affairs of the firm, including the operation of bank accounts.

The frustrations allegedly led to the directors' resignation, which he promptly accepted and re-appointed himself and Nkirote as directors.

In October 2018, the ownership of Atticon was changed to Linturi with 10,950 shares and Nkirote with 50 shares. In the meantime, the loan secured by the charged properties was enhanced to Sh530 million.



Meru Senator Mithika Linturi.

Telecom Egypt plans subsea system path

ATHENS

TELECOM Egypt is planning to launch the Hybrid African Ring Path (HARP), a subsea system that will ring Africa and connect its landlocked coasts with Europe by 2023.

The HARP system will leverage the telco's existing terrestrial and subsea infrastructure to connect multiple points from Africa's East, West and South to Europe's Italy, France and Portugal.

It will also cross the Sinai Peninsula as well as the Suez Canal to form a hybrid terrestrial and subsea fibre connectivity solution for landing points within Egypt.

The telco's CEO, Adel Hamed, notes that the HARP system will enable the carrier to achieve its plans to establish open points of presence in various new locations in Africa and Europe to serve its enterprise and wholesale customers.

"It will also support the digital transformation efforts exerted throughout African nations, and expand the company's international footprint," said Hamed in a statement released to the media.

Although details remain sketchy, indications are that the project will provide additional infrastructural support for the development of cloud services in Africa.

"I'd say it's (a lot) more bandwidth for the continent, additional route diversity, and (hopefully) lower prices," said Guy Zibi, the founder of Xalam Analytics, a cloud and connectivity markets insight provider. "That can only be a good thing for the potential of cloud services."

Wouter van Hulst of PAIX Data Centres agrees: "Clearly, the addition of more submarine cables is beneficial to the African continent, creating more capacity, choice and further resilience."

He added that members of the African Data Centre Association support investments in telecommunications networks and welcome more terrestrial cross-border networks.

According to Xalam Analytics' Zibi, the flexibility in the international and domestic market indirectly impacts the cost of cloud services and directly impacts the user experience. "So on the whole, this is a good thing."



Ethiopia out to implement US\$200m digital project

ADDIS ABABA

ETHIOPIA'S Ministry of Innovation and Technology says it has finalised preparations to implement a Digital Ethiopia Foundation project valued at US\$200-million.

Funded by the World Bank, the five-year project aims to boost the country's competitiveness in the digital sector through increased inclusion and affordability of digital services and job creation.

The Ministry said it has already drafted the legal framework and stakeholders' engagement plan to ensure smooth implementation and that all objectives are met.

It will create incentives for private operators to develop cell phone towers and provide mobile broadband coverage in areas not currently served, as well as to upgrade existing 2G services to 3G, 4G and 5G services.

It is also intended to increase efficiency of public service delivery and crowd-in private sector investments to improve regional and domestic fibre

optic connectivity infrastructure, connecting public institutions and priority target groups to broadband internet.

World Bank country director for Eritrea, Ethiopia, Sudan and South Sudan Ousmane Dione said the project is part of Digital Ethiopia 2025 strategy, an essential component of the local economic reform programme, and the ten-year national development plan (2020-2030) adopted in 2019 which seeks to make Ethiopia a digital hub across the continent.

"The liberalisation of the telecom sector currently underway, which the World Bank has been supporting since 2019, is the initial phase of the country's digital transformation. Once this transformation is effective, it will contribute to national development through sustainable and inclusive economic growth, better governance and more efficient service delivery," said Dione.

Abiyot Bayu, Digital Transformation Programme director at the Ministry of Innovation and Technology confirmed that the project will begin as soon as the World Bank releases the funds.

Covid-19 claims life of senior banker in Africa



The late Peter Matlare.

By Smart Money Reporter

A SENIOR banker passed away on Sunday leaving behind a remarkable legacy built on the basis of creativity and innovations.

Peter Matlare who at the moment of his death served as Absa Group Executive Director and Deputy Group Chief Executive passed away due to COVID-19-related complications.

In a statement to the press released yesterday, Wendy Lucas-Bull, Absa Group Limited Chairman said that the passing of Peter meant a lot to the Group because during his lifetime he was profoundly dedicated and committed to his professional by bringing in new ideas on how the bank and the industry in general should deliver to the general public.

According to Bull, Peter joined the Absa Group Limited board as an independent Non-Executive Director in

2011. In August 2016, he was appointed Group Deputy Chief Executive Officer, as well as Chief Executive responsible for Absa Regional Operations, covering our presence on the continent outside of South Africa.

"He played a key role in overseeing our regional operations and safely leading our banks through the major Separation from Barclays and rebrand to Absa. Peter has made a significant contribution to the Group, and Absa has lost a dedicated leader, a visionary and an amazing human being."

More recently, Peter's leadership was critical in ensuring that the Separation from Barclays, a complex multi-year project which also included the largest single data and systems migration in Africa, was successful across Absa's operations on the continent" said Lucas-Bull.

On his part Absa Group Chief Executive Daniel Mminele said "Peter was a seasoned corporate executive, a good leader, inspirational, and

passionate about his work, always strongly invested in the success of our continent. I will miss his friendship, collegiality, guidance and wise counsel."

Absa Group offers an integrated set of products and services across personal and business banking, corporate and investment banking, wealth and investment management and insurance. Absa Group has a presence in 12 countries in Africa.

The Group's registered head office is in Johannesburg, South Africa, and it owns majority stakes in banks in Botswana, Ghana, Kenya, Mauritius, Mozambique, Seychelles, South Africa (Absa Bank), Tanzania (Absa Bank Tanzania and National Bank of Commerce), Uganda and Zambia.

The Group also has representative offices in Namibia and Nigeria, as well as insurance operations in Botswana, Kenya, Mozambique, South Africa, Tanzania and Zambia, and an International Representative Office in London and New York.

Malawi targets 80pc internet connectivity by 2025

LILONGWE

MALAWI's government aims to increase network access for internet usage to 80 percent of the population from the current level of 14 percent, and device ownership from 51 percent to 80 percent by 2026.

This is according to the Malawi Digital Economy strategy (2021-2026), prepared by the National Planning Commission (NPC).

Authorities said access to affordable internet will enable the country to protect the environment while achieving urbanisation and industrialisation in line with Malawi 2063 agenda.

Affordability is said to be the biggest barrier to the uptake of mobile services,

with the cost of devices prohibitively expensive especially for rural residents. The Malawi Communications Regulatory Authority (MACRA) claims about 14% of Malawians use the internet.

The government intends to phase out the 10 percent excise duty on data and text package purchases, as well as the 3.5 percent imposed by MACRA on the turnover of ICT service providers.

Authorities confirmed that by removing taxes and excise duties, device costs will be lowered by 22.5 percent this year and 15 percent in the coming year.

It also wants to establish a special purpose vehicle to build a backbone from Nacara in Mozambique to Lilongwe in Malawi, and purchase the Electricity Supply Corporation of Malawi's (Eskom)

domestic fibre.

Commenting on the strategy, Consumer Association of Malawi (CAMA) executive director John Kapito was quoted by the local Malawi Nations newspaper saying, "We were previously sold a similar strategy but it never materialised.

Time has come for our politicians to stop playing politics on crucial economic and social projects. We need to think beyond the five-year term of office and make such policies a reality."

Last year, civil society organisations expressed concern over the 17.5 percent VAT on mobile phones, 16.5 percent on internet services and an additional 10 percent excise duty on text messages and internet data transfers introduced in 2015.

Taxpayers risk Sh1.2trn burden from government court fights

NAIROBI

TAXPAYERS risk paying up to Sh1.2 trillion as compensation for contract breaches, unlawful dismissals, human rights violations and other court disputes, highlighting the heavy price of unlawful decisions by government officials.

The claims from ongoing litigation in local and international courts have increased 48.2 percent from Sh809 billion potential liability exposure at the end of May 2019.

The exposure adds to the Sh150 billion that has been awarded against the government but is yet to be paid out, Parliament's Budget and Appropriation Committee revealed last week.

"These range from awards to victims of torture as well as business litigations against the State," says the committee. The State department for livestock awarded by the courts.

Legal awards against the State highlight the heavy price taxpayers pay for unlawful decisions by officials. The Parliamentary committee did not provide a detailed breakdown on the amounts owed to individuals, local or international firms.

The Sh1.2 trillion is equivalent to 75 percent of the Sh1.6 trillion that the Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA) collected in taxes and 40 percent of the country's total budget of Sh3 trillion.

The committee said that the office of the Attorney General and department of justice is "significantly underfunded", weakening the ability of the State to assemble a strong legal team to successfully handle the law suits.

Kenya had last year engaged 700 lawyers from the State Law Office to battle a huge backlog of such cases in local and international courts. The government has also been sued by former public servants for wrongful dismissal, resulting in payments of millions of shillings in costs. Other suits are the product of fallouts over business deals.

Attorney General Paul Kihara last year asked ministries, departments and agencies (MDAs) to carefully negotiate and

vet contracts before signing to minimise lawsuits.

"To reduce exposure of MDAs to financial risk in contracts, all contracts should be negotiated and vetted to reduce instances that result in breach of contracts on the side of government," Kihara said.

He called for penalties against top government officials found to have made unlawful decisions that led to the huge payouts. Some of the awards against the State have stemmed from unlawful arrests and reckless shootings by the police.

In 2019, the Treasury released Sh888 million to compensate survivors of State torture and cruelty.

The funds were released between June and December 2019 to cover for 52 cases of survivors who had successfully sued for compensation over inhumane treatment decades back.

The government is also spending huge sums of money contracting foreign lawyers to represent the country in international courts.

For example, reports by the AG's office showed that in the 2017/18 and 2018/19 fiscal years, Kenya spent Sh9.22 million and Sh210.2 million respectively on legal fees on international cases.

More than 400 Kenyans, including lawyers, politicians, journalists, former university lecturers, former student leaders, police officers and military officers, have gone to court and successfully argued that they were tortured by State officials during the Daniel Moi presidency.

Among prominent people waiting for compensation from the government is the family of Kenya's first African mayor and second liberation hero Charles Rubia, who died last year.

He was awarded Sh26 million last year for being arrested twice and illegally confined during the Moi era.

The family of former Cabinet minister Kenneth Matiba is also seeking more than Sh1.5 billion that the multi-party hero was awarded for torture during the same era. The award was initially Sh978 million but interest has been accruing.



Attorney General Paul Kihara Kariuki

How to find success in SA's digital revolution

CAPE TOWN

TRAINING and the development of 4IR skill sets will be central to successful digital transformation in business. These skills are essential to ensuring that companies remain relevant and competitive within the unfolding digital revolution.

This is according to a recent virtual panel discussion involving Professor Josef Langerman - Transformation Specialist at Standard Bank Group; Dion Harvey - Regional GM at Red Hat SSA; Steve Briggs - Chief Commercial Officer at SEACOM; as well as Arthur Wade Anderson - Chief Commercial Officer at Forge Academy.

The panel considered how 4IR creates opportunities to harness converging technologies for an all-inclusive future. Panelists focused on 'being future-fit' - in other words, transforming organisations and businesses but transforming them for the right purpose.

"Transformation for the sense of financial gain or cost savings, I think, misses the opportunity. And yes, COVID, has been the catalyst for a rethink of how we do things, how we work with our staff, how we work with our customers.... But for me, future fit is an introspective moment and a transitional journey about change that embraces aspects of how we work, how we lead, how we put our customers back in the centre of what it is that we are and why we exist," said

Harvey.

Professor Langerman said from the Bank's point of view, the most important thing is customer experience. "They want a seamless experience, so for us as a bank, future fit means firstly to have this integrated user experience, to know who you are and take you on a journey seamlessly, and the bank's silos and the bank's complexity is hidden to you. You also need to get operational efficiency, you need to take this myriad of systems you have, silos across the organisation, and consolidate those to have a 'operational backbone', something you can build on that is lean, mean."

Anderson said the Academy is collaborating with industry partners in retail (VR tech in malls) agriculture (telemetry, IOT to start talking to remote spaces and entrench lucrative farming practices) and manufacturing (tapping into R&D and expertise), as well as smart city development.

Anderson acknowledged that while there has been some progress in technology development and application, there were still areas that needed attention - and getting people involved in these areas remained a challenge.

"Our entire mission is to make sure that young people that are graduating from our universities and from high school can contribute in a meaningful way to some of the innovation that needs to happen here."

VIEW FROM THE TOP

WORLD

Meghan accuses UK royals of racism, says 'didn't want to be alive'

LONDON

MEGHAN, the wife of Prince Harry, accused Britain's royal family of raising concerns about how dark their son's skin might be and pushing her to the brink of suicide, in a tell-all television interview that will send shockwaves through the monarchy.

The 39-year-old, whose mother is Black and father is white, said she had been naive before she married into royalty in 2018, but that she ended up having suicidal thoughts and considering self harm after pleading for help but getting none.

Meghan said that her son Archie, now aged one, had been denied the title of prince because there were concerns within the royal family about "about how dark his skin might be when he's born".

"That was relayed to me from Harry, those were conversations that family had with him," Meghan recounted in an interview with Oprah Winfrey aired on CBS late on Sunday.

Meghan declined to say who had aired such concerns, as did Harry. He said his family had cut them off financially and that his father Prince Charles, heir to the British throne, had let him down and refused to take his calls at one point.

Buckingham Palace was not expected to give an immediate response to the interview, which aired in the early hours of Monday morning in Britain.

The two-hour broadcast was the most anticipated royal interview since Harry's late mother Princess Diana shared intimate details of her failed marriage to

Charles in 1995, denting the heir's reputation and the family's standing in the eyes of the British public.

Nearly three years since her star-studded wedding in Windsor Castle, Meghan described some unidentified members of the royal household as brutal, mendacious and guilty of racist remarks.

She also accused Kate, the wife of her husband's elder brother Prince William, of making her cry before her wedding.

While the family came in for open criticism, neither Harry nor Meghan attacked Queen Elizabeth directly.

Still, Meghan said she had been silenced by "the Firm" - which Elizabeth heads - and that her pleas for help while in distress at racist reporting and her predicament had fallen on deaf ears.

"I just didn't want to be alive any more. And that was a very clear and real and frightening constant thought. And I remember how he (Harry) just cradled me," Meghan said, wiping away tears.

'REALLY LET DOWN'

Harry and Meghan's announcement in January, 2020, that they intended to step down from their royal roles plunged the family into crisis. Last month, Buckingham Palace confirmed the split would be permanent, as the couple looks to forge an independent life in the United States.

Harry, 36, said they had stepped back from royal duties because of a lack of understanding, and he was worried about history repeating itself - a reference to the death of his mother Diana who was killed in a 1997 crash as her car sped away from



Britain's Prince Harry and Meghan, Duchess of Sussex, are interviewed by Oprah Winfrey in this undated handout photo. File Photo

chasing photographers.

Asked what his mother would say about events, he answered: "I think she would feel very angry with how this has panned out and very sad." He felt "really let down" by his father.

Harry denied blindsiding Queen Elizabeth, his grandmother, with his decision to shun life within the monarchy, but said Prince Charles stopped taking his calls at one point.

"I had three conversations with my grandmother, and two conversations with my father before he stopped taking my calls. And then he said, can you put this all in writing?"

Detractors say the couple, whose official title is the Duke and Duchess of Sussex, wanted the limelight, but were not willing to live with the attention it brought.

To supporters, their treatment shows how an outdated British institution lashed out against a modern, independent biracial woman.

"I know first-hand the sexism and racism institutions and the media use to vilify women and people of color to minimize us, to break us down and to demonize us," Serena Williams, one of the world's most successful tennis players and friend of Meghan's, said on Twitter.

LIES AND TEARS

There have also been allegations of bullying against Meghan which appeared in The Times newspaper in the buildup to the couple's appearance.

Buckingham Palace said it would investigate the claims, adding it was "very concerned".

Meghan told Winfrey that people within the royal institution not only failed to protect her against malicious claims but lied to protect others.

"It was only once we were married and everything started to really worsen that I came to understand that not only was I not being protected but that they were willing to lie to protect other members of the family," Meghan said.

Meghan denied a newspaper story that she had made Kate, Duchess of Cambridge, cry before the wedding and said it was a turning point in her relations with the media and the palace.

"The reverse happened," Meghan said. "A few days before the wedding she (Kate) was upset about something, pertaining to yes the issue was correct about the flower girl dresses, and it made me cry. And it really hurt my feelings."

Meghan, who said they were not paid for the interview, conceded she had not realised what she was marrying into when she joined the British monarchy and "went into it naively".

The couple also revealed that Meghan, who is pregnant with their second child, was expecting a girl.

Harry said Meghan had "saved" him from his trapped royal life. "I would disagree, I think he saved all of us. You made a decision that certainly saved my life," Meghan said.

Agencies

Two protesters killed in Myanmar, shops and factories closed

WASHINGTON

TWO protesters were killed by gunshot wounds to the head in Myanmar on Monday, witnesses said, while shops, factories and banks were closed in the main city Yangon as part of the uprising against the country's military rulers.

Photos posted on Facebook showed the bodies of two men lying on the street in the northern town of Myitkyina. Witnesses said they were taking part in a protest when police fired stun grenades and tear gas. Several people were then hit by gunfire from buildings nearby.

One witness, who said he helped move the bodies, told Reuters two people were shot in the head and died on the spot. Three people were injured.

"How inhumane to kill unarmed civilians," said the witness, a 20-year-old man. "We must have our right to protest peacefully." It was not immediately clear who fired on the protesters although both police and the military were at the protest, the witnesses said.

Police and military have killed more than 50 people to quell daily demonstrations and strikes against the Feb. 1 coup, according to the United Nations last week.

Crowds demonstrating against the coup gathered in Yangon as well as the second-biggest city, Mandalay and several other towns, according to videos posted on Facebook. Protesters in Dawei, a coastal town in the south, were protected by the Karen National Union, an ethnic armed group engaged a long-running war with the military. Protesters waved flags fashioned from htamain (women's sarongs) in some places or hung them up on lines across the street to mark International Women's Day while denouncing the junta. Walking beneath women's sarongs is traditionally considered bad luck for men and tends to slow down police and soldiers.

State media said security forces were keeping a presence at hospitals and universities as part of efforts to enforce the law.

At least nine unions covering sectors including construction, agriculture and manufacturing have called on "all Myanmar people" to stop work to reverse the coup and restore Aung San Suu Kyi's elected government.

Agencies

WHO chief says appreciates Russia's investment in science

GENEVA

DIRECTOR General of the World Health Organization (WHO) Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus has hailed Russia's investment in science.

"I had a constructive call with Mihail Murashko, Russia's Health Minister, about the COVID19 response globally & in Russia, as well as about the Sputnik V vaccine & the WHO Emergency Use Listing process for vaccines. I appreciate Russia's investment in science," he wrote on his Twitter account on Sunday.

The press service of the Russian health ministry said on Saturday after a video call between the minister and the WHO chief that the sides "touched upon the ways to counteract the spread of novel coronavirus, including vaccination of the population, to improve public health and to increase accessibility of medical care."

The Russian health minister also informed the WHO director general about the vaccination campaign in Russia. "To date, millions of citizens have had the Sputnik V vaccine," the press service quoted Murashko as saying.

Agencies



Xi calls on nation to improve people's well-being

BEIJING

PRESIDENT Xi Jinping has stressed the need to resolutely stick to the high-quality development path and called on the whole nation to make consistent efforts to improve people's well-being.

Xi, who is also general secretary of the Communist Party of China Central Committee and chairman of the Central Military Commission, made the remark on Sunday when taking part in discussions with lawmakers from Qinghai province at the fourth session of the 13th National People's Congress, China's top legislature.

During the discussions, six lawmakers delivered speeches on topics such as poverty relief, environmental protection and social governance. Xi listened to and interacted with them.

He said it is a priority for the whole Party and country to implement the new development philosophy and build the new development paradigm based on the requirements of the new development stage in order to promote high-quality growth.

Pursuing the high-quality

development path calls for upholding the people-centered development philosophy and sticking to innovative, coordinated, green, open and shared growth, Xi said.

He said high-quality development remains the theme for China's social and economic growth in the 14th Five-Year Plan (2021-25) period and beyond, and it matters to the overall situation of the country's socialist modernization drive.

High-quality development is not only related to economics, but covers all aspects of socioeconomic development, he added, urging all regions to pursue a high-quality growth path based on their actual conditions.

Speaking of the development of Qinghai, Xi expressed hope that the province will make new achievements in protecting the ecological system of the Qinghai-Tibet Plateau and securing sustainable development.

He asked the province to take advantage of its resources, implement an innovation-driven development strategy and develop a green, low-carbon and recycling economy as well as a



President Xi Jinping (center), who is also general secretary of the Communist Party of China Central Committee and chairman of the Central Military Commission, takes part in discussions with lawmakers from Qinghai province at the fourth session of the 13th NPC in Beijing on Sunday. (XINHUA)

modern economic system with local characteristics.

As Qinghai is home to Sanjiangyuan which means the "source of three rivers", in reference to the Yangtze, Yellow and Lancang rivers it is important for the country's ecological security. Xi asked the province to fulfill the mission of safeguarding ecological security and

make environmental conservation the first priority for its development.

He urged officials to keep people's fundamental interests in mind and take firm actions to enhance people's well-being. Efforts should be made to synergize high-quality growth with concrete steps to satisfy people's demand for a better life,

he added.

Xi underlined the need to advance coordinated development between urban and rural areas. He also called for efforts to fully carry out the rural vitalization strategy, improve people's living conditions and build the new socialist countryside.

Xinhua

China continues enhancing efforts to ensure housing security and supply

A total of 23 million houses have been renovated in China's rundown urban areas in the past five years, which offered secured dwellings for more than 50 million residents.

To meet the housing needs of all Chinese, China is making efforts to ensure housing security and supply through multiple channels, including leasing, sale, renovation and subsidization.

More and more residents covered in China's efforts to ensure housing security and supply

"The community just organized Spring Festival activities, and it felt great to spend the holiday here," said Wu Qiong, who works for a company in Suzhou, east China's

Jiangsu province, and lives in a local residential community that was listed as a pilot program of policy-regulated rental housing in 2020 after renovation.

"Our apartment is shared by four people, and it's not far from where I work," Wu told the People's Daily, adding that the rent is lower than that of other apartments of similar conditions in the same area, and the community is surrounded by many restaurants, as well as entertainment and sports facilities. "We as young people have a strong sense of belonging," Wu said.

Public rental houses have played a vital role in China's housing security and supply efforts for urban

residents, and both physical housing and the allocation of housing subsidies have been offered. By the end of 2020, more than 38 million poor residents moved into public rental houses and a total of 22 million poor residents received housing subsidies.

All households living on minimum allowances and with low income were offered assistance, and the housing conditions of medium-to-low-income families were significantly improved.

In addition, the coverage of China's indemnificatory housing policies gradually expanded from urban households to new citizens, the young generation and public

service personnel.

China's housing security and supply efforts benefiting more and more residents

Eight old residential complexes in Fengdong New Town, Xi'an, northwest China's Shaanxi Province, were recently renovated. Electric cables that used to hang in the air are now buried underground, and the outer walls of buildings are newly painted. Besides, new parking spaces have been built.

"We visited more than 3,000 households and adopted over 300 suggestions. We even adjusted the power line renovation plan for over 20 times," said Liang Yunlong, manager of the housing renovation proj-

ect. The project kicked off last June, and all 82 residential buildings have now been renovated, offering a more beautiful living environment for nearly 5,000 families.

In 2019, the renovation of old urban residential communities was included in the affordable housing project. In the last two years, China's central government allocated more than 140 billion yuan (\$21.65 billion) to renovate 58,000 old urban residential communities across the country, benefiting nearly 10.43 million households.

Living conditions in both rural and urban areas improved

"There were cracks on the walls from which the rain seeped in,"

said Cui Xiuying, a 74-year-old resident in Xiaoxu village, Dongying, east China's Shandong province, pointing to the pictures of her old house on her mobile phone. The senior woman has been living alone for years, and her house gradually turned dilapidated due to lack of renovation.

In the past five years, Dongying adopted flexible measures and advanced the progress of renovation for dilapidated houses in rural areas. Thanks to these measures, Cui's new house was built soon. "There are also volunteers visiting me to offer psychological counseling and even haircutting services," she told the People's Daily. **People's Daily**

Agencies

Venezuelan President says he feels well after vaccination with Sputnik V

BUENOS AIRES



PRESIDENT of Venezuela Nicolas Maduro says on Sunday he had no serious side effects after the vaccination with the Russian coronavirus vaccine Sputnik V and he feels well now.

"I was all right. There can be some side effects normally after any vaccine: temperature or some weakness. Some people have more of them, the other ones less. I had only minor drowsiness during the first day," Maduro said in his address broadcast on Twitter.

"Now I feel myself absolutely well," Maduro added. I can now "speak Russian fluently," he said jokingly. The second vaccine dose will be administered on March 26, the President added.

On March 6, Maduro tweeted that his spouse and he were vaccinated with the Sputnik V. **Agencies**

Uganda receives second batch of AstraZeneca vaccines

KAMPALA

UGANDA on Sunday received a second batch of 100,000 doses of the AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine from India.

Ruth Aceng, minister of health, received the vaccines at the Entebbe International Airport, 40 km south of the capital Kampala, according to a ministry tweet. The country on Friday received the initial batch of 864,000 AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccines through the COVAX facility.

According to the Ministry of Health, the country's vaccination program will be officially launched on Monday, and rolled out countrywide on Wednesday.

The ministry said the doses will be used to vaccinate persons that provide essential services and are high risk of exposure, including elderly people, health workers, teachers and soldiers.

"This is just the beginning of our journey to vaccinate an estimated 22 million against COVID-19. We shall continue to encourage every Ugandan to patiently wait for their turn to receive this vaccine," Aceng said on Friday when receiving the first batch.

Uganda requires at least 45 million doses of COVID-19 vaccines to vaccinate the 45 million people in the country and extra doses to cater to the refugee population, according to the Ministry of Health. China has donated some 300,000 doses of Sinopharm COVID-19 vaccines to Uganda, and the ministry is working on technical processes for receiving it.

As of Friday, Uganda had registered 40,464 cumulative confirmed cases of COVID-19, 15,065 recoveries and 334 deaths since the first case was reported on March 22, 2020, according to the ministry. **Xinhua**

Swiss agree to outlaw facial coverings in 'burqa ban' vote

ZURICH



A FAR-RIGHT proposal to ban facial coverings in Switzerland won a narrow victory in a binding referendum on Sunday instigated by the same group that organised a 2009 ban on new minarets.

The measure to amend the Swiss constitution passed by a 51.2-48.8 percent margin, provisional official results showed.

The proposal under the Swiss system of direct democracy does not mention Islam directly and also aims to stop violent street protesters from wearing masks, yet local politicians, media and campaigners have dubbed it the burqa ban.

"In Switzerland, our tradition is that you show your face. That is a sign of our basic freedoms," Walter Wobmann, chairman of the referendum committee and a member of parliament for the Swiss People's Party, had said before the vote.

Facial covering is "a symbol for this extreme, political Islam which has become increasingly prominent in Europe and which has no place in Switzerland," he said.

Muslim groups condemned the vote and said they would challenge it.

"Today's decision opens old wounds, further expands the principle of legal inequality, and sends a clear signal of exclusion to the Muslim minority," the Central Council of Muslims in Switzerland said.

It promised legal challenges to laws implementing the ban and a fundraising drive to help women who are fined.

"Anchoring dress codes in the constitution is not a liberation struggle for women but a step back into the past," the Federation of Islamic Organisations in Switzerland said, adding Swiss values of neutrality, tolerance and peacemaking had suffered in the debate.

France banned wearing a full face veil in public in 2011 and Denmark, Austria, the Netherlands and Bulgaria have full or partial bans on wearing face coverings in public.

Two Swiss cantons already have local bans on face coverings, although almost no one in Switzerland wears a burqa and only around 30 women wear the niqab, the University of Lucerne estimates. Muslims make up 5 percent of the Swiss population of 8.6 million people, most with roots in Turkey, Bosnia and Kosovo.

The government had urged people to vote against a ban. **Agencies**

Why 'patriots governing Hong Kong' makes perfect sense

BEIJING

A DRAFT decision submitted to China's top legislature on improving the electoral system of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) has come under global spotlight.

Despite some Western countries' familiar clamoring citing so-called "democracy" and "freedom," Beijing's action to improve Hong Kong's electoral system has won extensive support from those who truly care about Hong Kong's stability and development.

It is legitimate, reasonable and necessary for the National People's Congress, the highest organ of state power in China, to make a decision at the constitutional level to improve Hong Kong's electoral system.

It is a common practice across the world for central governments to play a leading role in revising their electoral laws. For example, the U.S. House of Representatives on Wednesday passed an election reform bill, which requires U.S. states to set up independent redistricting commissions, among other mandates. In France, it is up to the National Assembly to stipulate the rules for local parliamentary elections.

Hong Kong is an integral part of China and revising the electoral system there is China's internal affairs. Pointing fingers over the issue runs counter to the principle of international law and the basic norms governing international relations.

It is widely recognized by the world community that a country should be governed by those who love and are loyal to it.

In the United States, students pledging allegiance to the national flag and immigrants who wish to become U.S. citizens chanting the oath of allegiance is decades-old tradition, and the oath of public offices also un-



Citizens wearing face masks take a walk at a park in south China's Hong Kong yesterday. (Xinhua)

equivocally involves loyalty to the state.

No country in the world, including the United States, will allow its lawmakers and officials to betray the state or split the national territory. However, when it comes to China, some Western countries only adeptly use a different set of standards.

For a long time, aided by their agents in Hong Kong, Western forces have been exploiting the city for their own political interests, flagrantly interfering

in China's domestic affairs.

By collaborating with external Western force, the anti-China and destabilizing forces in Hong Kong have taken advantage of longstanding loopholes in the existing electoral system to try to disrupt the governance of the HKSAR government.

Improving Hong Kong's electoral system and ensuring that the city is administered by patriots are imperative to safeguarding China's sovereignty, na-

tional security and interests, and to making sure "one country, two systems" is well implemented. China's measures to maintain the city's prosperity and stability in the long run has gained increasing support from the international community.

Belarus on Friday delivered a speech on behalf of 70 countries at the ongoing 46th session of the United Nations Human Rights Council, where it called on relevant countries to respect China's sovereignty and quit interfering in its internal affairs, including those of Hong Kong. Furthermore, over 20 countries have voiced their support to China during the UN event.

China's domestic affairs leave no room for foreign interference. With China's unwavering determination to safeguard its sovereignty and security, Hong Kong's long-term stability and development will be well guaranteed. **Xinhua**

New female leaders in int'l trade inspire women to enter the game

GENEVA

ONE week into her new job as the seventh director-general of the World Trade Organization (WTO), Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala's appointment as head of the 26-year-old global trade body remains historic, especially for women worldwide who aspire to leave a positive mark on global trade history.

In an unprecedented leadership reshuffle, international trade is now spearheaded by three women from three different continents, as all of Geneva's top trade organizations -- the WTO, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) and the International Trade Center (ITC) -- have become female-led over the past couple of months.

On Feb. 15, the WTO agreed by consensus to appoint Nigeria's Okonjo-Iweala as its seventh director-general. The next day, Isabelle Durant of Belgium assumed her role as deputy secretary-general of the UNCTAD, a permanent body of the UN since 1964.

Both women since then have joined a league of glass ceiling breakers in international trade organizations, after Pamela Coke-Hamilton, a Jamaican woman, began to serve as the ITC's executive director in October.

"It is definitely a moment to reflect on how far we've come but still how much further we have to go," Coke-Hamilton told Xinhua in a recent interview. "When we think about our shared goals to overcome gender bias, break glass ceilings and reach gender parity within the international trade space and beyond, this moment is significant," she added.

"This sends a signal to all women and girls around the world, especially women of color and women from developing countries, that it is possible.



This combo picture shows Pamela Coke-Hamilton (L), executive director of the International Trade Centre; Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala (M), director-general of the World Trade Organization and Isabelle Durant (R), acting secretary-general of UNCTAD. (Xinhua)

It also sends a signal to what has traditionally been a male dominated arena, that if we want inclusive trade we must be inclusive in how and who negotiates it," she said.

Durant, a former vice prime minister and senator of Belgium as well as vice president of the European Parliament, has been a keen contributor to making international trade more inclusive and greener, and been an advocate for gender equality. In a recent interview with Xinhua, she pledged to join forces with the other two chiefs.

"The new constellation sends a strong signal regarding the capacity to break the glass ceiling and to show that three women can manage important organizations.

But it's not enough," she said. "Frank-

ly, I hope that in the future it will not be perceived as abnormal. It has to become totally normal, and I hope that in the next generation this will be the case," noted the leader of UNCTAD.

"Thank you to my sisters Christine Lagarde, Kristalina Georgieva for your kind messages and support. Great to be in your company, Janet Yellen, Chrystia Freeland, Odile Renaud-Basso, among other wonderful women in finance," the 66-year-old Okonjo-Iweala tweeted two days after her appointment.

But when it comes to performance and getting the job done, such accolades as gender could hardly help score brownie points.

"Women leaders generally face higher expectations for qualification and face more barriers in their careers moving

up the executive chain," Nicole Bivens Collinson, president of international trade and government relations at Sandler, Travis & Rosenberg, a trade law firm, told Xinhua.

The trio's leadership and skills will be under more strict scrutiny as global trade system is grappling with a myriad of challenges ranging from reform pressures to rising protectionism and a pandemic-induced recession.

In October 2020, the WTO forecast a 9.2-percent plunge in the volume of world merchandise trade for 2020, followed by a 7.2-percent rise this year.

At the same time, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) warned that renewed waves and new variants of the novel coronavirus would continue to weigh on the global economy.

"We are assuming leadership during a health crisis, climate crisis and the worst economic recession in decades," Coke-Hamilton said.

Her organization, the ITC, is a joint agency of the WTO and the UN that aims to foster inclusive and sustainable economic development.

"The WTO, UNCTAD and ITC face the collective challenge of charting a path forward for global recovery. It will take an 'all hands on deck' approach as we seek to ensure that trade and development gains are not wiped out by the COVID-19 pandemic," she said, noting that "dialogue is always the first port of call."

"I absolutely do feel an additional burden. I can't lie about that," Okonjo-Iweala told reporters during the first press conference in her new job.

"The bottom line is that if I want to really make Africa and women proud, I have to produce results. And that is where my mind is at now. How do we work together with members to get results," she added. **Xinhua**

China-Europe Railway Express brings more foreign products to inland China

FREIGHT trains along the China-Europe route continued to deliver a wide variety of goods and products from countries along the Belt and Road to their final destination in China during the Spring Festival, providing consumers with more choices during the country's most important traditional festival, Chinanews.com reported on Feb. 17.

In recent days, the freight trains have transported foreign commodities, including pure milk, chocolate, and cold-chain foods all the way to Zhengzhou, capital city of central China's Henan province.

Transporting these foreign products to China's market amid a worldwide pandemic is a difficult task. "We must strengthen epidemic control measures throughout the whole procedure, while keeping the products fresh," stated Li Ming, deputy stationmaster of Putian Station on the Zhengzhou section operated by China Railway Zhengzhou Bureau Group Co., Ltd.

He added that the station had intensified measures in epidemic prevention and control. Those who enter freight operation areas, including clients, stevedores and drivers must have their body temperatures checked beforehand, wear facial masks, and leave immediately when they finish.



A freight train leaves Zhengzhou, central China's Henan province, for Katowice, Poland, February 10, 2021. (File Photo)

The China-Europe Railway Express has played a more important role since the onset of the pandemic last year, which saw a total of 12,406 trips made between China and Europe, a figure exceeding 10,000 for the first time.

Last year, Zhengzhou - which serves as a central transport hub in the country - saw 1,126 trips along its section of the China-Europe Railway Express, a year-on-year increase of 13 percent. The total cargo value amounted to roughly \$4.3 bil-

lion, up by 27 percent, while the overall cargo weight grew by 31 percent to reach 721,100 tons.

According to Li, when combined with the land ports, the trains have brought a diverse variety of foreign imports to inland regions of China, while enabling products made in Henan Province, such as home appliances, daily necessities and local specialties, to seep into foreign markets, thus bringing China and Eurasia more closer together.

As a China-Europe rail freight assembly center in central China, Zhengzhou is shaping up to become a bridge between central China and Europe.

"Since the beginning of 2020, our company has transported more than 46,000 tons of goods via the China-Europe Railway Express, up by 60 percent year-on-year. More than 8,000 tons were medical supplies such as masks and protective suits," said Kong Weidong, general manager of the Zhengzhou branch of T.H.I. Group (Shanghai) Ltd., a freight and logistics enterprise.

He added that the signing of the China-EU Comprehensive Agreement on Investment will bring even more opportunities for bilateral trade, as well as even more choices for Chinese consumers. **People's Daily**



Former Yanga head coach, Cedric Kaze.

Coach Cedric Kaze bids Yanga farewell

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

A few hours after Yanga had parted ways with their Burundian head coach, Cedric Kaze, the gaffer broke his silence with heartfelt comments on the decision.

Kaze landed in Yanga in October last year, taking over from Zlatko Krmpotic who parted ways with the club before mid season.

After Yanga were forced to a 1-1 draw by Polisi Tanzania in a Premier League clash held in Arusha on Sunday, the former announced the removal of their entire technical bench.

Many soccer stakeholders sympathised with Yanga assistant coach, Nizar Khalfan, who served the club for less than a month.

Through his social network page, Kaze stated it was a great pleasure to work with Yanga within five months of joining them.

"I'm happy to have worked with you for five months, enjoying 18 league games, we have won 10, drawn seven, lost one, four Mapinduzi Cup competition matches and we emerged as champions in the event, I leave Yanga in first place in the league and I wish you all the best," he wrote.

"I'm happy that in these five months we have spent together, we have had fun and we have had a hard time but you and many people were not patient," he said.

He also stated apart from enjoying the Premier League's driver's seat, he and the rest of the outfit's technical bench have gone through the joy of giving the outfit the first trophy which they missed for three years in a row.

He stopped short of issuing more

comments on the move, stating: "I have received the same information, but for now please let me rest and we will talk later."

Yanga's spokesman, Antonio Nugaz, called on the side's members and fanatics to remain calm as the club's leadership continues to set up a new technical bench.

"Yanga fans should not complain, your club is still leading the league, those talking about their side's games in hand, shouldn't celebrate much because they haven't played those matches yet," he noted.

A statement issued by the club on Sunday stated that the side has parted ways with head coach Cedric Kaze who signed a two-year contract on October 16, 2020, his assistant Khalfan, goalkeepers coach Vladimir Niyonkuru and the club's security officer, Mussa Mahundi.

"Yanga thank them for their performance during their service to the club and we wish them all the best," the statement said.

Kaze has since led the team in 18 matches across all domestic tournaments. They have won 10, notched draw in seven and lost one.

The outfit's management urged members, fans to be calm as they make arrangements to get a new technical bench.

Since the start of the Premier League second round, Yanga have played away against Prisons and recorded 1-1 draw, they went on to settle for 1-1 draw with Mbeya City FC.

Kagera Sugar, later, held Yanga to 3-3 draw, the latter went on to edge Mtibwa Sugar 1-0 and then lost 2-1 to Coastal Union.

Women ought to regularly embrace fitness training-call

By Correspondent Renatha Msungu, Dodoma

TANZANIAN women have been urged to regularly engage in fitness training with the aim of embracing healthy lifestyle and fight non-communicable diseases.

Amina Feruzi, the Director of Non-governmental organization, Endless Success Foundation (ESF), issued the call in Dodoma last weekend when she graced a sports festival, which took place at Jamhuri Stadium.

The festival brought together women and various jogging outfits in the city.

The ESF organized the festival in cooperation with Catalyst for Community Transformation Organization (CFCTO) Company and Ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children.

Amina stated her organization sought to host the festival in an effort to motivate female entrepreneurs to regularly participate in fitness training and keep themselves fit.

"The festival geared towards motivating women, most of them are so busy, they are entrepreneurs, but we wish to see every woman live healthily," she disclosed.

"While we are heading to the Women Day's celebration, we have done this to remind women that this initiative will be taking place on regular basis," she stated.

"We should at least do this once a month, it as well should take place in the rest of the country," she added.

The CFCTO's Director, Elizabeth Kasilimila, disclosed training is part of cure, therefore, her firm sought to bring women and jogging outfits together and take part in fitness training.

Ama Kasangala, an official at the Ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children, requested Tanzanians to develop a culture of taking part in fitness exercises on regular basis.

Ama stated female food vendors are next week set to take part in the festival.

Tanzanians rule the roost at Kilimanjaro Marathon

By Correspondent Lloyd Elipokea

IT was a remarkably unprecedented achievement. For the first time in a fruitless, multi-year quest by Tanzanian marathoners to grab the choicest spoils on offer at the Kilimanjaro Marathon, Tanzanian runners this year flipped the script and claimed the major prizes up for grabs at the increasingly prominent Kilimanjaro Marathon.

Indeed, it had hitherto been the case that the Kilimanjaro Marathon had become a popular stomping ground for foreign athletes, who called the shots at the marathon and in so doing lorded it over Tanzanian runners who were customarily reduced to the thankless role of mere onlookers as foreign athletes ruled the roost at the Kilimanjaro Marathon for many a year.

However, this year pleasingly turned out to be markedly different.

Indeed, in the men's full marathon, which is the dreaded 42 kilometers race that is unquestionably not for the faint-hearted, a Tanzanian runner, Augustino Sulle, elatedly claimed the much-prized gold medal.

But this resolutely determined and admirable showing by Tanzanian runners hardly ends there.

For in the women's full marathon, a certain Tanzanian athlete, Jackline Sakilu, also emerged triumphantly as the gold medal-winner.

Nevertheless, in spite of the aforementioned herculean feats, there are still more laudable Tanzanian heroics to come.

Indeed, in what was a stunningly gobsmacking overall display by our compatriots, it was another Tanzanian Failuna Matanga who put the sumptuous icing on the cake by magnificently claiming the gold medal to boot.



This year's Kilimanjaro Premium Lager Marathon's men's category winner, Tanzanian Augustino Sulle, jubilates after finishing the 42km race, which took place in Moshi last month. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT JUMANNE JUMA

Wow! Indeed, this uncommon supremacy displayed by our athletes has immensely gladdened the hearts of countless Tanzanians, who for ages, (metaphorically speaking, of course) have been treated to re-run after re-run of the same-old nightmarish movie which seemingly perpetually used to end with foreign athletes claiming all the spoils up for grabs at the Kilimanjaro Marathon.

Fortunately, this year saw a radical overhauling of the established order at the Kilimanjaro Marathon.

Indeed, it is now hoped that this stellar and sterling showing by Tanzanian runners does not turn out to be a mere flash in the pan.

But, we can fret and agonize

over the future at another time. For now, it is wholly fitting for us to enjoyably bask in the luminous glory of the overall splendid display by Tanzanian marathoners at the Kilimanjaro Marathon this year.

Now, let us move on to an equally pleasing matter. Last weekend, our very own Simba SC earned a barren 0-0 draw with Sudanese heavyweights Al Merreikh.

True, a victory would offer greater cause for jollity among football devotees in the country.

Despite that, nothing in the least should be taken away from Simba SC's display against their Sudanese opponents as a loss would have proven to be markedly

more disappointing.

What the goalless draw means is that Simba SC are still sitting pretty atop the apex of their group's standings. Let us not forget, it should be noted again that Simba SC were hurled into a distinctly tricky group which consists of Egyptian juggernauts Al Ahly, AS Vita of the DR Congo and Al Merreikh of Sudan, who, as we have seen, are not a football side to be trifled with.

And, it bears emphasizing again that Simba SC have defeated AS Vita, Al Ahly and have now shared the spoils with Al Merreikh.

Thus, in my book, Simba SC continue to imperiously be on a roll in what was a particularly daunting group.

Simba SC duo set to miss Al Merreikh clash

By Correspondent Ismail Tano



Simba SC players, defender Paschal Wawa (L) and defensive midfielder Thadeo Lwanga, take part in training with their teammates in Sudan as their side was preparing to confront Al Merreikh in this season's CAF Champions League fixture, which took place in Khartoum last weekend. PHOTO: COURTESY OF SIMBA

SIMBA SC's two first team players, defender Paschal Wawa and defensive midfielder Thadeo Lwanga, will not be part of the squad for the CAF Champions League's tie against Al Merreikh of Sudan, to be played in Dar es Salaam on March 13.

The two players will miss out because they were shown two yellow cards in three first round matches their side took part in.

The Confederation of African Football (CAF) has ruled that any player with two yellow cards will not be able to play in the next match.

Due to the rule, Wawa and Lwanga will not be able to be part of Simba SC's squad that will play Al Merreikh in the tie, scheduled March 16.

Simba SC co-ordinator Abbas Selemani said Wawa and Lwanga received yellow cards in the match against Al Merreikh but the two previously had one yellow card apiece.

"Wawa and Lwanga will not be part of the squad in the coming fixture due to the challenge they have faced," he disclosed.

Simba SC head coach Didier Gomes said in the second match against Al Merreikh he would prepare the team in the right environment, quality and focus.

Gomes said the absence of some players will give him another way that will be an alternative and appropriate for them to play in the same patience and get better results.

"When we return home we will play one league match and after that we will look at how to prepare the team to have a better standard, we will play at home, our tactics will be different from what we showed abroad," he said.

"My players are fine, in the absence of one there is another who can be his replacement and we did as well as other sports," said Gomes.

Can Borussia Dortmund keep hold of Erling Braut Haaland?

BERLIN

BORUSSIA Dortmund do not expect "crazy things to happen" this summer despite a host of Europe's biggest clubs reported to be queuing up to try and sign striker Erling Braut Haaland.

The Norwegian became the first player to reach 10 Champions League goals in just seven games for a single club when he netted twice in Dortmund's 3-2 win at Sevilla in the last 16, first leg.

The German side, who host Sevilla on Tuesday in the return game, have often relied this season on the 20-year-old Haaland.

There is reportedly a release clause in his contract which applies from the summer of 2022 for around 105 million euros (\$125 million).

But Dortmund CEO Hans-Joachim Watzke told Sky this weekend he does not expect "crazy things to happen" in the transfer market after this season.

But if and when Haaland leaves, Dortmund stand to make at least five times the 20 million euros they paid Salzburg for his services in January 2020.

And Watzke did not rule out losing either Haaland or England winger Jadon Sancho if "extraordinary things happen".

Haaland has scored eight goals in just five Champions League appearances this season to take his career tally in the competition to 18 in 13 games for Dortmund and Salzburg.

He netted two early goals at Bayern Munich on Saturday before the club world champions fought back to claim a 4-2 win as Robert Lewandowski scored a hat-trick.

Despite coming off with a cut ankle at the Allianz Arena, Haaland is expected to be fit to face Sevilla.

His record of 29 goals in 28 games this season has unsurprisingly attracted the attention of Europe's top teams.

"Only a maximum of 10 clubs can afford to buy him and give him the platform he wants after his time in Dortmund," Haaland's agent Mino Raiola said recently.

Real Madrid and Chelsea are reportedly at the head of the queue, eager to buy Haaland out of his contract, which expires in June 2024.

- Benzema replacement? -

According to German magazine Sport Bild, Haaland admires Real, who are seeking a replacement for Karim Benzema, 33, whose contract expires next year, although the La Liga champions have long been linked with France star Kylian Mbappe.

Manchester City, owned by Sheikh Mansour, have the financial clout to sign Haaland, with their first-choice striker Sergio Aguero out of contract in June, and plagued by injuries this season.

A move to the Etihad Stadium would see the Leeds-born striker follow in the footsteps of his father Alf-Inge Haaland, who played for City from 2000-03.

Even Bayern have expressed interest in Haaland as a potential replacement for Lewandowski.

AFP

Without fans, South American clubs lose more at home

RIO DE JANEIRO

DIE-HARD football fans are convinced their singing, screaming, and cheers can lift their team to victory -- and they may be right, at least in South America, where home clubs are winning less with stadiums emptied by the pandemic.

AFP analyzed clubs' results across three first-division seasons in three of the most football-mad countries on Earth -- Brazil, Argentina and Uruguay -- and found their home performance declined when fans were barred from stadiums because of Covid-19.

In Brazil, a country that lives and breathes football, clubs won 202 times at home in 2018, with 110 draws and 68 losses. In 2019, they won 184 matches, with 98 draws and 98 losses.

In 2020, playing to empty stands in a season unlike any other, they won notably less: 171 times, with 108 draws and 101 losses.

Take Flamengo, who just won their second straight league title -- but not by dominating at home.

The "Rubro-Negro" play in the high temple of Brazilian football, Rio de Janeiro's Maracana stadium, where they won 32 points out of a possible 57 last season -- a ratio of 56 percent.

That was down from 77 percent in 2018 and 93 percent in 2019.

Coincidence? Edwin Herazo, the head of the Human Behavior Research Institute in Colombia, suspects not.

"It's likely that the absence of the psychological support or emotional reward of playing before an audience affects the motivational component of performance," he said.

In Argentina, where stands are often packed to crushing point with fans exuding raw, deafening passion, iconic stadiums such as Boca Juniors' Bombonera also seem to have lost some of their galvanizing power without fans.

In 2018, Superliga clubs won 44.4 percent of their home matches. In 2019, the figure was 43.4 percent. In 2020, it was 42.4 percent.

In Uruguay, where entire families often flock to the stadium together to cheer at the top of their lungs for Penarol or Nacional, clubs won 44.8 percent of their home matches during the regular season in 2019. In 2018, they won 39.9 percent of them.

AFP

Man United derby win shows how far they have to go

MANCHESTER, England

IN this wildest of Premier League seasons, another unexpected twist. Manchester United's 2-0 derby win extended their record unbeaten away in the Premier League ended Manchester City's winning streak, but Ole Gunnar Solskjaer's players will rue the 11-point gap that remains between themselves and Pep Guardiola's league leaders.

A second-minute Bruno Fernandes penalty, followed by Luke Shaw's goal five minutes into the second half, gave United victory in the 185th meeting between the two sides and no success in this fixture can be dismissed as insignificant. Indeed, snapping City's run of wins in all competitions at 21, as well as making it 22 in the league without defeat away from Old Trafford, adds more merit to United's display.

But while Solskjaer and his players will celebrate, the result will also serve as a reminder of what might have been this season and, going forward, underline the importance of giving the team a fighting chance of competing with City for an entire season, rather than merely over an isolated 90 minutes.

Because despite this



Bruno Fernandes has helped Ole Gunnar Solskjaer's side improve, but Man United need more. (Agencies)

defeat -- their fourth at home to United in the past six league campaigns -- City will cruise to the title this season. With 10 games to play, Guardiola's team will not surrender a double-digit point lead and allow United to become champions for the first time since 2013.

United were top of the table in mid-January, but have allowed City to take charge of the because of inconsistency that has led to dropped points against strugglers such as Sheffield United and West Brom, as well as failures to beat rivals in top six.

United's performance in this game was outstanding, with Solskjaer selecting the right team and tactics to win all three points, but it came four days after a dismal 0-0 draw

at Crystal Palace, which followed another grim stalemate at Chelsea.

But they are 12 points better off at this stage of the season than this time a year ago, so there are positives to counter-balance the negatives. Moreover, United's success in ending City's incredible run proves that Solskjaer has the club on the right track.

"We're a much better team than we were 12-18 months ago," Solskjaer said. "But they [Manchester City] are so far ahead that you can't really think about anything but making sure we win our games and be better than last year."

Earlier this week, following the release of the club's quarterly accounts, United executive vice-chairman Ed Woodward said that "the progress made by Ole

and the players this season is clear." Woodward is right, but this win at City brought his comments into sharp focus by showing what more must be done.

For all the progress, Woodward needs to urge United's owners, the Glazer family, to capitalise on the upward momentum by investing in the squad this summer to make the team competitive in every game next season and diminish the prospect of peaks and troughs that can undermine a title push.

From 1-1, they can beat any team -- City joined the likes of Paris Saint-Germain and RB Leipzig as victims of United at their best -- but the lack of depth and quality at Solskjaer's disposal has also led to defeats against those same three teams, as well as a

costly 2-1 loss at home to Sheffield United in January.

Woodward only needed to look at the respective substitute benches on Sunday to understand why City have been able to rotate players and remain fresh enough to win 21 on the bounce and, in doing so, move so far clear at the top.

The hosts had Sergio Aguero, Kyle Walker, Aymeric Laporte, Bernardo Silva, Ferran Torres, Benjamin Mendy, Fernandinho and Phil Foden to call upon. United, meanwhile, had Eric Bailly, Nemanja Matic and Alex Telles, plus four homegrown youngsters and Amad Diallo, the teenager who arrived from Atalanta in January.

On this day, the imbalance did not impact upon United, but the lack of depth over a season denies the chance to keep players fresh and vary options. Fernandes, Marcus Rashford and Harry Maguire have all made more than 40 appearances in all competitions -- Rashford limped away from this encounter with a suspected injury -- whereas nobody in City's squad has broken the 40-game mark.

The small details matter. Fatigue is a factor in United's poor recent re-

sults and so, if they are to challenge for the title next season, more quality is needed in all departments. For example, while five clean sheets in the last six games in all competitions is a sign of becoming a solid team defensively, a reliable goalscorer would be transformative.

Anthony Martial's second-half miss, when he shot straight at Ederon instead of making it 3-0, highlighted a lack of ruthlessness in the forward line. Martial, Rashford, Mason Greenwood and the injured Edinson Cavani have just 36 goals between them this season; if Erling Haaland, Harry Kane or Robert Lewandowski was in the squad, many of those draws and defeats could have been turned into victories.

But Solskjaer can only get the best out of what he has and, with United second in the table, he is doing that. Beating City is a big statement by this team, but now it is up to the Glazers to make sure the opportunity to build and strengthen is not wasted.

If they do step up, United can challenge City throughout next season. But without reinforcements, victories like this will ultimately count for nothing.

ESPN

Laporta elected Barcelona president for second time

BARCELONA

JOAN Laporta has been elected the new president of Barcelona, returning to the post he previously held from 2003 to 2010.

Barca members voted Laporta into power on Sunday ahead of rival candidates Victor Font and Toni Freixa. The club called the election on Sunday night, with Laporta winning with 30,184 votes and Font coming in second and Freixa third with 16,679 and 4,769 votes, respectively.

Barca said 51,765 out of 109,531 eligible members had voted in the election, which was postponed from January due to coronavirus restrictions in Catalonia. Among those to vote were first-team players Lionel Messi, Sergio Busquets and Jordi Alba, as well as the club's former coach and current Spain boss Luis Enrique.

"I want to thank all the members for coming out to vote what has been the most important election in the club's history due to [the effects of] the coronavirus pandemic, which has changed our lives," Laporta said in a brief speech.

"I want to thank the members that have supported our campaign. This has been a celebration of democracy and of Barcelona. I also want to pay special thanks to Johan Cruyff, who's no longer with us. I am sure he's helped us.

"Barcelona is a huge family, and we will overcome the difficulties together. We will achieve the objectives that we have set out."

Laporta, 58, takes over



FC Barcelona elects Joan Laporta as new club president. (Agencies)

at a critical moment in the club's history. Gross debt has risen to €1.2 billion during the coronavirus pandemic, with players forced to accept pay cuts, and star player Messi is out of contract in June and will walk away for free if new terms cannot be agreed.

Laporta said the fact that Messi voted on Sunday was "significant." "Today, 20 years ago, Messi made his debut for Barca's youth teams," he added. "To see the best player in the world, the player in the history of football, coming to vote, is a sign of what we have said throughout the campaign: that Messi loves Barca."

"The best player in the world loves Barca, and that is very significant. We're going to encourage him to continue with the club, which is what we all want."

Meanwhile, on the pitch, last season was Barca's first trophy-less campaign since 2008, and it ended with an 8-2 defeat to Bayern Munich in the Champions

League.

However, despite last month's 4-1 loss to Paris Saint-Germain in the first leg of their last-16 Champions League tie, there have been slow signs of recovery under coach Ronald Koeman.

Barca beat Sevilla last week to reach the final of the Copa del Rey, and a 16-game unbeaten run in La Liga has seen them close the gap on leaders Atletico Madrid to three points after the leaders drew 1-1 with Real on

Sunday. They travel to PSG for the second leg of their European tie on Wednesday.

The Catalan club have been without a president since October, when Josep Maria Bartomeu resigned from the role. Bartomeu's six-year mandate was due to end this year, but he opted to step down early rather than face a vote of no confidence from members.

Bartomeu was one of four people connected

to the club arrested last Monday for his role in the "Barcagate" social media scandal following allegations of misuse of funds and corruption. He was released on Tuesday and is awaiting a date to appear in court.

Bartomeu succeeded Sandro Rosell, who resigned in 2014 when a lawsuit alleged he had misappropriated funds in the signing of Neymar. During Bartomeu's mandate, Barca won three league titles, four Copas del Rey and one Champions League.

Rosell had been elected in 2010, replacing Laporta, who had held the role since 2003.

In his first spell as Barca president, Laporta turned the club around, helping them win their second and third Champions Leagues -- they've now won five in total but none since 2015 -- and overseeing the appointment of Pep Guardiola as coach and the explosion of Messi as a player.

His stint in charge, when he worked closely with Johan Cruyff and alongside Manchester City duo Ferran Soriano

and Txiki Begiristain, is also remembered for the signings of Ronaldinho, Deco and Samuel Eto'o. He was the president to put UNICEF on the front of Barca's shirts, too. He was unable to stand again in 2010, having served two mandates.

Throughout the electoral campaign, Laporta insisted that he was the best-placed of the three candidates to keep Messi at Camp Nou, and following his election win, he will be able to open talks with the forward over a new contract. Sources have told ESPN Laporta hopes to visit the players at the training ground on Monday and plans to sit down with Messi after the PSG game on Wednesday, although he hinted on Sunday he could call Messi's dad, Jorge, before then.

Laporta has also said that Koeman has his full backing and, despite the club's perilous financial position, his relationship with some of the game's super-agents could help him make big signings this summer.

(Agencies)

Gwiji by David Chikoko



Yanga now set to unveil interim coach

SPORT

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Yanga. PHOTO: COURTESY OF YANGA

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

AFTER parting ways with their head coach, Cedrick Kaze, Vodacom Premier League leaders Yanga are expected to unveil an interim coach to head the side, which is in search of a permanent coach.

Yanga on Sunday announced to have parted ways with the Burundian tactician hours after the outfit's 1-1 draw with Polisi Tanzania in a top flight clash, played at Sheikh Amri Abeid Stadium in Arusha.

Kaze was shown the exit door together with his technical panel which included his assistant Nizar Khalfan, physio Edem Mortotsi, goalkeepers' coach Vladimir Nyonkuru and the head of security Mussa Mahundi.

Sources at the club say the management and technical committee's members are expected to meet this week to unveil the coach who will train the team ahead of Premier League games and Azam Sports Federation Cup (ASFC).

A source, who did not want to be named as he is not the right person tasked with commenting on the matter, said the two committees, trustees and sponsors are expected to meet and name the interim coach and his assistants.

He said before the firing of Kaze, Yanga arranged to have a camp in Arusha where they would have played one international friendly tie and other friendly matches against local outfits.

But the friendly matches and camp

have been cancelled and the team are in Dar es Salaam.

"The aim is to have a coach who will keep the players fit, as you know the league is on recess, some of the players are with their respective national teams but the majority will be with the team, so the coming interim coach will be training the players who are with the team," he said.

Details from the club indicate that many people including some supporters have proposed former Kagera Sugar head coach, Mecky Mexime, to head the team in an acting capacity.

The arrangement is that once a permanent head coach has been identified, Mexime will be the assistant coach.

However, the source said no names have been proposed.

"It is very strange that people are coming up with names of coaches, at no point has the leadership discussed the names of person(s) to train the team, all I know is that the leaders and other stakeholders of the club will come up with the names and recommend them to relevant authorities," he said.

The outfit's vice-chairman, Fredrick Mwakalebela, could not answer his mobile phone after several attempts to get information from the official.

Yanga hired Kaze four and half months ago. He was regarded as the game changer at the Jangwani Street-based club.

Kaze is one of the well qualified coaches, but some football analysts were questioning the coach's experience.

The pundits stated Kaze is not a good coach to such result-oriented team like Yanga, but rather he is fit for developmental teams.

The tactician started his job well, helping the club end the Premier League's first phase with no defeat.

However things changed in the second phase as Yanga won only one game out of six Premier League games.

Yanga are still leading the domestic top flight table with 50 points from 23 games and their next league game will see them face Kinondoni Municipal Council (KMC) FC.

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Simba SC takes aim at Prisons

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

VODACOM Premier League (VPL)'s defending champions, Simba SC, say they are looking forward to their tomorrow's league game against Tanzania Prisons, which will take place at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam.

Simba SC's head coach, Didier Gomes, said the focus is on the VPL encounter against Prisons.

"We are back in Tanzania and now the focus is on our next game on Wednesday against Tanzania Prisons, of course time will not be enough for us to prepare for it but we will be ready on Wednesday," he said.

Simba returned to Tanzania on Sunday from Sudan where they played Al Merreikh in the CAF Champions League group stage tie in Khartoum, which ended in barren draw.

Gomes pointed out he will work on the problems which he saw in his side on the Saturday match.

"We made some mistakes in Sudan, but we will work on them before our Wednesday game," he said. During the Wednesday's top flight fixture, Gomes is expected to rest some of his players who played on Saturday in Sudan.

The tactician is set to feature the likes of Perfect Chikwende and Bernard Morrison who did not travel to Khartoum with their side for the CAF Champions League game.

The last time Prisons and Simba locked horns in the top flight, the latter conceded 1-0 loss to the former in the fixture which took place at Nelson Mandela Stadium in Rukwa.

Prisons forward Samson Mbangula netted Prisons' winner to effectively hand Simba the first loss in the VPL.

And Simba who are doing all they can to defend the VPL top honour will come flat out looking for a win on Wednesday.

Simba are positioned second in the VPL's standing with 45 points from 19 games while Prisons are placed 10th with 27 points from 21 games.

Ngorongoro Titans lift 2021 TCA Reliance T20 Super League title

by Guardian Reporter

ABHIK Patwa put stellar batting showing as Ngorongoro Titans lifted this season's Tanzania Cricket Association (TCA) Reliance Insurance T20 Super League's top honour with 25-run win over Tembo Warriors in the final, which took place at Dar es Salaam Gymkhana Club (DGC) oval on Sunday.

Ngorongoro Titans, who had enjoyed an impressive run right from the showpiece's round robin stage, went in to bat first in the final, notching 160 runs for six wickets in 20 overs.

Patwa, featuring as an opener, put his experience to use, recording 51 runs and clearing the boundary on nine occasions.

His impressive showing, to a great extent, played pivotal role in the team's ability to end their innings with the convincing score.

Fellow opener, Nasibu Kelvin Mapunda, who is equally an experienced batsman, lasted a few overs, ending with 17 runs which included two fours.

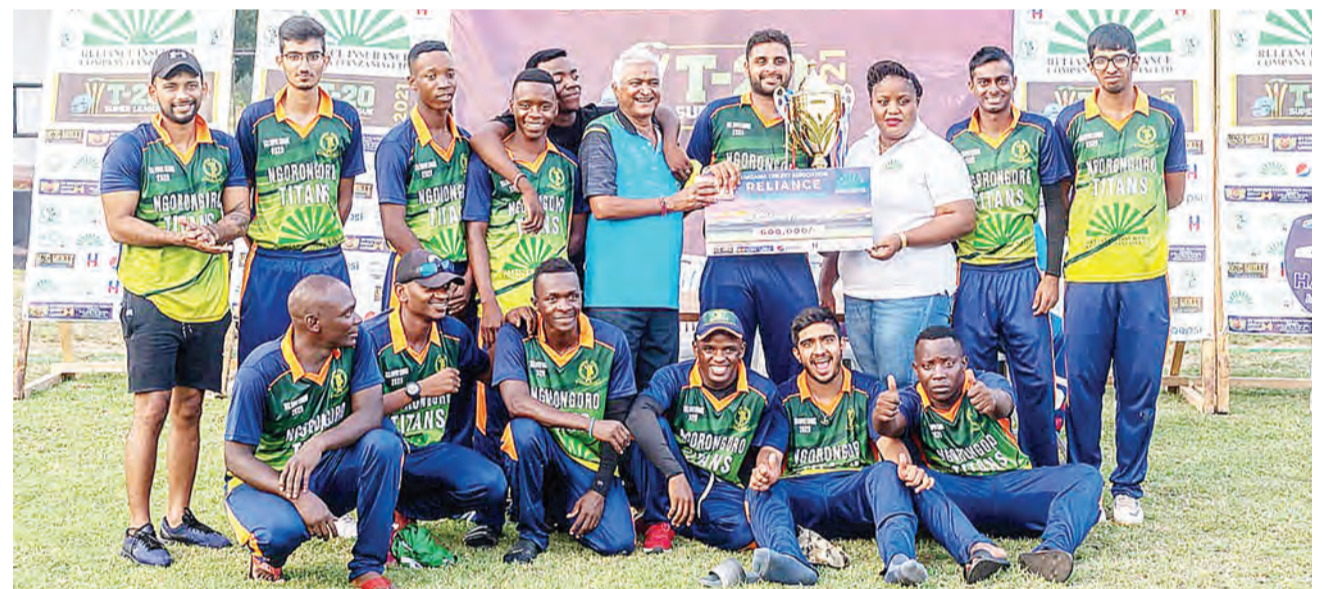
Mapunda's scintillating batting displays were instrumental in the side's progression to the final, as he catapulted them to victory over Kilimanjaro Aces in the last four's tie.

Harsheed Chohan, slotted in at number three, effectively pushed Ngorongoro Titans' total, recording 36 runs, which consisted of three fours.

Skipper Ashish Kamania, moreover, made his experience count, as he chipped in with 15 runs, which included two fours.

Youthful players, Arsalaan Premji and Aahil Jasani, also had a few good knocks, posting 13 runs and 11 runs respectively.

Goodluck Andrew and Tambwe



Ngorongoro Titans cricket team's players pose for a photo with Tanzania Cricket Association (TCA)'s Chairman, Premji Pindoria (stancing, C), and Reliance Insurance Company representative (3rd R), whose firm sponsored this season's TCA Reliance T20 Super League, shortly after the completion of the showpiece's final, which took place in Dar es Salaam last weekend. Ngorongoro Titans lifted the showpiece's top honour with 25-run win over Tembo Warriors. PHOTO: COURTESY OF TCA

Rashid closed the innings with bat in, with the former recording three runs not out.

Youthful performer, Alhaj Sadick, had an impressive showing in Tembo Warriors' turn with the, given he took three wickets.

He had a maiden over in his four-over stint, giving away 18 runs and ending with an economy rate of 4.50.

Needing 161 runs to come out with a win, Tembo Warriors found the going tough during their turn with the, given they ended with 135 runs all out in 18.3 overs.

They got off to an impressive start, as solid knocks put to show by openers Jatin Darji and Ivan Ismail saw to it they are in good position in the chase.

Ismail recorded 26 runs whilst Darji nailed 31 runs. They were later

pegged back with Issa Kikasi's early dismissal, with the experienced player ending with 17 runs.

Abdullah Jabiri saw to it Tembo Warriors have an upper hand in the chase for a few overs, notching 26 runs.

Captain Riziki Kizito to some extent boosted Tembo Warriors' score with his 18 runs.

Tembo Warriors' chase then waned, as their remaining performers could not live up to expectations, making their way back to the pavilion in quick succession.

Ngorongoro Titans' medium pacer, Kibwana Salum, played a crucial role in the squad's ability to frustrate Tembo Warriors' chase, ending with an impressive five-wicket haul.

Salum, an experienced all-rounder, gave away eight runs in his 2.3-over

spell and registered an economy rate of 3.20.

Experienced spinner Rashid had a good outing, taking two wickets for 32 runs in four overs.

Darji was voted as the showpiece's best player, whilst small was presented with the best batsman honour.

Youthful Mohamed Yunus received the showpiece's best bowler honour, Salum got the final's man of the match prize.

Reliance Insurance are main sponsors for the tournament, which was organized by the national cricket governing body in a bid to boost cricket promotion at the domestic level.

The showdown's co-sponsors are Sayona Drinks Ltd, Unity Computers, Sterling, Pepsi, Harab Motors and G1 Security.

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