



National Pg 2 CTI to support manufacturers



National Pg 3 'HIV epidemic is not over'



National Pg 4 Renovation of Dodoma city abattoir



LAUNCH

Page 5



Sinovac shots not recognised for Umrah visas, says minister

■ Zanzibar applies for Janssen jabs booster doses from Dar

By Correspondent James Kandoya

ZANZIBARIS intending to go for Umrah and Hajj pilgrimage will have to get vaccinated again as China's Sinovac vaccine rolled out in the Isles is not in the list of jabs accepted for an entry visa in Saudi Arabia.

Nassor Ahmed Mazrui, the Zanzibar minister for Health, Social Welfare, the Elderly, Gender and Children, said in an interview yesterday that those who took the Sinovac vaccine are now required to get Johnson & Johnson's Janssen jab if they are to get Saudi visas.

"It is true that our vaccine is not in list of vaccines approved by Saudi Arabia. All those who have already taken the China-sourced vaccine must take another vaccine to convince the Saudi authorities that their immune systems have been sufficiently boosted," he said.

The second jab was important to strengthen immunity and protection against the 'Delta' variant of SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus mutations, the minister explained.

"As a matter of fact, the government will at any cost order all recommended vaccines to enable people to get entry visas for hajj or other business," he stated.

Mazrui added that the government had taken initiatives including directing its pilgrimages to take the jab on Tanzania mainland so as to attend Umrah on time.

He said despite the fact that the 1,504,000 of Janssen (Johnson & Johnson) vaccines arrived one month ago on Tanzania mainland, Zanzibar is supposed to receive 4.5 percent.

"I have therefore written a letter to the Union minister responsible for the docket, Dr Dorothy Gwajima to get our shares," he affirmed.

He said an immune booster was vital and is also recommended by the World Health Organization (WHO) for those who took the jab, administered after eight months.

The Zanzibar government officially launched the COVID-19 vaccination campaign with a cabinet minister receiving the first jab on July 23.

"Vaccination in Zanzibar is now official. I am happy to be vaccinated against

POLLUTION

Page 6



Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa and Inspector General of Police Simon Sirro draw curtains at the weekend to launch the Singida Regional Police headquarters, accompanied by Singida Regional Police Commander Stella Mutabihirwa (L) and Singida regional commissioner Dr Binilith Mahenge. Photo: PMO

WATER

Page 7



'Take up directives, work professionally'

By Guardian Reporter

PRIME Minister Kassim Majaliwa yesterday tasked the police force to work on all the directives issued by President Samia Suluhu Hassan by adhering to their

professional ethics.

Inaugurating the 1.3bn/- operational buildings for the Singida region police headquarters and Field Force Unit, the premier urged the force to improve efficiency by scaling up operational

systems and working hand in hand with other agencies to avoid delays in investigating cases, and thus reduce congestion in prisons.

"The police force should strengthen the defense and security system at community level and create channels for identifying, reporting and taking precautionary measures against security and safety risks arising in those areas," he urged.

Police headquarters needs to continue

TURN TO PAGE 2

Strange cases of lawlessness scare Dar, southern Uganda

By Correspondent Michael Eneza

INCIDENTS of lawlessness that baffle the police force and leave residents scared, stranded and groping for answers are surfacing in parts of East Africa, recent events indicate.

Just as city residents were beginning to mentally recover from the shock of broad daylight warfare between a lone individual,

seemingly well trained in the handling of arms and not intent on causing large numbers of deaths as in usual terror incidents, strange things happen across the border in Uganda.

The concerned part of that country, the city or neighbourhood of Masaka in the southern part of the country is a familiar name for Tanzanians especially of upper middle age with vivid memories of the Uganda expedition by the defence forces in 1978-9.

Residents in that city are under a cloud of fear as unknown people rampage a number of houses at different moments, killing people with machetes and not stealing anything, reports over Deutsche Welle, the German international radio channel, affirmed.

The killings by machete over the past few days came in the wake of an attack on a former army chief, General Katumba Wamala, Uganda's minister for Works and Transport, in what police described as a "targeted drive

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

A FINAL report of the 2019/20 National Sample Census of Agriculture (NSCA) released by the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) shows that climate change is a major constraint in the agriculture sector.

Agriculture remains smallholder-based, dominated by crop productions, livestock rearing and fishing, with low productivity and increases in production chiefly from expansion of areas under cultivation, it affirms.

The report released here yesterday indicated that productivity in large scale farms is higher, and in some value chains it is twice the level of smallholder farmers.

The industrialization agenda in focus over the past few years hinges on agro-processing, cited as requiring special treatment, including special incentives to encourage processing of food and cash crops to minimize post-harvest losses while absorbing global price shocks, the report stakes out.

The effects of climate change seem to

Climate change woes rising in agro-sector

■ Maize dominates crop farming white 'cattle only' households sharply decline

It would also assist in improving agriculture through increasing productivity and promoting agro-processing for industrial development and improving farmers' livelihood

be a key challenge in the Mainland while high costs of inputs impinge framers on the Mainland compared to Zanzibar, it said, pointing out that rabid crop thefts and low access to land are major impediments.

Effects of climate change are projected to intensify, hampering crop cultivation and livestock rearing due to less predictable environments, thus eroding productivity and levels of crop production with more frequent incidence of crop failure, it stated.

Climate smart agriculture needs to be given the weight it deserves as

TURN TO PAGE 2



TURN TO PAGE 2

Sinovac shots not recognized for Umrah visas, says minister

FROM PAGE 1

COVID-19," said Mazrui at the time, emphasizing that the Sinovac vaccines are safe, having been approved by the WHO and are being administered in various countries around the world.

China's Sinopharm and Sinovac vaccines were approved earlier this year by WHO for emergency use, like other types of vaccines in the United States, Britain, Germany and Russia.

Recently, Saudi Arabia established several vaccine requirements that visitors must meet and obtain an entry visa for Hajj and Umrah in 2021, while by late last week there were 18 Covid-19 vaccines in use globally.

The vaccine approved when visiting Saudi Arabia are two doses of the Pfizer-BioNTech (Comirnaty), two doses of the Oxford-AstraZeneca (Vaxzevria), two doses of the Moderna (SpikeVax), or one dose of the Jansen (Johnson &

Johnson) vaccine.

Dr. Abdulfattah bin Sulaiman Mashat, the Saudi deputy minister for Hajj and Umrah said last week that Saudi Arabia was coordinating with other authorities around the world before the start of the Umrah season.

The idea is to set up executive liaisons and create a safe and accessible environment for the Umrah performers throughout their journey to achieve security, safety and health assurance.

The issuance of Hajj permits would facilitate the person to expeditiously take the second dose of vaccine against coronavirus infection, he stated.

"When the Hajj permit comes after completing all the procedures, the selected pilgrim, who has not completed the vaccination with two doses, will visit one of the coronavirus vaccines centers to receive the vaccine," the minister added.

'Take up directives, work professionally'

FROM PAGE 1

cooperating with foreign security establishments and international institutions like Interpol in tackling security threats and cross-border crimes, especially terrorism, cybercrime, money laundering, drug trafficking, human trafficking, poaching and dealing in counterfeit goods, he elaborated.

The premier expressed satisfaction with projects implemented over a short period and thus saving substantial amounts in public funds, promising that the government would continue to strengthen the infrastructure of defense and security forces.

"I congratulate the project managers for ensuring that it is implemented properly and reflecting the value for money spent, and its timely completion. We have been informed here that this project, implemented through the force account system, started on February 20 and was completed on July 15, at a cost of 1.3bn/- contrary to the 1.9bn/-

demanding earlier by the contractor," he remarked.

Completion of the two projects shall improve efficiency and security patrols and reinforce surveillance in various parts of the region, he stated, urging other public institutions with construction projects to emulate the Singida police projects.

"The construction of projects through the force account system, if properly managed as per existing laws, procedures and regulations provides positive results," the premier affirmed.

Khamis Hamza Chilo, the deputy minister for Home Affairs, said the ministry is steadfast in enforcing the law and is ready to ensure that all citizens and their property are safe. He reminded those who plan to commit crimes to think otherwise.

Inspector General Simon Sirro said the construction of the two office buildings has taken five months, with the two-storey building having 30 office rooms and two conferencing halls.



Deogratius Ndejemi, Deputy Minister of State in the President's Office (Public Service Management and Good Governance), pictured in Dar es Salaam yesterday opening apprenticeship training for CEOs co-organised by the Tanzania CEOs Roundtable and Strathmore University. The thrust is on ways to empower leaders of the future as well as the challenges involved. Strathmore University Business School is the Business School of Strathmore University. It is based in Nairobi and offers doctoral, masters and undergraduate programmes. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

CTI sets up special desk to support manufacturers

By Getrude Mbago

THE Confederation of Tanzania Industries (CTI) has established a special desk aimed to support manufacturers conduct intensive feasibility analysis of their projects before undertaking them thus assure their profitability and sustainability.

The help desk will use a special Computer Model Feasibility Analysis and Reporting (COMFAR) which has been supported by the United Nations Industrial Development Organisation (UNIDO)

Addressing journalists in Dar es Salaam yesterday executive director, Leodegar Tenga said the move will enable establishment of more projects that are bankable.

Tenga noted that global statistics shows that over 90 percent of newly established projects by enterprises die due to improper arrangements and feasibility analysis before commencement.

He said that COMFAR facilitates short and long-term analysis of financial and economic consequences for industrial and non-industrial projects.

"With the helpdesk, CTI will be conducting analysis of member's projects under support of UNIDO, specifically small and medium enterprises, training them and supporting them to achieve through the projects," he said.

He said COMFAR is a UNIDO flagship software designed to give output on the information about feasibility of any project thereby helping the business community to prepare bankable projects which will ultimately result in a sustainable manufacturing sector. The initiative emanates from the fact that both CTI and UNIDO concur on the importance of supporting ongoing national efforts of industrialization in the country," he said.

Tenga said that the help desk will be assisting manufacturers to determine the viability of their projects through application of the COMFAR III software.

"The will also be consulting and advising manufacturers towards creating bankable projects with the ultimate goal of increasing sustainability of the manufacturing sector in the country. It will also be providing linkage between local manufacturers especially SMEs with their fellow local and foreign counterparts, financial institutions and development partners," he explained.

He urged Tanzanians to take advantage of the opportunity for them to grow.

He added; "it is noteworthy that sensitive business information given by manufacturers will remain under custody of CTI. This information will only be given to interested parties with the consent of the owner, thereby guaranteeing safety."

Gerald Runyoro, deputy country representative of UNIDO said the programme has produced positive impacts in various countries so Tanzanian manufacturers are set to benefit heavily with it.

"Based on the fact that high-quality pre-investment advice leads to better projects, thus contributing to increasing local and foreign investments, UNIDO has equipped various public and private stakeholders with tools and methodologies for project appraisal and feasibility analysis so as to stimulate growth in the manufacturing sector," he said.

He said UNIDO has supported training to various mentors who are going to work closely with the manufacturers to support the initiative. "Between May 24 and June 2, this year UNIDO supported CTI to organize eight-day training on Industrial Project Preparation and Appraisal using UNIDO software so as to increase capacity," he said.

He said that UNIDO will actively support CTI in identification of investment opportunities in the promotion of the country's portfolio of bankable projects and in the mobilization of potential investor interest in the projects.

Jonathan John, senior business development officer at the Small Industries Development Organization (SIDO) said the organization will be supporting enterprises to improve their projects and achieve intended goals.



The National Environment Management Council's Eastern Zone manager, Arnold Mapinduzi (L), pictured in Dar es Salaam yesterday briefing Selemani Jafo (2nd-L), Minister of State in the Vice President's Office (Union and the Environment), on sewage systems in the city's Mikocheni Industrial area. Photo: Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

Strange cases of lawlessness scare Dar, southern Uganda

FROM PAGE 1

by shooting" in which the minister's daughter and driver were killed.

Commentators said the former army chief is a household name for his exploits in his days as field commander of Ugandan forces in Mogadishu, as a number of EAC partner states joined in a peace keeping and terror thwarting mission in Somalia.

In the case of the shooting in Dar es Salaam initial fears were directed at visible links between the Somali combatant group of Al Shabaab whose affiliates are causing chaos in Cabo Delgado province in Mozambique, straddling the southern border of Tanzania but concentrated near the coast.

What has transpired since then indicates that the lone gunman had extensive grievances with the police, and coverage of his case shifted from resentments of a criminal gunman to one of a revenge attack, where the mood in the media on his burial testified to a measure of sympathy.

The mood in Uganda is somewhat different as authorities were yet to solve the riddle of the clear assassination bid on the minister, aside from the random machete attacks on civilians without stealing anything coming up.

Observers in the region are still grappling for answers, with senior police officers in Dar suggesting mental instability out of business frustrations for the shooting incident, but some experts see a pattern of events, that police carry out raids and grab money or minerals and no appeal is possible for such moves, leading to taking the law in own hands.

On the whole the situation in Uganda is more worrisome than Tanzania but the strange incident laid the accent on feelings that a certain level of despair is creeping up, underlined for instance in the grisly narrations of how former Hai district commissioner Lengai ole Sabaya instigated a short spell of terror in Arusha and Kilimanjaro regions.

FROM PAGE 1

Climate change woes rising in agro-sector

irrigation will be essential in the future, meanwhile as the development of climate resilient seed varieties is vital to sustain regular farming cycles, the report emphasised.

Given the land scarcity in Zanzibar, agro-sector strategies should focus on crop intensification, it further noted, urging the implementations of key messages issued by policymakers.

This shall enable the success of crop sector planning and policy review processes now in place, the bureau asserted.

The sample census estimates that out of 12m households in Tanzania, about 7.8m households, equivalent

to 65.3 percent were involved in agricultural activities.

Of the total agro-based households, five million households or 64.9 percent were involved in crops only, while 2.5m households or 33.0 percent households were engaged in crops and livestock.

On the Mainland, a total of 7.6m households, equivalent to 65.7 percent, were involved in agricultural activities, it stated.

Out of the total agriculture households, 4.9m or 64.9 percent were involved in crops only, followed by 2.5m households or 33.0 percent engaging in crops and livestock. Just 2.0 percent

of households lived on livestock rearing by itself, while combined fish farming and pastoralism had less than one percent of households in that category.

In Zanzibar, 180,220 (51.8 percent) of households were involved in agricultural activities, with 115,762 households, or 64.2 percent of the total were involved only in crops, followed by 62,310 households amounting to 34.6 percent, engaged in crops and livestock. Just 2,149 households or 1.2 percent of the total were involved only in livestock rearing.

The number of agricultural households engaged in crop

activities increased from 5.8m in the 2007/08 count to 7.8m in the 2019/20 sample survey, the report indicated.

The number of agricultural households involved in crops only increased from 3.5m in the 2007/08 to 5.1m in the 2019/20 counting exercise, a rise of 45.7 percent, while the trend was also noticeable for households engaged in crops and livestock, with an increase of 14.1 percent between the two surveys, it said.

The strictly pastoralist households decreased from 3,917 in the 2007/08 survey to 1,465 households in the 2019/20 survey, 62.6 percent decline

despite the rising total population, it affirmed.

Maize, paddy and sorghum were the major cereal crops during the 2019/20 agricultural year, it said, with a total of 7.1m hectares planted with the three crops, where large scale farms planted 29,695 hectares.

Maize occupied 4.9m hectares or 69.1 percent of crop acreage, of which 15,688 hectares were cultivated by large scale planters.

Paddy has 1.7m hectares, where large scale farms occupied 12,460 hectares. Sorghum was cultivated on 514,435 hectares where 1,547 hectares belong to large scale farms.

Of the total cereal harvest, 10.5m tons were produced on the Mainland and 54,617 tons in Zanzibar, it further noted, elaborating that Zanzibar produced 50,576 tons of paddy, 3,961 tons of maize and 80 tons of sorghum in the survey year.

The 2019/20 sample survey was the fifth census of agriculture, aimed to provide baseline data on agricultural statistics. The results will be used for national agricultural planning, implementation and policy intervention, the summary presentation affirmed.

It would also assist in improving agriculture through increasing productivity and promoting agro-processing for industrial development and improving farmers' livelihood, it added.



Zitto Kabwe (L), Leader of the opposition Alliance for Change and Transparency (ACT-Wazalendo) and current Chairman of the Tanzania Centre for Democracy, presents a letter of introduction to Legal and Human Rights Centre executive director Anna Henga in Dar es Salaam at the weekend. He was on a courtesy visit to civil society organisations to introduce himself. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

HIV epidemic is not over, warns Tacaids

By Guardian Reporter, Rukwa

REGIONAL officials have been called upon to utilize various meetings in their areas to mobilise the people to protect themselves against HIV infections, saying the disease was still a big threat.

The call was given here at the weekend by the Tanzania Commission for HIV/Aids (TACAIDS) managing director, Dr Leonard Maboko during his official visit in Rukwa Region that aimed to monitor the prevalence of the disease in the region.

He said HIV infections still exist, hence, in addition to efforts over prevention against COVID-19 infections, the people should not abandon taking precautions against other diseases including HIV/Aids.

"HIV infections statistics show that there was still much work to be done in response to HIV and Aids in the country and the main problem is among men who have had small response in regard to testing to know their statuses," he said.

He further said young people in special groups still need mobilising

to get tested for HIV to know their statuses because still their conditions do not yet fit to attain 95-95 by 2025.

He said the aim to attain 95 per cent of people living with HIV and who know their statuses was now only 83 per cent by 2019.

"As a country we have done well in regard to the second target to attain 95 per cent of people living with HIV and who use ARVs because by 2017 95 per cent of people living with HIV were using ARVs, according to the UN Programme on HIV/Aids (UNAIDS)," he added.

Dr Maboko further said that as for now deaths from HIV/Aids are those who do not use ARVs well or those who have not tested.

"In the third target to ensure 95 per cent is reached in regard to reducing the pangs on the people living with HIV, we have attained 90 per cent," he added.

He said that in the circumstances, to attain the three targets to zero per cent will be reached by 2030 by eradicating all new infections, deaths from HIV/Aids and to eradicate stigma and discrimination of people living with HIV.

By Guardian Reporter

THE Tanzania Centre for Democracy (TCD) has embarked on the pledge to revive the institution by paying a courtesy visit to key stakeholders to seek support and initiate dialogue on way forward.

TCD chairman, Zitto Kabwe, who is also the party leader for ACT Wazalendo said that the purpose of his visit as chairman for TCD is to re-introduce TCD to stakeholders including political parties, civil society organisations as well as to familiarise with areas

Zitto embarks on stakeholders' engagement for TCD's revival

of focus in the next 6 months of his tenure.

Legal and Human Rights Centre (LHRC) Executive Director, Anna Henga along with her management team during his courtesy call, Kabwe reiterated that his key focus is to revive the institution, address

governance challenges and opening doors for dialogue between political parties and the government as well as opposition parties with the ruling party.

"Despite its significance, TCD was disappearing, hence we are now reviving this institution to promote

dialogue platforms and revive our democracy," said Kabwe, adding that LHRC as one of key stakeholders had last week played an enormous part in helping TCD conduct its first summit in 5 years.

Kabwe further unveiled that TCD along with other

stakeholders including but not limited to LHRC, Tanzania Foundation for Civil Societies are planning to conduct the National Conference on Justice, Peace and Reconciliation towards the end of September this year as part of TCD's initiatives to strengthen

dialogue.

Henga, LHRC Executive Director said LHRC is committed to continue supporting TCD initiatives towards strengthening democracy and building capacity for dialogue for political parties and all key stakeholders.

The TCD Chairman also visited Foundation for Civil Societies and Legal Services Facility yesterday, whilst over the weekend he visited Chadema, which is one of the founding members of TCD. He is further planning on visiting to other political parties, CSOs and other stakeholders.

GLOBAL PROGRAMS

Affiliate of the University of California, San Francisco

Plot 385 Mtitu Street, #7
PO Box 38665
Dar es Salaam
Tanzania
info.tanzania@ucglobalprograms.org

JOB OPPORTUNITY – SYSTEMS INTEGRATION AND INFORMATICS DIRECTOR

Location : Dar es Salaam
Application deadline : September 8, 2021
Start date : October 1, 2021

Background:

The University of California San Francisco (UCSF) is engaged in a five-year Cooperative Agreement with the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention- Tanzania (CDC-Tanzania) to provide strategic information and health information systems (HIS) technical assistance to the Ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children (MOHCDGEC) as well as the United States' President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) and their implementing partners (IPs). We are recruiting an individual through our affiliated international NGO 'Global Programs' to serve as a Systems Integration and Informatics Director for our HIS projects.

This is a full-time 12-month position with the possibility of extension subject to continued funding. The position is expected to start on October 1, 2021.

Main duties and responsibilities:

The Systems Integration and Informatics Director will be responsible for coordinating all UCSF supported HIS activities in Tanzania. The main HIS activities include support to the CTC2 and CTC3 systems, development and launch of a DREAMS aggregate data system and dashboard (DAMES), and supervising development and implementation of a number of web-based applications aimed at improving the quality, analysis, reporting, and use of routine HIV and AIDS program data.

Specific responsibilities include:

- Manage all UCSF-Global Programs supported informatics activities and ensure deliverables and timelines are clearly delineated and met.
- Manage a team of 5-10 Informatics Analysts who support HIS activities within the UCSF-Global Programs scope of work. Collaborate with and guide this team on the technical execution of HIS projects.
- Build and maintain close and trusted relationships with key stakeholders and decision makers, including MOHCDGEC, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the University Computing Centre at the University of Dar es Salaam (UCC), implementing partners, district leadership and individual health facilities.
- Oversee technical support to and manage sub-contracts with UCSF-Global

Programs HIS partners.

- Collaborate and play a key role with stakeholders and decision makers to identify and prioritise digital health investments for Tanzania.
- Collaborate with and provide key guidance for MOHCDGEC and stakeholders in the development, implementation, and enforcement of HIS policies and governance.
- Collaborate with members of the UCSF-Global Programs informatics network throughout Africa as needed and liaise with technical advisors at UCSF HQ to ensure delivery of outputs and outcomes.
- Communicate regularly with the UCSF Program Manager and

donor about key deliverables in the scope of work and any challenges.

- Periodic travel (10% or less) within Tanzania may be required.

Experience, skills, and minimum required qualifications:

- An appropriate Master's degree in public health or epidemiology.
- Project management skills (project management certificate preferred) with a focus on delivering HIS/informatics related projects with some demonstrable experience.
- Demonstrable knowledge and at least five years' experience applying informatics concepts and tools to public health settings. Experience working with HIV and AIDS programs in the PEPFAR setting strongly preferred.
- Demonstrable familiarity with common Tanzanian and PEPFAR health information systems, such as CTC2/CTC3, DHIS2, and DATIM.
- Demonstrable experience with data analysis, visualization, and reporting.
- Familiarity with open-source health information systems and their communities; preferably demonstrable experience in participating in/contributing to open - source communities and using open-source products.
- Ability to problem solve in complex, multi-sectoral environments involving multiple aspects of health information systems.
- Strong analytical, problem-solving, and decision-making skills.
- Excellent communication and stakeholder engagement skills.
- Demonstrable experience working with a variety of organizations and stakeholders, including experience collaborating with MOHCDGEC.
- Ability to work professionally and collaboratively in a multi-cultural, internationally based team setting.
- Fluency in oral and written English and Kiswahili are required.

Other desired skills/qualities:

- Ability to prioritize, work under deadlines, work with minimal supervision, and multi-task.
- Ability to work flexible hours, including some evenings as required (in order to liaise with colleagues abroad).
- Ability to travel in-country to support project activities, pending the lifting of COVID-19 related travel restrictions.
- Strong interpersonal skills.

To Apply:

All applicants must address each selection criterion detailed in the minimum requirements above with specific and comprehensive information supporting each item.

All applications must include the following:

- A current CV with names and telephone numbers for at least 2 referees
- Copies of academic and professional certificates

Applications and supporting documents should be sent via e-mail to info.tanzania@ucglobalprograms.org and must be received by September 8, 2021.

NOTE: Only short-listed candidates will be contacted.

THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA TANZANIA COMMUNICATIONS REGULATORY AUTHORITY ISO 9001:2015 CERTIFIED



PUBLIC NOTICE

APPLICATION FOR LICENCES UNDER THE CONVERGED LICENSING FRAMEWORK

NOTICE is hereby given to the public that the Tanzania Communications Regulatory Authority has received applications for Licences under the converged Licensing Framework from the following applicant:-

APPLICANT NAME	TYPE OF LICENCE	SHAREHOLDERS/ NATIONALITY	SHARES
Premier Mobile Solutions Limited	Application Services Licence	Maliva Julius Mahiga (tanzanian) Alex Jeremias Kobalyenda (tanzanian)	40 40

Pursuant to section 8 of Electronic and Postal Communication Act, Cap 306 of the Laws of Tanzania, written comments are hereby invited from any interested person in respect of the grant of the licences to the applicants to reach the Authority, within 14 days of publication of this notice. Such comments will be taken into consideration

Comments should be submitted to: **Director General Tanzania Communications Regulatory Authority P.O.Box 474 14414 DAR ES SALAAM Tel: +255 22 241 2011-2 Fax: +255 22 241 2009 Email: dg@tcra.go.tz**

Burundi grateful on dry port building at Kwala

By Guardian Reporter

BURUNDI government has expressed gratitude to Tanzania for providing a ten-acre land at Kwala-Ruvu area in Coast Region for the construction of a dry port.

Ambassador of Burundi to Tanzania, Gervais Abayeho said this during a meeting with the Minister for Works and Transport Dr Leonard Chamuriho in Dodoma.

Ambassador Abayeho said with the area to build a dry port will enable Burundian traders to store their cargo before shipping to Burundi thus helping them to reduce the cost of handling their cargo.

"We really appreciate this, once constructed the dry port will greatly help our traders but also stimulate economic growth both in Burundi and Tanzania," he said.

Minister Chamuriho on his part assured the ambassador and his delegation that Tanzania will continue cooperating with Burundi on various areas including trade.

He said Tanzania will continue transportation cargo from the Dar es Salaam to Burundi so as to further bolster relations and stimulate economic growth.

Chamuriho said that currently the government is conducting major improvements at the Port of Dar es Salaam so as to increase efficiency.

He added that the government's decision to provide Burundi the special area for dry port construction will further strengthen ties.

Permanent Secretary in the Ministry (Transport) Gabriel Migire said that the meeting also saw the signing of an initial agreement for the handover of the port's area.

Dr Jilly Maleko, ambassador of Tanzania said once constructed the dry port will increase the number of traders using the Dar es Salaam port.

The Burundi delegation also got the opportunity to visit various countries including the Standard Gauge Railway (SGR), Dar es Salaam port and Kigoma port.



Vodacom Tanzania sales agent Emmanuel George (R) briefs a Dar es Salaam resident at the weekend on the company's newly launched campaign dubbed 'Kimbizana 4G ya Ukweli' campaign meant to inform the public on the speed and reliability of the firm's network operated largely thanks to strategic investment in technology and the variety of services offered to customers. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Chalinze's councillors express concerns over shortage of safe water

By Amos Alipio, TUDARCO

COUNCILLORS in Chalinze District have raised the concern over acute shortage of clean and safe water at Talawanda Secondary School in Bagamoyo District, Coast Region, saying that the situation could lead to the school's closure.

The councillors raised the fear over the weekend during the meeting calling authorities to take immediate action to rescue the situation.

Talawanda ward councillor Ramadhani Biga said the situation has been forcing teachers and students to use unsafe water that is also being consumed by livestock.

He said this poses a great health risk to the populace as it has remarkably contributed to frequent infections among students.

"If this challenge will not be solved, lives and health of students, teachers, and other staff at the school will be a worse situation and may lead to the closure of the school," he said.

Biga said: "In my ward, there is a number, not challenges, but above all the biggest challenge is an acute shortage of safe and clean water at Talawanda secondary school, the situation that compromises the healthy safety of teachers and

students."

He further said the challenge has become a burden to parents as they are frequently forced to pay money to cover treatment expenses of their children once they fall ill.

"I call upon Chalinze council leadership to look keenly on the problem and reinforce the Dar es Salaam Water and Sanitation Authority (DAWASA) to quickly fix the challenge and bring water service at the school," said the councillor.

DAWASA Chalinze Regional Manager Eng Paschal Fumbuka acknowledged the presence of the challenge saying that plans are underway to ensure that all parts of Chalinze have access to clean and safe water.

According to him, the water challenge at the school and other areas will be resolved through the ongoing water scheme that fetches water from Ruvu River.

He said once completed the water project will greatly reduce the persistent water shortage in the area and help to bolster the residents' social and economic wellbeing.

Clean water is critical to all sectors. It is an important need for any human being.

Nyambogo villager strikes gold

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbogwe

NYAMBOGO Village in Nyakafuru Ward, Mbogwe District, Geita Region has been flooded with more than 6,000 people after news spreading around that a man who was digging a pit latrine in his backyard had struck gold.

It is also claimed that the man whose name was not revealed, before he found the gold, first struck a bedrock that he believed contained the gold ore, and moved to break it and filled his sulfate bags with rock pieces which he took for processing yielding significant quantity of gold.

Thereafter, he abandoned pit latrine digging and fenced the area and continued extracting the gold from the area.

His fellow villagers subsequently learned of the man fortunes and converged to the area with every one picking own areas and fenced them and started digging away, unmindful that they were doing so within the village's residential area.

All this was revealed by the ward's Councillor, Paul Ngusa to reporters who travelled to the area.

The Councillor said after the village started spewing out gold the government moved in and held talks with people who owned the land in

the area.

"We sat together with Nyambogo villagers and agreed that they will voluntarily abandon the area to pave way for organised gold mining activities and they will be accorded priority to supervise their mining areas," said the Councillor.

As the Councillor for the area he will make sure such agreements between the government and individual villagers are put in writing to avoid any future conflicts the summary of which will be submitted to the District Commissioner, Charles Mabeho.

"Personally I am very happy graced with the mineral among my

constituents in Nyambogo Village, the opportunity will assist in solving many challenges facing the villagers including construction of classrooms, purchase of desks and building of road infrastructures," said the Nyakafuru Ward Councillor.

Earlier, Mbogwe District Commissioner Charles Mabeho told reporters in his office that on the district's development, saying several days ago an unnamed Nyambogo village had struck gold while digging a latrine in his backyard, saying this provided opportunities for the development of the district.

Minister wants revamping of Dodoma abattoir completed

By Guardian Reporter, Dodoma

LIVESTOCK and Fisheries Deputy Minister Abdallah Ulega has instructed top officials of the Dodoma City abattoir to make sure its revamping is completed by September 15 this year.

Ulega issued the directives here yesterday during his impromptu

visit at the abattoir to witness renovation work that began July 17 this year.

He said he was satisfied with the work ongoing saying so far 40m/- has been spent from the city council's internal sources.

"We praise our officials in the ministry as they oversee every directive we give, you are doing a

good job," he said, and added that he would like to see the abattoir changes for the better.

"When I gave the directives, I wanted them to be implemented day and night and I would like the work to be completed by September 15 this year," he added.

For his part, the ministry's Acting Director of Production and

Marketing, Stephen Michael said so far the renovation work has reached 90 per cent whereas 13 out of 13 areas have been completed and the remaining two will be completed by September 15 this year.

He said they have implemented the directives in recognition of adverse effects to consumers of unsafe meat.

IN THE MATTER OF ACCENTURE CONSULTING SERVICES LIMITED (VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)

NOTICE OF FINAL MEETING AND DISSOLUTION

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT pursuant to section 345 of the Companies Act, 2002 [Cap 212 R.E 2002] the previously postponed final meeting of the members for the purposes of laying down the accounts and giving any explanations thereof with respect to the voluntary winding up of Accenture Consulting Services Limited (the "Company") will be held on 30 September, 2021.

The meeting will be held at 11:00 am at the offices of ARS Law & Advisories, 1st Floor, Oysterbay Shopping & Office Complex, Plot No. 344, House No. 1, Ghuba Road, Dar es Salaam, through teleconference. The Agenda of the meeting will be laying of the account of winding up of the Company and giving any explanation thereof on closure of the Company.

If any person has interest, is advised to contact the liquidator at the below address within thirty (30) days of this notice.

Shamiza Ratansi
1st Floor, Oysterbay Shopping & Office Complex,
Plot No. 344, House No. 1, Ghuba Road,
P. O. Box 23262,
Dar es Salaam



Water Aid Tanzania's Mwinyombeya Humphrey (gesturing) briefs various leaders touring the Dodoma Region site where the agency is bent on putting up a water well. Photo: Correspondent Ibrahim Joseph



Dodoma's acting Regional Medical Officer (L) receives personal protective equipment for use by the region's referral hospital based in the national capital. It is a donation by from Wana-Makutu Group chairman Philiip Undile Makota handed over in the city at the weekend. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

By Guardian Correspondent, Rungwe

Kalemani launches REA Phase III, Round II project in Mbeya Region

ENERGY Minister Dr Medard Kalemani has launched Phase III, Round II of rural power distribution project implemented by Rural Energy Agency (REA) and directed all villages and homesteads in Mbeya Region that are yet to be connected to power should now be connected.

He launched the project at the weekend at Kagwina Village in Lufingo Ward, Rungwe District, saying the government has allocated 40.8bn/- for the project in the entire Mbeya Region.

He said for villages that had already been connected with electricity during the previous REA phases, but had some hosed skipped, will now be connected so that every house gets electricity.

He said according to the contract, all villagers are supposed to be connected to

power by December 2022 and instructed TANESCO, in collaboration with REA to make sure they supervise their contractors.

Dr Kalemani called on the contractors to work day and night in the villages to complete the work as early as possible.

"I want you to begin with Kagwina Village and I give you 15 days from today to complete the work, I advise you to open a small office here for the people to pay for connection charges," Dr Kalemani said.

He said connection charges was only 27,000/- per house and that there are no charges for power poles.

He also called on all Regional and District TANESCO managers to make sure

they solve the issue of power cuts that the people have been complaining of, as power cuts undermine their production activities.

He also gave TANESCO and REA two months to connect power to 25 villages in Rungwe District that had been skipped during REA Phase II.

For his part, Rungwe District Administrative Secretary, Nkondo Bendersa said in the district, for 34 villages that had been skipped in the previous phases, only one village has not been earmarked for connection in the current phase.

He added that in regard to Busokelo district, only one village is yet to be connected to electricity.

EcoAct Tanzania Ltd bags esteemed award for plastic waste recycling innovation

By Guardian Reporter

PLASTIC processor–EcoAct Tanzania Ltd has won the admiration of world environmentalists through its innovative use of insurance cover to recycle post-consumer plastic waste.

Under its Garbage Medical Insurance Scheme, the company, that was a top 10 finalist in Nestlé's 2021 Creating Shared Value (CSV) prize has directly engaged 300 people from local slum communities to exchange their plastic waste for medical insurance coverage.

EcoAct utilises innovative, chemical-free, and energy-conserving plastic extrusion technology to recycle and transform post-consumer plastic waste, packaging materials, and agricultural waste into durable and environmentally friendly plastic lumbers.

EcoAct founder Christian Mwijage said this affordable alternative to wood timber helps to mitigate climate change by preventing deforestation and plastic pollution, in addition to creating employment.

The company also offers local communities incentives to start their own waste management systems and create job opportunities that empower the community.

"Our target is to ensure the withdrawal of over 500 tonnes of post-consumer waste plastic from the environment in the next three years, and save an estimated 500 acres of forest that would otherwise be lost to deforestation," said Mwijage.

"Our approach uses one problem to solve another problem - using the problem of plastic pollution to solve the problem of ocean pollution as well as deforestation," he added.

With Nestlé's support, Mwijage said they hope to scale up the business in order to achieve a waste-free future in Tanzania.

The Nestlé CSV Prize has been running for over 10 years and has identified multiple initiatives for some of today's most critical environmental and social issues around the world. This year's competition, conducted in partnership with the non-profit organisation, Ashoka, was entitled 'How do we create a waste-free future?'. It aimed to identify and award innovative solutions with a system-

change approach and a strong growth potential, or a replicable model for other social, cultural or geographical settings.

As one of the top 10 finalists, EcoAct will benefit from Ashoka's online resources and workshops, as well as a mentoring programme to explore the potential for future collaboration with Nestlé. Through the technical resources and support received from the Nestlé CSV initiative, EcoAct will be able to amplify their impact and scale-up solutions to potentially achieve global change.

"Nestlé is leading efforts to reach a waste-free and zero net emissions future globally," said the company's Kenya Country Managing Director Njeru Ng'entu, adding that sustainability is an integral part of creating shared value and that "practicing sustainability ensures that we make ethical choices that bring a safe future to everyone."

Ng'entu said through the awards the company is on a mission to identify and empower market disruptors in the hope of accelerating a waste-free future.

"Innovations such as those of EcoAct not only help us to reduce waste but also drive consumer behavior change which is key to achieving a waste-free future," said Ng'entu.



Our target is to ensure the withdrawal of over 500 tonnes of post-consumer waste plastic from the environment in the next three years, and save an estimated 500 acres of forest that would otherwise be lost to deforestation



GLOBAL HEALTH SUPPLY CHAIN PROGRAM TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE - TANZANIA

JOB OPPORTUNITY

Job Title : Director of Finance and Administration
Department/Unit : Finance and Administration
Location : Dar es Salaam
Duration : Full-time Position
Reports to : Chief of Party (COP)
Supervise : Accountants, Administrative Staff, Drivers

OVERVIEW:
The Global Health Supply Chain Technical Assistance (GHSC-TA-TZ) program, supported by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), provides expert technical assistance (TA) to Tanzania to strengthen country supply chain systems across all health elements, e.g., malaria, family planning (FP), HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis (TB) and maternal, newborn and child health (MNCH). In coordination with in-country and development partners, GHSC assists Government of Tanzania health programs by providing strategic planning and implementation assistance; improving the delivery of health commodities to service sites; providing capacity building support to broaden stakeholders' understanding and engagement of the supply chain system; and strengthening enabling environments to improve supply chain performance.

JOB SUMMARY:
The Director of Finance and Administration is responsible for overseeing all accounting, financial, procurement, administrative, compliance and accountability requirements of the project in Tanzania. S/he works with the project management teams, taking a lead in the areas of accounting and finance management, information technology, human resource, project administration. The Director of Finance and Administration is responsible for ensuring that the Project functions efficiently in all accounting, contractual and operational matters, directly supervising operations staff and providing oversight to all contracts and overseas procurement issues. Additionally, he works collaboratively and effectively with the COP assuring compliance with the terms of the project contract. The Director of Finance and Administration is knowledgeable of and adheres to company and project ethical standards, policies and procedures and USG Procurement Integrity standards and procedures, in all project management responsibilities.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Provide senior management oversight for all policies, procedures, and activities in accordance to US Government procedures.
- Uses extensive knowledge of USAID rules and regulations including the Federal Acquisition Regulations (FAR) ensuring compliance.
- Provide direct supervisory and technical support to all local staff under operations department in all operations

areas, Finance, Information and Communications Technology, Human Resources, Fleet Management and procurement.

- Managing the project budget including tracking of project and expenditures.
- Responsible for creating monthly, quarterly, and annual reports for USAID and HQ management.
- Support contracts administration of the project.
- Provide overall supervision and guidance to the Field Office and overseas procurement processes, ensuring adequate checks and balances within the system, routine verification of processes, training in procurement standards as needed and adherence to company and USAID procurement regulations.
- Ensure compliance with all project legal requirements, including employee payroll, taxes, and local labor laws.
- Oversee VAT exemption process for USAID.
- Participate in development of the annual Country Office Operations budget, providing updates, modifications, and analysis as needed and works with Deputy Country for Operations to ensure that each Project is updated on a regular basis with pipeline figures and changes. Manages an accurate budgeting and projection cycle for the Operations Unit.
- Supervise Project Accountants to ensure that field expenses meet with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles, company policy, and USAID rules and regulations as they apply to contract and project operations; demonstrate the ability to use sound business judgment in assuring that all costs are reasonable and necessary for the completion of the project goals.
- Oversee inventory management of project inventory including tracking and reporting to USAID.
- Experience with closing out USAID projects.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- CPA, advanced degree in business management, finance, or related field or minimum 15 years in related professional experience
- Minimum Year(s) of 10 years of experiencing working with USAID, and other donor funded projects in the areas of finance, accounting, and administration.
- Experience with USAID Rules and Regulations
- Strong written and spoken English

If you are interested in applying this position please send your resume, cover letter to ghsc.recruitment@gmail.com. And kindly include title you are applying for in the subject line.

While we thank all applicants for their interest, only those selected for interview will be contacted. Deadline for submission shall be on **14th September, 2021**.

GHSC - TA - TZ is an equal opportunity employer.

216431101

JOB - ADVERTISEMENT



JOB TITLE: FINANCIAL COMPLIANCE OFFICER

YOUR POSITION WITH TNC

The Financial Compliance Officer provides highly specialized finance/accounting-related services to the Africa Region business unit in all compliance aspects of finance/accounting. They ensure that Audit, Taxation, Return Filing and other operational regulatory compliance requirements within the region are met. Reporting to the Finance Manager, the position will be based at any of the following TNC office locations: Arusha, Cape Town or Nairobi regional office.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS

The Financial Compliance Officer provides highly specialized services in one or more of the following functions: financial analysis and reporting; financial management; accounting; auditing; management controls and reporting; taxation; compliance certification or similar financial activities for the Africa business unit. They have a high level of expertise in their area(s) of specialization to administer and maintain finance activities in accordance with TNC policies and procedures and best practices in financial/organizational management. The Financial Compliance Officer provides assistance to all levels of personnel in their specialty area. They respond to complex employee/management questions and problems based on advanced knowledge of the subject area in addressing financial related problems.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

- Bachelor's Degree in Finance, Accounting, Business Administration or related field and 4 years' related experience or equivalent combination.
- Experience with relational databases especially MS Excel and accounting packages.
- Experience using accounting and financial reporting systems.
- Experience in manipulating, analyzing & interpreting data.
- Technical command of spreadsheet programs, general ledger reports and other financial management tools.
- Experience in supporting multiple projects in various locations and/or countries.
- Experience with government regulations related to grants and contracts.
- Professional certification such as a CPA or CIA, or a candidate for same.
- Experience in auditing and tax matters.

For full Job profile and how to apply please visit <http://careers.nature.org> and search for Job Id 50241

Submit CV and cover letter separately using the upload buttons online. All applications must be submitted in the system prior to end of day 22nd September 2021

216430201

Minister Kalemani: No charge for poles

By Correspondent Friday Simbaya, Njombe

ENERGY Minister Dr Medard Kalemani has emphasized that electric poles should be issued free of (TANESCO) to supervise that effectively.

He said that the government has already banned the sale of electricity poles to the customers when they install electricity in their homes.

Dr Kalemani made the statement during the official launching of the Qwihaya General Enterprise Ltd plant for production and treatment of power transmission poles located in Mtwango ward, Njombe District in Njombe Region.

He said that the government has already paid for the expenses so Tanesco should ensure that the poles are issued free of charge.

"The government has issued 2.7bn/- in each region in the country which is meant to buy poles and now I do not want to hear you (TANESCO) charging people who are in need of the poles for power connection," said Kalemani.

Meanwhile, Dr Kalemani urged stakeholders and investors to chip in and establish factories to manufacture LUKU meters, supply electrical cables as well as factories for making concrete poles.

He said that the production of wooden poles should go hand in hand with the production of concrete poles as they are important for specific areas such as part of dams, wildlife sanctuaries and areas with frequent fires so as to reduce infrastructures damage.

Dr Kalemani explained that demand for concrete poles is 12,000 per year but only 7,000 poles are produced annually in various parts of the country.

He said that concrete poles can

last up to 100 years if they are installed in specific waterlogged areas thus reducing the cost of replacing wooden poles when they rot due to water.

Leonard Mahenda, director of Qwihaya General Enterprises Ltd, announced a grant for Ludewa and Njombe districts that the company will pay connection fees to all primary, secondary schools and dispensaries through the Community Social Responsibility (CSR).

He said that the company has been supporting the government in solving various challenges including the availability of reliable electricity.

"We will pay the connection fee of 27,000/- for each primary and secondary school as well as dispensaries in Njombe and Ludewa District," he said.

Mahenda said that the new plant has the capacity to produce 1,500 poles per day and employed more than 300 people from harvesting to production.

Earlier, Njombe district council chairman Valentino Hongoli, who also represented Lupembe constituency MP Edwin Swale, told Minister Kalemani that despite the electricity service reaching various parts of the constituency, there were still schools and clinics that had no electricity.

Njombe Regional Administrative Secretary (RAS) Judica Omary said as of June 2021, more than 59,000 customers in the region were connected to the electricity service.

She added that 293 villages out of 381 villages have access to power through the rural electrification project (REA III) leaving 88 villages that are yet.

She said that the presence of the factory in the region will facilitate easy access to power transmission poles.



Government officials including Karatu district commissioner Abbas Kayanda have a first-hand account at the weekend of the area set aside for quality land planning at Endamaghan in Arusha Region. Photo: Correspondent Woinde Shizza

Help coming to small-scale coffee farmers

By Guardian Correspondent, Songwe

SOME 22,500 small scale coffee farmers in Songwe, Mbeya and Ruvuma regions will be facilitated on the best way to improve the crop's sustainable production.

The remarks were made by Environmental, Human Rights Care and Gender Organisation (ENVIROCARE) project manager, Amos Mbwambo saying doing so will enable improving the value chain, increase profit and attain

foreign markets by 2024.

He said the plan will be implemented in a period of 42 months through Passport to Coffee Export (PACE) plan to reach the farmers while 52 per cent of them are mentioned to be young people of 18 to 35 age group.

Mbwambo said the project also aims to reach 200 factory workers from 65 cooperative societies engaged in processing and adding value to the coffee crop.

"We have begun training here in

Songwe Region and our important stakeholders are the 200 extension officers from the Ministry of Agriculture, regional administration and local councils as well as Tanzania Coffee Research Institute (TACRI)," he added.

He mentioned other stakeholders who will be involved in the plan as including 75 women SACCOS groups, 25 business groups for women and other young people.

For his part, an ENVIROCARE official, Luiza Leon said the aim

is to improve Tanzania coffee to enable it compete in the internal, zonal and international markets, to improve gender relations and involve and empower young people in the crop's value chain. For her part, a participant Euphrasia Shayo, called on fellow women and other youth who are coffee growers who belong to groups providing financial services to make sure they register the groups by November this year to avoid being affected by changes to the 2018 Microfinance Services Act.



Tour guide Joseph Chadiel (L) pictured at the weekend leading bicycling tourists from Germany heading for a hot spring site called Chemka situated in Hai District, Kilimanjaro Region. Photo: Correspondent James Lanka

Jafo cautions industry owners not complying with directives on pollution of environment

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

MINISTER of State Vice-President's Office (Union and Environment) Selemani Jafo has warned industries owners who bribe officials as a tactic to refrain from executing different government directives on environmental pollution.

Minister Jafo made the remarks yesterday in Dar es Salaam during his one-day tour to some industries to see the implementation of directives given by government through National Environment Council (NEMC).

He said manufactures who have been corrupt government officers their days are numbered because he will not tolerate anyone who disobeys to follow government instruction the act which eventually pollutes the environment and put people's health in danger.

Speaking at Iron & Steel Limited in Dar es Salaam's Mikocheni Light Industrial Area, Jafo said there has been complains from citizens that the company pollute the environment but no action has been taken because there is allegations that the owner has the tendency to bribe some government officers who eventually became silent against that pollution.

"I'm told that you have been bribing some of our officers so that you can proceed with environment pollutions but you must bear in mind that I am not corrupt and you can not bribe me I need to see all government

directives are implemented. You have been playing with some government officials but don't try me," said Jafo.

He however directed the director of Industry to make sure until October this year he buys machines that will be used to filter smoke that come from the industry which pollutes the environment which cause complains from people surrounding the industry.

"I insist again you must make sure all directives are implemented within time frame and I promise to visit here by the end of October to see how far you gone to implement our instructions otherwise stern measures will be taken against you," he said.

In another move, the minister said he wouldn't sign the request of the company to renew scraper metals permit until all government directives are implemented.

"I am informed that you have submitted in my office the permit renewal request but I promise you I will not sign and I will deal with any officer who will try to penetrate this permit in fraudulent way," said Jafo.

Speaking at Motison Group of companies, Jafo commended the effort done by the companies to implement different government directives.

Jafo said the industries under Motison Group have done a lot to implement government instructions but he was not happy to see drinks are produced in an environment where metal products are also produced.

Slovak Republic plans to establish embassy in Tanzania

By Correspondent Felix Andrew

THE Slovak government is contemplating to establish a full embassy in Tanzania within a few years to come, should there be substantial growth in business and cultural relations.

Speaking in an interview with the Honorary Consul of Slovak Republic in Tanzania Moustafa Khataw said that the Consulate office is entrusted

with the task of growing business and cultural ties in the immediate future.

He said, if there is a substantial growth in the mentioned areas he can foresee establishment of an Embassy in the coming 5 years. At present the Slovak ambassador based in Kenya also oversees Tanzania territory.

Khataw also counseled Tanzania and Slovak Republic to improve

economic relations through regular meetings between government officials.

"Regular meetings between Tanzania government officials and the consulate will pave the way to enhance the relationship between the two countries," he said. He pledged to enhance bilateral relations between the two countries.

He said he wants to make sure that the economic cooperation between

the two countries is improved.

"We have opened an honorary consulate office in Dar es Salaam which would act as a link between Tanzania and the Slovak Republic to enable the two countries to meet their economic goals," he said.

More importantly, the Slovak Republic stands ready to work together with all of our partners to enhance the economic well being through collaboration in trade and

investment.

He said the two countries' relations have always been positive and it is his sincere belief that it will remain positive forever.

"This positive atmosphere also reflects on the promising outlook that Slovak Republic and Tanzania will enjoy from our cordial relations," he said.

The envoy said Slovak and Tanzania with all its potential would

surely be able to develop stronger economic relations that benefit people.

Another area of cooperation that would be improved is tourism, investments, culture exchange and education, he said.

According to him, the Slovak Republic is a developed country which Tanzanians can make use of through the consulate office which is located in Dar es Salaam.



An engineer (L) with Mufindi District's Qwihaya factory briefs Energy minister Dr Medard Kalemari (R) on the treatment of electricity poles as the latter toured the district yesterday. With them is the facility's managing director, Leonard Mahenda. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Minister declines to inaugurate village's electrification project

By Guardian Correspondent, Busokelo

ENERGY minister Dr Medard Kalemari has declined to inaugurate electric power installation at Kipapa Village in Lufilyo Ward, Busokelo District, Mbeya Region and instructed Rural Energy Agency (REA) Project Supervisor to remove the district from the programme.

This transpired during the weekend after the minister realized that the number of people who were connected to power was very small compared to those who had applied and paid connection charges.

At Kipapa Village, Kalemari said he discovered that 36 people applied and paid for power connection but the number of those who were connected was only three.

He also discovered that in the entire Mbeya region, 119 villages were earmarked for power connection while those that were actually connected were only three while only four months remain in the contract.

He said the contractor tasked to connect power in those villages started work in March this year and is supposed to finish in December this year, but so far the work is less than 90 per cent complete.

"I cannot travel all this distance only to find three houses that have been connected to power and I should flick the switch to them.

"The people already connected should continue using electricity but the contractor

should increase the speed to make sure all remaining people get power within specified period," he said.

He also instructed Mbeya Zone TANESCO Manager to prepare a report on the competence of the contractor to find out if he cannot deliver, if so find a replacement.

For his part, Rungwe District Administrative Secretary, Nkondo Bendera said the district has 99 villages but only 29 had been connected to electricity.

He said there are 456 homesteads but those that had been connected were 200 and that the district government will make sure it works together with TANESCO and REA in the supervision of the contractor to make sure they get electricity.

Rungwe District Tanesco Manager, Eng Tumaini Nyari said so far 286 people had applied for connection and by mid-September this year all of these will be connected.



I cannot travel all this distance only to find three houses that have been connected to power and I should flick the switch to them

Villagers decry water shortage, call for urgent intervention by the government

By Beatrice Philemon

A TOTAL of 34513 residents of Maguruwe and Kivinje wards in Kilwa District are in need of water services for domestic use and have called on the government to chip in and address the situation.

Miguruwe Ward Executive Officer, Mariam Mkalipa told reporters who visited the area recently that villagers have no option when it comes to getting clean and safe water. "Women and children have to walk long distances to look for the precious liquid and most of times it is unfit for human consumption," she said.

According to Mariam, villagers ask for government intervention because they get water in ponds, also used by wild animals such as elephant, lion, and hippos.

Women and children walk for 2 to 7km daily to fetch water at Zinga River, Matandu River, Alanje dam, Mikono miwili dam in Miguruwe ward while at Kivinje ward women and children get water at Njenga dam.

So far Miguruwe ward has 15513 residents and four villages that includes Mtepela, Miguruwe, Zingakibaoni and Nakingombe while Kivinje ward has 19,000 residents and four villages.

"As villagers we are scared because when we go to fetch water at Aranje dam we encounter elephant, tiger, hippopotamus and buffalo also looking for water, this is very dangerous for villagers," she said.

She called upon the minister of Water to visit those areas to see how villagers especially women, students and children suffer, how wild animals sometimes prevent them to get water when they reach in those water sources, forcing them to go home without water.

Women at Miguruwe village have begun to make contribution so that they can drill a water well, so far they have collected 70,000/- pleading other stakeholders to help them raise enough funds to drill water wells for domestic use.

Chairman of Matandu Njenga hamlet, Said Malenga said "In village like Matandu where I live, water shortage is a big problem we depend on dams and during the dry season people suffer a lot to get water travelling long distances to fetch water in the nearby villages that are far from where they stay.

Right now the situation is very terrible for villagers and students in all wards because they don't know when they will get safe drinking water.

Pili Kuliwa, Secretary of Tumaini Jipya kwa Wanawake Kilwa (TUJIWAKI), says so far TUJIWAKI has already submitted their water problem to Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Agency (RUWASA)'s Water Supply manager to see how he will assist villagers to access water.

"Since March this year RUWASA's manager has promised to drill a water well at Miguruwe village that will be connected to Miguruwe secondary school to help student's access water for school use and right now we are still waiting for it because both students and villagers suffer a lot," she said.

Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Agent (RUWASA)'s Eng Ramadhan Mabula noted that in a drive to assist villagers access safe drinking water, so far the government has set-aside a total of 2bn/- for 2021/2022 financial year that will be used for water well drilling in six villages and implement other water projects in 12 villages in Kilwa District.

SWISSPORT TANZANIA PLC UN-AUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR SIX MONTHS ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

Commentary
The Board of Directors of Swissport Tanzania Plc. hereby publishes unaudited financial results for the period of six months ended 30 June 2021. Total revenue during the period increased by 10% from TShs 12,914 million to TShs 14,242 million and total operating costs increased by 2% from TShs 13,667 million to TShs 13,879 million. Consequently, the Company reports a net profit of TShs 174 million compared to a net loss of TShs 1,128 million reported in the same period last year. Management has also continued implementing cost mitigation measures to sustain the profitability of the business.

Interim Dividend to Shareholders
In view of the modest profit reported for the period ended 30 June 2021, the Board of Directors has not declared an interim dividend.

Future Outlook
The cargo business has fully recovered from the impact of COVID 19 and we envisage a stable performance for the remainder of the year. The rollout of COVID 19 vaccination and the relaxation of travel restrictions around the world have positively impacted the recovery of the ground handling business. As a result, the ground handling business is now operating at 71% of the pre-COVID 19 volumes and we expect the recovery rate to remain constant to the end of the year. All our airline customers have resumed operations, albeit with fewer frequencies, and most have now redeployed the larger aircraft types that were in use before COVID. Management is confident that the Company's estimates for year 2021 will be achieved.

Management is carefully monitoring business recovery and taking appropriate mitigation measures to ensure the sustainability of the business. Measures are also taken to protect the safety and health of our staff, and the travelling community, while responding to the airline requirements as they increase flight frequencies as well as reacting to the rapidly changing business landscape.

Appreciation and commitment
The Board would like to thank all customers, authorities and other stakeholders for their continued support and our employees for their hard work during these difficult times. The Board is committed to implement appropriate strategies to ensure the business remains sustainable.

STATEMENT OF PROFIT AND LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME For Six Months Ended 30 June	2021 TShs M	2020 TShs M	Change %
Revenue	13,977	12,718	10%
Other operating income	265	196	35%
Total revenue	14,242	12,914	10%
Total operating expenses	13,879	13,667	2%
Operating (loss)/profit	363	(753)	(148%)
Finance costs	189	134	100%
Profit/ (loss) before income tax	174	(887)	(120%)
Income expense	-	241	(100%)
Profit/(loss) for the period	174	(1,128)	(115%)
Earnings/(loss) per share	4.83	(31)	(115%)

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION As At 30 June	2021 TShs M	2020 TShs M	Change %
ASSETS			
Non-current assets			
Intangible asset	13,402	15,729	(15%)
Property and equipment	15,203	16,534	-8%
Right of use of assets	1,625	799	103%
Deferred tax assets	1,421	810	75%
Staff receivables	171	69	148%
Current assets			
Inventories	497	424	17%
Trade and other receivables	6,617	3,643	82%
Income tax recoverable	1,983	1,137	74%
Cash and cash equivalents	8,118	3,521	131%
Total assets	49,037	42,666	15%
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES			
Equity			
Share capital	360	360	-
Retained earnings	28,195	29,173	(3%)
Total equity	28,555	29,533	(3%)
Non-current liabilities			
Retirement benefit obligations (IAS 19)	1,700	2,948	(42%)
Lease Liabilities (IFRS16)	1,611	465	100%
Long term loan	1,507	-	100%
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	12,546	9,063	38%
Lease Liabilities (IFRS16)	729	657	11%
Short term loan	2,389	-	-
Total equity and liabilities	49,037	42,666	15%

From landing to take-off, we care !

Jeroen de Clercq
Board Chairman

Mrisho Yassin
Chief Executive Officer

Imani Mtafya
Chief Financial Officer

216427701

TUESDAY 31 AUGUST 2021

Taking A New Look
At The News
ESTABLISHED IN 1995

Zambian poll results a lesson for all of us

VETERAN opposition leader Hakainde Hichilema has taken office as President of Zambia after a recent poll in which the serving president, Edgar Lungu trailed his opponent by slightly over one million votes, as the numerous constituencies and polling stations were finalizing their counting. The news has come when President Samia Suluhu Hassan is working to ensure that there are credible polls in the coming years, without precautions that the ruling party wins and by a respectable margin. That is what happened in the last polls and it is stocking intense opposition.

Those following the news and analyses of how the former Zambian president fell will have heard plenty of complaints on his leadership, such that there were few surprises that his opponent prevailed. We can salute our current leadership that it isn't going that path - of chronic lack of employment, failing to service the national debt, rising inflation, and foreign aid cuts owing to suspicions of money laundering raised by international agencies. All this trailed the presidency in Lusaka since 2016 when Lungu won his own proper term, after taking over for a year in the wake of the death of then president Michael Sata. It is unclear if the problems were avoidable.

Commentators on the large win by the former opposition leader agree that the big difference was the youth turnout to vote, and not voting on traditional regional alliances, etc. Efforts by the former president to peg his campaign on infrastructure outlays did not convince the wider electorate but those close to him, which signals that correct fiscal and monetary policies are not just passwords by IMF and the World Bank but vital components of stable

economic policy. Still it is unclear if President Hichilema will only stop the leakage or also alter economic structures.

Another lesson that is altogether political instead of policy contentions is that knowing a person to have failed for many years in contending for the presidency isn't a definite limitation on his ability to be elected. Then candidate Hichilema was contesting for the sixth time, despite his 59 years of age, and it is entirely possible that those in office would have scoffed at his efforts as they know people are used to see him losing. Politics can spring up surprises, in which case those holding office at any level should never take the voters for granted.

What is altogether pleasing both for Zambia and what is going on in the country is that the level of tolerance is rising in African political systems, despite intense complaints on treatment of opposition parties, for instance up to holding polls in Zambia. That scenario has been noticed in various countries, while in several others there is no mistreatment of opponents but countries risk sinking into chaos if an incumbent is threatened. Alternatively chaos may arise if a genuinely popular opposition feels that their vote risks being hijacked.

Democratic activists will insist on having the right constitutional format but the reality is that only economic reform works, so that being in power isn't a life and death issue for too many people, especially those employed by government agencies. We ought to focus on this issue to get our bearings right, as rulers will not surrender power by letting NGOs draw up constitutions. Still, no multiparty poll or constitution credibly protects incumbents from being voted out.

PAC queries on ATCL books: Anything new?

A QUERY is being pursued between the Public Accounts Committee (PAC) of the National Assembly with Air Tanzania Co. Ltd (ATCL) on the one hand and the Tanzania Government Flight Agency (TGFA) on the other hand, despite that it is ATCL that appears to have more questions to answer. PAC says ATCL continues to run at a loss and called on the government to take steps to improve its operations so as to make that investment profitable. To this kind of proposition the question comes, as to whether the government listens to ATCL or to its critics.

PAC chairperson Naghenjwa Kaboyoka (Special Seats, Chadema) said in an interview that steps had been taken by the panel after speaking to ATCL and TGFA following audit queries raised by the Controller and Auditor General (CAG) for the 2019/20 financial year. The preliminary feature noticed is that there are two government agencies trying to make money from the planes, and this definitely brings up problems of accountability, fiscal strategies and options that ATCL in particular takes, as it is pushed to the ropes all the time. Both weren't easy to engage for the parliamentary panel; it is unclear if this is a problem for ATCL, TGFA or the legislature as such.

When receiving a new plane from Canada lately, the ATCL board and management raised these same issues with President Samia Suluhu Hassan but she could not go as far as granting them their wishes. They find TGFA an unnecessary supplementary organization (the way there was DAWASA and DAWASCO earlier in city water supply) and that the government should make them 'owners' (say, custodians) of the planes, instead of commercial leasing. It is not

clear if those in the government, for instance the Treasury Registrar, have clear answers to such issues.

The last time ATCL had serious problems in its commercial arrangements, when it was in a troubled joint venture or part-shareholding with South African Airways, the top authorities at least knew who to blame. When it is pitted against TGFA it is pointless for the ministry to take sides but look into the structure, if they need a holding corporation, or merely an operational agency. For once, the government has scrapped such agencies in water supply and railways.

It is however possible that ATCL deserves to have a controlling agency over its shoulder so as to rein in their more divergent options, virtually on behalf of the government. But the issue is whether the Treasury needs to maintain an organization for that purpose, unless TGFA has a fleet of planes where those leased to ATCL are merely a category. Being wholly tied to ATCL as a fees collector isn't enough reason for existing; it is far too costly to maintain executive agencies.

Before the parliamentary team meets with the Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Transport on the ATCL and TGFA contentions, those in charge of policy formulation ought to think hard and decide if the government needs to continue running an airline, or put it to the market and liquidate the debt. ATCL is operating on a negative capital of 216bn/- and it sends acting officials to meet MPs, and the CEO doesn't even explain why he isn't coming. They know that PAC is toothless, as parastatals don't fear committees or ministers but privatisation, a lesson we learned long ago but our sentiments are elsewhere.

The Guardian Limited Key Contacts
Managing Editor: WALLACE MAUGGO
Circulation Manager: EMMANUEL LYIMO

Newsdesk
News Editor: LUSEKELO PHILEMON
0757154767
General line: 0745700710
E-mail: guardian@guardian.co.tz

Advertising
Mobile: 0782253676
E-mails: advertise@guardian.co.tz
Website: www.ippmedia.com
epaper.ippmedia.com



By Emmanuel Nwachukwu

THE government must explore innovative ways of addressing healthcare delivery in the country. The latest World Health Organisation survey ranks Nigeria's healthcare system as the fourth worst in the world. This would not come as a surprise to Nigerians living in a country where there are no ambulance services or a simple toll-free number, like 999 to call in an emergency. In the unfortunate event of a heart attack, the chances of survival in Nigeria are dire.

At a time when people are generally living longer, with a global average life expectancy of 73 years, the average Nigerian will be lucky to attain the age of 60. With a life expectancy of 55 years, Nigeria is one of four countries with the lowest life expectancies in the world, after the Central African Republic, Lesotho, and Chad, based on the latest data from the United Nations. At the root of early deaths in Nigeria is a healthcare system that has virtually collapsed due to the lack of investment. The latest World Health Organisation survey ranks Nigeria's healthcare system as the fourth worst in the world. This would not come as a surprise to Nigerians living in a country where there are no ambulance services or a simple toll-free number, like 999 to call in an emergency. In the unfortunate event of a heart attack, the chances of survival in Nigeria are dire.

For decades, Nigeria's health sector has suffered from acute underfunding, whilst the country's leadership have jetted off to the U.K. and the Dubai, to get the medical care they have callously denied their fellow citizens. Even Nigeria's number one citizen would have nothing to do with the healthcare system he superintends, preferring instead to patronise, unashamedly, the health services built by his peers in the U.K., at great cost to the Nigerian treasury.

In the last ten years alone, Nigeria has added almost 50 million people to its headcount, more than the entire population of Canada of 38 million, without any commensurate increase in investment in health. The Federal Government budget for health this year for the entire country is a miserly \$1.07 billion (N547 billion), less than half the \$2.4 billion (£1.7 billion) expenditure budget for Guys' and St Thomas' - a government hospital in the U.K. favoured by Nigeria's ruling elite.

Some have described Nigeria's hospitals, perhaps too harshly, as where people go to die. With a public health system characterised by a shortage of drugs, equipment and medical specialists, Nigerians seem to have resigned themselves to the possibility of an early death, if unfortunate to be struck by any serious illness.

Nigeria's health sector in crisis



Nurses attends to patients at a hospital in the Liberian capital, Monrovia

Apart from, perhaps, a few top private hospitals, the majority of hospitals in Nigeria are no more than mere consulting rooms, lacking in everything. Even empathy is in short supply, with the poor bearing the brunt of ill-treatment from health workers, overwhelmed themselves by the daily throng of patients needing care. With patients required to meet the full cost of treatment, Nigeria's healthcare system has literally priced out access for over 100 million citizens living in poverty. Hospitals, however, argue they would be forced to close, if not able to recover the full cost of treatment from patients, in the absence of adequate funding from the government. It is not uncommon in Nigeria for patients to be 'held hostage' in wards until a kind benefactor pays their medical bills. For very serious medical conditions, deposits of over half a million naira are required before treatment can even commence, an impossibility for over half the population, which lives in extreme poverty, according to the World Poverty Clock.

Sadly, inadequate funding is just one of the multi-faceted challenges plaguing healthcare delivery in Nigeria. Much has been said about the problem of quacks in the system and the risk these individuals pose to the lives of patients. Here is a worrisome social media account from a health practitioner: "A patient with a slow pulse advised by a doctor to drink Coca-Cola to bring it up. A patient who was bleeding from the anus for 18 months was receiving blood transfusion with no tests until an endoscopy revealed much later that the patient had cancer, by then it was too late. A patient was told she had diabetes and was receiving treatment as a diabetic for 12 years only to find she was never diabetic. A doctor without any formal surgical training was alleged to have performed a complicated bowel surgery on a patient who died in the operation. A patient bled to death after a doctor carried out a renal biopsy without

a simple medication history that would have revealed that the patient was on aspirin, a blood-thinning agent. A doctor administered a dextrose drip on an unconscious patient without first checking if the patient was diabetic - the patient never woke up. Another diagnosed bone tuberculosis by just touching a patient's jaw without doing a single investigation and had planned to remove the patient's jaw. The patient was saved when she sought a second opinion while abroad and was found to have a benign lymph node." These allegations, grave as they are, should not diminish the hard work of the vast majority of doctors and health workers, who continue to do their best for patients, with little resources and under very difficult circumstances; some owed many months of unpaid salaries and allowances.

Some have described Nigeria's hospitals, perhaps too harshly, as where people go to die. With a public health system characterised by a shortage of drugs, equipment and medical specialists, Nigerians seem to have resigned themselves to the possibility of an early death, if unfortunate to be struck by any serious illness. The shortage of specialist medical personnel is further compounded by the mass migration abroad of Nigerian trained health professionals, due to poor conditions of service and worsening insecurity in the country. A House of Commons report in 2020 revealed that 8,241 Nigerians are currently working in various capacities in the National Health Service (NHS) in just England alone, and more are coming!

The government must explore innovative ways of addressing healthcare delivery in the country, in a manner that focuses on partnership between states, the private sector, and the huge talent of Nigerian health professionals in the diaspora. The eradication of polio in Nigeria is just one example of how private money and charitable organisations can partner with the

government to deliver the desired health outcomes.

Unfortunately, there seems to be no strategy by the government for addressing the challenges facing healthcare delivery in the country and the huge gap in funding. A recent study in the BMC Public Health showed that since the launch of the National Health Insurance Scheme (NHIS) in 2005, less than 5 per cent of Nigerians have taken up health insurance, whilst the rest of the population continue to finance their healthcare needs through out-of-pocket expenditure. With dwindling public finances, there is a need for the government to consider compulsory universal health insurance, as a means of funding the health sector, as well as improving access for the millions of citizens who are unable to afford healthcare. Contributions into the scheme should be on a sliding scale that takes into account individual earnings, with the poorest citizens entitled to free health insurance. Universal Health Insurance has been a great success in Rwanda, considered to have one of the best health insurance schemes in Africa, with over 90 per cent coverage.

The government must explore innovative ways of addressing healthcare delivery in the country, in a manner that focuses on partnership between states, the private sector, and the huge talent of Nigerian health professionals in the diaspora. The eradication of polio in Nigeria is just one example of how private money and charitable organisations can partner with the government to deliver the desired health outcomes.

It is time for Nigeria's leadership to start building in Nigeria those hospitals in Dubai and London they so delight to patronise and spare the country the costs and the ignominy of depending on other countries for the healthcare services they should be providing Nigerians here at home. In the event of a heart attack, London would certainly be too far to save anyone!

By Francis Kajubi

Mobile money levies: A burden within patriotism

POVERTY rate in Tanzania declined to 25.7 per cent in 2020, according to data considering the national poverty line. Previously, in 2018, the rate was measured at 26.4 per cent.

Though the decline in poverty rate gives hope that Tanzanians' living standards have improved during the period, the 25.7 per cent means that 15.420million people out of the 60 million estimated Tanzanian population are still living under the poverty line of US\$1(2,310/-) a day.

Economists say that individuals are defined as poor when they are not able to meet their basic consumption needs. In 2018, the national basic needs poverty line was 49,320/- (US\$21.2) per adult per month, according to the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) National Economic Status of June 2018.

NBS states that as of June this year, gross domestic product (GDP) grew by 4.8 percent in 2020 compared to 7 percent in 2019. The slowdown in growth was due to excessive rainfall which resulted in damage to transport infrastructure and posed delays to implementation of mega projects.

NBS says the slowdown was also supported by Covid-19 eruption. In the current fiscal year the government targets at achieving 5.6 percent of GDP growth.

In 2020, Inflation slightly slowed down to 3.3 percent from 3.4 percent in 2019. Inflation of food and soft drinks increased to 4.1 percent in 2020 from 2.9 percent in 2019, hence, affecting consumers' purchasing power.

Just last week Sweden had provided a grant of 117.8bn/- to Tanzania to facilitate implementation of the second phase of the Productive Social Safety Net (PSSN II) programme by the Tanzania Social Action Fund (TASAF).

Permanent Secretary in the ministry of Finance and Planning, Emmanuel Tutuba said that the three-year programme focuses on providing poor households with prerequisite entrepreneurship skills and income earning opportunities to enable them establish small-scale businesses and projects for poverty alleviation.

Phase one of the PSSN programme (2013-2019) had reached 1.1 million households that is equivalent to five million Tanzanian individuals. What does this mean?

It means that the programme that had reached only five million people in six year time, translates that the 15.420 million Tanzanians who are still living in poverty will have to wait for the next 18 years to be reached by the same programme (if sustained) to have uplifted with a relief of life.

According to the global human development index (HDI) by the United Nations Development Programme for 2020, Tanzania had made a single step up in development ranked at 163rd out of 189 countries in 2019 compared to 164th ranked in 2018 in the HDI list.

That being said, and as the parliament resumes its meeting sessions today, a hot debate is ongoing across the country regarding the introduction of mobile money transaction levies if are a burden to poor people or a



Buchosa Member of Parliament, Eric Shigongo.

thing to be proud of in building the country's economy.

There are mixed views from policy makers and scholars on whether the mobile money levies are a burden to taxpayers or a complement to being a patriot to the country's adopted economic development initiatives.

In an interview with The Guardian, Eric Shigongo, Buchosa legislator CCM, said that the decision to impose mobile money transaction levies was correct and completely patriotic for one main reason: He said economic growth declined from 7 per cent in 2019 to 4.8 per cent in 2020.

He asserted that the economic growth of 7 per cent made the country considered as it had attained the lower middle-income status and in fact was considered among countries with such economic status. What does this mean? He said, this means that donor

countries would have reduced the amount of aid dedicated to Tanzania.

Because the economy slowed down last year due to the eruption of COVID-19, he defended that it was wiser to take deliberate economic approaches to save the country's economy.

"Tanzanians need to understand that this is a time to fasten our belts to rebuild our economy as happened after the Kagera war where the father of the nation set aside 18 months for economic self-sufficiency;

Many Tanzanians I speak to don't oppose the levy but they say it is too high. We MPs passed the law but regulations of how to execute it are made by the minister of Finance. We are expecting to go and look into this levy again as the Speaker of Parliament has already promised," said Shigongo.

Catherine Ruge, Certified Public Accountant and

Economist, who also doubles as opposition Chade-ma's Women Council Secretary General, said that the current poverty rate must have taught the government a lesson of making sure that it put in place initiatives that would result into equipping youth into taking full participation in the collective economy.

According to her, mobile money levies are an extra burden to Tanzanians who strive to afford three meals a day. She asserted that the government shouldn't be endorsing levies and taxes on economic channels that have provided the majority of the youth with employment opportunities.

"Think of young people employed as mobile money agents by telecommunication companies who are going to lose their jobs. Paying taxes is a responsibility but the government should not think of new revenue sources that affects an ordinary man's life directly;

Instead of creating employment opportunities out of the digital world the government is setting mechanisms that disappoint investments, hence, resulting in unemployment of young graduates and non-graduates," said Ruge.

The NBS report for June 2021 states that in 2020, a total of 23,029,954 people out of 25,436,904 people in the labor market were employed in various economic sectors compared to 22,451,545 people in 2019. Of these, 11,043,823 (48 percent) were women and 11,986,131(52 percent) men were employed. However, 5.8 percent of all jobs went to people with disabilities.

During that period, the agriculture, forestry and fisheries sector provided 61.5 percent of all jobs followed by the trade and maintenance sector (14.5 percent). On the other hand, the real estate industry accounted for 0.04 percent of all jobs with a smaller contribution than other sectors.

In 2020, the country's unemployment rate was 9.5 percent equivalent to 2,406,950 people in the local labor market.

The government through the National Skills Development Program enabled 18,956 young people to receive the necessary skills training in the labor market so that they can be self-employed compared to 23,755 young people in 2019.

Of these, 5,538 young people were subjected to apprenticeships training, 3,240 graduates received practical on-the-job training; and 10,178 young people received vocational training and formalized the skills level they had acquired outside the formal system.

Tigo Tanzania Communications Manager, Woinde Shisael said that so far the mobile company has employed 120,000 Tigo Pesa agents across the country.

"The number of agents is still the same but transaction volumes have gone down drastically. The decrease in transaction volumes has a side effect on agents as they are most likely to receive less commissions compared to two months ago when the levy was not introduced," said Shisael.



CAUTIONARY NOTICE TO MEMBERS TANGA CEMENT PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY (DSE: TCPLC) (Incorporated in the United Republic of Tanzania) ("Tanga" or "the Company")

Shareholders are advised that Tanga Cement PLC has embarked on a restructuring/refinancing of its existing debt facilities due to a change in market dynamics and the prevailing competitive landscape. The Company's highly geared balance sheet therefore needs to be restructured/refinanced to ensure its long-term competitiveness and sustainability ("the Proposed Transaction").

To address the above, Tanga appointed PriceWaterhouseCoopers Ltd ("PwC") as its debt restructuring advisor, and CMS RM Partners & Clyde & Co. as its legal advisor to assist with the above.

Tanga and its advisors have since had extensive engagements with all of its lenders and its majority shareholder to progress the Proposed Transaction.

Since the negotiations relating to the Proposed Transaction are ongoing, it is classified as a significant post balance sheet event, which impacts the external audit opinion regarding the annual financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020.

In accordance with the Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange Rules, the Company is required to publish its audited annual financial statements within six (6) months of its financial year-end.

Tanga was not in a position to publish its audited annual financial statements for 2020 by 30 June 2021 and is still not in a position to do so as the independent auditors, EY, are still to be satisfied that the Proposed Transaction (as a post balance sheet event) will allow the Company to continue as a going concern. The conclusion of a formal standstill agreement (by Tanga and its lenders), as a minimum, is therefore required to address the above.

The senior majority lender has indicated its willingness to conclude a formal standstill (and Tanga is still engaging with the remaining lenders who are considering the request) to allow the Proposed Transaction to be progressed.

The Company is employing best endeavours to conclude a standstill agreement with its lenders in order to provide the external auditors with sufficient evidence to allow them to conclude on the Company's going concern assertion and thus provide an appropriate audit opinion in relation to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020.

The conclusion of the standstill agreement and resultant publishing of its audited annual financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020 is expected to occur by no later than 30 November 2021.

Shareholders are accordingly advised to exercise caution when dealing in Tanga's securities.

On behalf of the Board.

Lawrence Masha
Chairman of the Board
31 August 2021

216432101



INVITATION FOR TENDERS SALE OF USED EQUIPMENT

1. Tanga Cement Public Limited Company (TCPLC) invites sealed bids from interested buyers for used equipment as listed in the schedule below. The sale is on "WHERE IS, AS IS BASIS". The equipment can be inspected at our plant in Tanga between 10:00 a.m. and 02:30 p.m. from 01 September 2021 to 15 September 2021 from Monday to Friday.
2. Bidders may bid for one item or all items in the schedule below.
3. Sealed bids Marked "Offer to Buy Used Equipment" addressed to the Managing Director, Tanga Cement PLC must be deposited in the tender box located at the visitors' gate by 12H00 on 16 September 2021 and the opening will follow immediately thereafter. Bids received after the deadline for submission will not be considered.
4. All Bidders shall keep their bids valid/open for acceptance for a period of at least 30 (Thirty) days after the submission date.
5. Prospective Bidders and the Successful Bidder shall abide by TCPLC policies and procedures including safety and security procedures. Entry to the plant for inspection and collection of items shall only be granted with written permission slip from TCPLC.
6. The successful bidder shall be responsible for all the costs of transferring ownership and for any other disbursements necessary as a result of this sale.
7. The successful bidder shall be required to pay the full bid amount, transfer the ownership and remove the equipment from TCPLC premises within seven days from the date of the letter of award. In case the successful bidder fails to make the payment or transfer the ownership, the right to buy shall be forfeited.
8. Bidders are required to provide their full names and contact details in the tender submission documents including telephone numbers, postal and e-mail addresses for ease of communication.
9. TCPLC reserves the right to cancel or postpone this sale at any time, reject or accept any offer, including the highest bid, without providing any reason, at its sole discretion.

List of Equipment				
S/N	Type of equipment	Model	Capacity	Condition
1	Front End Loader	Komatsu WA600	6.4 cubic meters	Grounded
2	Front End Loader	Komatsu WA380	2.7 cubic meters	Grounded
3	Haul Trucks	Komatsu HD 325	33 ton	Grounded
4	Haul Trucks	Cat 769D	36 ton	Grounded
5	Haul Truck	Mercedes Benz, Actros	25 ton	Grounded
	Reg T749ABN			
6	Drill rig	Drill Rig 460 PC	-	Grounded
7	Service truck	Mercedes Benz Atego		
	Reg. T 834 AEZ	-	Grounded	

216432101

US withdrawal from Afghanistan leaves mess for Europe to clean up

COPENHAGEN

THE United States' hasty military withdrawal from Afghanistan and its refusal to extend the withdrawal deadline scheduled on Tuesday has left its European allies feeling dazed and betrayed as they are scrambling to depart the war-torn country with their own meagre resources.

Without a U.S. security guarantee during the evacuation, the U.S. allies are facing a chaotic situation at Kabul airport, the major exit for foreigners to leave the country.

As the deadline is looming, many European countries had to halt their evacuation plans. Meanwhile, concerns are surging over a possible flood of Afghan refugees into Europe after the U.S. military withdrawal, casting doubt over Europe's long-standing strategic dependence on the United States.

On Sunday, six Afghan civilians, including four children, were killed after a rocket was fired at Kabul airport, where the U.S.-led evacuation flights were continuing, but the rocket failed to hit the target, a local source confirmed.

Earlier, a suicide bomb attack rocked the Kabul airport on Thursday, killing 13 U.S. service members and some 170 Afghans. During a Group of Seven (G7) virtual summit on Tuesday, leaders of the U.S. allies tried to persuade U.S. President Joe Biden to extend the evacuation deadline.

However, despite the deteriorating situation and pleas from the allies, Biden has maintained his country still aims to complete its withdrawal by Aug. 31.

Without U.S. military support, the Europeans would not be able to evacuate their own personnel and local Afghan forces from Kabul, said Senior Policy Fellow Jana Puglierin at the European Council of Foreign Relations.

After the G7 meeting, German Chancellor Angela Merkel admitted that without the U.S. security guarantee, they are facing difficulties to continue their withdrawal operations.

According to German media, it is estimated that there are still over 200 German citizens in Afghanistan. Meanwhile, France halted its air evacuation operation in Afghanistan on Friday.

French President Emmanuel Macron said Thursday that the U.S. decision not to extend the deadline for withdrawing from Afghanistan beyond Aug. 31 has put "all of us in a situation which is no more under control."

The Belgian federal government made a decision on Wednesday evening to end all evacuations from Kabul airport over a suicide bomb threat, Prime Minister Alexander De Croo said Thursday. "Clearly, the decision to leave Afghanistan on the part of the United States surprised many partners. We need to have a frank discussion," said the prime minister.

According to the United Nations (UN) Refugee Agency, 550,000 people have been forcibly displaced inside Afghanistan this year, joining 2.9 million others already internally displaced across the country at the end of 2020, and 2.6 million Afghans have fled worldwide over the past decades.

European countries are worried about a possible influx of Afghan refugees as the hasty U.S. withdrawal will destabilize the region and push more people to flee.

In Greece, fear of a potential tsunami of refugees from Afghanistan is spreading. Greek Migration and Asylum Minister Notis Mitarachi said on Friday that Greece will not become a gateway to Europe for irregular migration flows, like what happened during the period from 2015 to 2019.

Since 2015, over one million people have reached Greece fleeing warzones and extreme poverty, and most have continued their journey to other European countries until the borders along the Balkan route to Central Europe were sealed off.

The Afghan crisis is creating new data in the geopolitical sphere and at the same time is creating possibilities for migration flows. We have to prepare ourselves for the possible consequences," Greek Minister of Civil Protection Michalis Chrisochoidis told national broadcaster ERT recently.

Last week, Greek Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis and Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan jointly urged the international community to provide more support to countries closer to Afghanistan to handle the crisis.

Meanwhile, Austrian Chancellor Sebastian Kurz has declared that there will be no further admission of Afghans to Austria "under his chancellorship."

"The European Union (EU) must move very quickly and offer material and technical assistance where needed to ensure that people fleeing Afghanistan stay in neighboring countries with the prospect of returning to their homeland at some point," Constantinos Filis, executive director of the Institute of International Relations at Panteion University in Athens, told local news web-



Afghan security force members take part in a cleanup operation against Taliban militants in Jawzjan province, Afghanistan, June 5, 2021. (Photo/Xinhua)

site Newsbeast. For European leaders, the fallout from the United States' hasty withdrawal from Afghanistan serves as a reminder that instead of blindly relying on the United States, they should seek some strategic autonomy.

In an exclusive interview with The Economist in November 2019, Macron was already predicting rumbling discontent with the U.S. leadership, describing the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) as "brain dead" and reiterating his demand for the development of "strategic autonomy" in Europe.

The chaotic withdrawal from Afghanistan is now a wake-up call that Europe needs to develop military capabilities independent of those of the United States, said Josep Borrell, the EU policy chief for foreign affairs and security.

Finnish President Sauli Niinisto further reiterated the call for Europe to be able to do something in the absence of the United States as the EU's role in the Afghan crisis is "invisible." "It is certainly necessary to discuss the role of Europe in the world. I have also personally insisted on the need for such a discussion," said Niinisto, adding that "to be able to deal with the growing power political pressures independently, Europe needs a force of its own."

Dissatisfaction with Europe's incompetence in Afghanistan also reared its head at German local news outlet NTV, which lashed out with a scathing commentary about the European forces and admonished Europe's dependence on the United States in Afghanistan.

"That the Europeans cannot achieve this despite decades of efforts to devel-

op their own military strength, that too is a glaring sign of powerlessness," the article said.

However, some European leaders are shying away from a pan-European solution to ease the woes of humiliating impotency, and are advocating a reform of existing organizations like NATO instead.

In a recent interview with Blesk news website, Czech President Milos Zeman proposed that NATO needs to be radically reformed and at the same time should define international terrorism as its primary enemy, rather than being a service organization of the United States. "We need a collective leadership of NATO, a certain equality of the member countries. Not that when some president gives an order, all the others obey it," he said.

Xinhua

MELBOURNE

Vaccine access negotiations to resume as new variants spread

A COMMITTEE that has spent almost a year negotiating the terms of a temporary intellectual property waiver for Covid-19 medicines will reconvene in September after pausing for the European Summer.

As new variants spread rapidly around the world, the deadlock in the World Trade Organization Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS) Committee has potentially further delayed access to vaccines and other medicines for billions of people in low- and middle-income countries.

The waiver, initially proposed by India and South Africa in October 2020 has attracted sponsorship and support from several other countries. After widespread campaigning, the United

States added its support in May. Yet, while the European parliament also backs the proposal, the European Union does not, in part due to continued opposition from Germany, which is home to a substantial pharmaceutical industry.

The decreasing number of countries holding out from supporting the waiver continued to stall negotiations right up until they paused at the end of July. This is even though the waiver is only being put forward as a temporary measure until the pandemic is under control.

Leena Menghaney, the head of Médecins Sans Frontières Access Campaign in South Asia told IPS that the countries that proposed the waiver are asking for the right to produce their own medicines and vaccines.

"Many middle-income countries have the technical capacity to also produce Covid-19 medicines and vaccines," said Menghaney, adding that opponents to the waiver are using arguments that ignore the technical capacity that many countries already have to produce generic medicines.

"It smacks of colonial baggage to say that you're not ready for this," says Menghaney. "What countries want is the right to produce these medicines and vaccines."

This is not the first time that the strict TRIPS rules for medicines have come under the microscope.

The current intellectual property system has also added to the inequality in access to Tuberculosis medicines, contributing to the emergence of new multi-drug res-

istant variants that threaten to even further prolong one of the world's most unequal epidemics.

"The intellectual property system doesn't really distribute the outcomes of science very well. It's not a system where people are equally able to access the outcomes of research," said Menghaney. "Governments have been funding research, but the outcomes of research are not equitably distributed," she added.

"Many times this research actually has its genesis in public labs, the riskiest part of research for HIV, Hepatitis C and now Covid-19 has happened in public labs."

The strict barriers to intellectual property imposed by TRIPS have also been challenged before by South Africa when millions of people were

dying because they could not afford expensive new treatments. Winnie Byanyima, Executive Director of UNAIDS, is one of many supporters of the TRIPS waiver alongside World Health Organization (WHO) Director-General Dr Tedros Adhanom.

"We cannot repeat the painful lessons from the early years of the AIDS response, when people in wealthier countries got back to health, while millions of people in developing countries were left behind," Byanyima has said in support of the waiver.

To date, developing countries have found that their efforts to purchase vaccines have been plagued with difficulties, unfair prices and secretive deals. Anis Chowdhury former Director of Macroeconomic Policy and Development Division of the United

Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific told IPS that even sharing of the Astra Zeneca vaccine has not proven easy even though the researchers who developed the vaccine at Oxford University promised that they would not make a profit from the vaccine while the pandemic continued.

"The issue is all these agreements are very non-transparent. And in this case, the parent company dictates almost all the conditions including who could be the distributor of this drug or vaccine, what price you charge, and to which customer," Chowdhury told IPS.

Both South Africa and India have found themselves tied up in complicated deals meaning they have little say over who they sell vaccines they make to or where they can buy their

own supplies from. So far, European countries have been able to secure lower prices for the Oxford/AstraZeneca vaccine than many low- and middle-income countries.

While vaccine waiver negotiations have languished, global efforts to address vaccine inequality have rested on the COVAX facility, convened by the WHO. Yet, Chowdhury, who is also Professor of Economics at Western Sydney University, told IPS that "from the start, COVAX was designed to fail."

As Chowdhury told IPS, COVAX was put forward as an alternative by rich countries "because the pharmaceutical industries refused to join" C-TAP a WHO proposal to increase knowledge sharing of Covid-19 technologies between countries on the same day it was launched back in May.

IPS

CAPITAL RADIO

RATIBA YA VIPINDI JUMATATU - JUMAPILI

MONDAY TIME PROGRAMME	TUESDAY TIME PROGRAMME	WEDNESDAY TIME PROGRAMME	THURSDAY TIME PROGRAMME	FRIDAY TIME PROGRAMME	SATURDAY TIME PROGRAMME	SUNDAY TIME PROGRAMME
05:00-09:00HRS MORNING JAM 09:00-13:00HRS LETE RAHA 13:00-14:00HRS DW-RADIO 14:00-16:00HRS CLUB 101 16:00-18:00HRS DALA DALA 18:00-18:10HRS HABARI 18:10-20:00HRS BOZOUK TIME 20:00-21:00HRS HALI HALISI 21:00-22:00HRS SPORTS 22:00-05:00HRS MUZIKI (MCHAGANGANYIKO)	05:00-09:00HRS MORNING JAM 09:00-13:00HRS LETE RAHA 13:00-14:00HRS DW-RADIO 14:00-16:00HRS CLUB 101 16:00-18:00HRS DALA DALA 18:00-18:10HRS HABARI 18:10-21:00HRS BOZOUK TIME 21:00-22:00HRS SPORTS 22:00-05:00HRS MUZIKI (MCHAGANGANYIKO)	05:00-09:00HRS MORNING JAM 09:00-13:00HRS LETE RAHA 13:00-14:00HRS DW-RADIO 14:00-16:00HRS CLUB 101 16:00-18:00HRS DALA DALA 18:00-18:10HRS HABARI 18:10-21:00HRS BOZOUK TIME 21:00-22:00HRS SPORTS 22:00-05:00HRS MUZIKI (MCHAGANGANYIKO)	05:00-09:00HRS MORNING JAM 09:00-13:00HRS LETE RAHA 13:00-14:00HRS DW-RADIO 14:00-16:00HRS CLUB 101 16:00-18:00HRS DALA DALA 18:00-18:10HRS HABARI 18:10-20:00HRS BOZOUK TIME 20:00-21:00HRS SPORTS 21:00-23:00HRS MALUMBANO YA HOJA 22:00-05:00HRS MUZIKI (MCHAGANGANYIKO)	05:00-09:00HRS MORNING JAM 09:00-13:00HRS LETE RAHA 13:00-14:00HRS DW-RADIO 14:00-16:00HRS CLUB 101 16:00-18:00HRS DALA DALA 18:00-18:10HRS HABARI 18:10-20:00HRS BOZOUK TIME 20:00-21:00HRS SPORTS 21:00-23:00HRS KIPIMA JOTO 22:00-05:00HRS MUZIKI (MCHAGANGANYIKO)	07:30-10:00HRS DK 90 DUNIANI 10:00-11:00HRS KADOGOO 11:00-13:00HRS BONGO HITS 13:00-14:00HRS DW RADIO 14:00-16:00HRS ZAIDI YA UMJUAVYO 16:00-18:00HRS ALIYEVUMA 18:00-21:00HRS BUZUKI TIME 21:00-22:00HRS SPOTI 22:00-05:00HRS MUZIKI (MCHAGANGANYIKO)	07:00-09:00HRS HABARI NA MATUKIO YA WIKI 09:00-11:00HRS THE SUNDAY 11:00-13:00HRS TOP 20 13:00-14:00HRS DW RADIO 14:00-16:00HRS CAPITAL MICHEZONI 16:00-18:00HRS UKURASA WA MBELE 18:00-21:00HRS JIACHIE 21:00-22:00HRS SPOTI 22:00-01:00HRS LADHA LAINI 01:00-05:00HRS MUZIKI (MCHAGANGANYIKO)

Tembelea mitandao ya kijamii ya CAPITAL RADIO



CAPITAL RADIO

Stamico to offer drilling services at Buckreef Gold project in Geita

By Guardian Reporter

STATE Mining Corporation (STAMICO) has signed a contract with Buckreef Gold company Ltd - a mining company in Geita Region.

The deal, valued at more than 4bn/-, will last for one year.

Speaking at the signing ceremony yesterday in Dar es Salaam, acting CEO Dr. Venance Mwashe said the contract covers both Diamond (DDH) and Reverse Circulation (RC) drilling programmes within the Buckreef SML boundary.

The drilling programme is designed to support mine development, metallurgical variability testing of the sulphide mineral resource and property exploration - including the recently announced Anfield Zone discovery.

He said the contract is for an initial 10,000 metres (of drilling).

He said the project is expected to start this financial year 2021.

"STAMICO owns three new machines capable of providing drilling services to its customers faster and at a more competitive level.

"Following the signing of the agreement and the commencement of work, the organization is expected to provide short-term employment to indigenous peoples and contribute to the economy of

Geita district and the nation as a whole," he said.

He said the organization calls on small-scale miners to focus on modern mining that focuses on mine safety and environmental protection.

"We commend Buckreef Company through director Khalaf Rashid for trusting STAMICO to do this drilling work. The organization promises to work hard and with great expertise to produce productive results as it has modern equipment and enough professionals.

"The organisation calls on the owners of mines and other companies in the country to use Stamico in drilling equipment from the Stamico, as it has the capacity, expertise and equipment to do the painting work," he said.

In addition, Khalaf Rashid thanked Stamico for continuing to work together in the implementation of various responsibilities in uplifting the mining industry in the country.

"I am delighted to have STAMICO, our JV partner at Buckreef, provide drilling services at the Buckreef site. As partners, our interests are strongly aligned to rapidly move Buckreef forward into a major new mine for the Geita Region and Tanzania, and the award of this drilling



Acting CEO Dr. Venance Mwashe (First L) and Buckreef Company CEO Khalaf Rashid (First R) sign drilling contract worth 4bn/-. Looking on is the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Minerals Prof Simon Msanjila. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

contract is another positive step for achieving this goal."

The official guest at the event was the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Mines. In addition to congratulating Stamico on the various strategic projects that have been successfully implemented, Simon Msanjila also urged the corporation to continue to establish itself and own 100 per cent of the private

mine.

He said the quarrying contract was a continuation of the good work being done by Stamico. Last year Stamico won a tender for drilling and exploration mining from Geita Gold Mine Ltd. (GGML) worth 9bn/-.

"The quality of your work is what keeps you from getting another big and good tender, the government will continue to support

you because even now Stamico's dependence on the government is limited.

"We will continue to support them until the dependency is over but also to ensure that the organisation continues to pay dividends to the government as you started this year.

"The organization was dead and wanted to be dissolved completely but in the current leadership within four years you have managed to revive it," he said.

Declining consumer markets clouding upstart confidence

By Correspondent Nimi Mweta

TRENDS noticed in upstart business confidence as the fifth phase settled in have failed to go away, observers say.

How far people are confident in what they do is one among things that are fairly easy to notice in mass communication outlooks, where the language shifted from knowing the rules of commerce to an unclear field, warding off negative influences in running a business, or seeking a job.

That is an assessment reached among some discussants of entrepreneurship at

titudes in the past half decade, that it took a nose dive from the buoyant expectations starting from reforms during the second phase, as trade liberalization led to hawking goods on doorsteps as a way of living. After that decade changes came in as industrialists on the Mainland kept complaining of the 'Zanzibar route' where cheap fabrics and utensils, etc were being 'dumped' from overseas markets and were allegedly not being taxed, though Zanzibar has a customs structure like other neighbouring countries.

The formation of the Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA)

in 1996 and closure of the 'Zanzibar route,' by re-taxing goods already taxed in Zanzibar closed off a major portion of start-up petty commerce, to a more hardened growing of small businesses, discussants affirmed.

This period was characterized by numerous programmes among civil society groups, both non-governmental and faith-based organizations, to orient the youth towards doing small business, where the crucial issue was the method or approach to business, not worrying about markets.

Change came at the early

years of the fifth phase when strict control of public expenditure led to a drying up of plenty of avenues for doing small business, where the relative flourish of frame-anchored business operators declined considerably.

A casual glance in the streets indicate that where for instance two or three shops were flourishing, one remains in place at nearly the same level, one has already closed and the last might be still there but with little business to conduct.

This situation led to a change in how talk shows over radios and television channels where

the usual drilling of how to go about when one opens a business, normally focusing on the personality and marketing approach, started graying at the edges.

The result was a sharp increase in the spiritual cultivation of business confidence and upstart readiness, by a higher level of affinity with various psychological preparation forums, often at acute variance with one another, like 'Freemason' agents doubling up as healers, leaving telephone numbers of lamp poles all over the city.

In the past few years this trend of trusting in such tradi-

tions, which is part of society for decades, is giving way to often contested religious assemblies where instances of success upon prayers are narrated. This trend drifted to eastern and southern Africa from Nigeria, where the late Prophet T.B. Joshua was drawing vast crowds with his 'Synagogue Church of All Nations' (SCOAN), an offshoot of veteran preacher Reinhard Bonnke, now deceased.

Expectations that the start of the sixth phase would bring changes aren't yet quite fruitful, as the shift in government expenditure towards recurrent expenditure - upon

which petty businesses mostly rely for customers with some cash to spare - inched up by just two percentage points, from 39 per cent development expenditure during the fifth phase, to 37 per cent development expenditure in the past budget.

Yet the rising pressures on the government to accomplish development projects like roads in the vast countryside is putting pressures on government expenditure, thus pushing various 'digital taxes' like the cash transfer levies, the property rent levy paid on recharging paid-up electricity, or electronic fiscal devices.

Govt, cooperative society launch 'school milk programme' in Hai

By Correspondent James Lanka, Hai

THE government in collaboration with the Nronga Women Dairy Cooperative Society (NWDCS) has launched phase two of the 'School Milk Programme' in Hai District, Kilimanjaro Region reviving milk feeding initiative in the area.

During the inauguration ceremony over the weekend, several pupils from all primary schools within Hai District Council and other stakeholders gathered to celebrate the special event at Snow View grounds in Bomang'ombe town with the theme-"One glass of milk per day at least twice a week for better health and education".

The event was graced by the acting Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries (Livestock) Dr Asimwe Rweguza, Chairman of Hai District Council Edmund Lutaraka, Program Director for Heifer International, Mark Tsoxo and the Hai District Commissioner Juma Irando, among many dignitaries.

Speaking during the event, Tanzania Dairy Board (TDB) Registrar, Dr George Msalya said the launch of the program was vital as it helps in raising awareness among pupils' and the general public on the importance of consuming milk on daily basis.

He said while the World Health Organisation (WHO) recommends milk for better health, an individual is supposed to consume at least 200 litres of milk in a year, seeing a Tanzanian consumption currently at 54 litters annually being low.

He said that the TDB's decision to revive the school milk feeding pro-

gramme is aimed to improve milk consumption culture in Tanzania.

"Revival and improvement of school milk feeding programme will automatically push a fresh 'Milk Generation,'" Msalya said.

During the event, government high rank officials and other dignitaries organized a special demonstration on milk drinking and awareness speeches, as well as free distribution of bottles of milk to the participants.

The Registrar further applauded the role played by the Nronga Women Dairy Cooperative Society in the improving of milk sector in the country, noting that TDB was working around the clock to ensure that milk production in the country improves and consumption is also increased.

"Currently, milk production per year in Tanzania is 3.4 billion litres that is low and doesn't keep pace with the actual demand, and we have a deficit of 9 billion litres per year, and we do imports a total of 5 billion litres of milk from abroad per year," Dr. Msalya explained.

Statistics show that in 2017/18, Tanzania imported 20,920,537.58LME's Kg, valued at 30,290,485,222/- and 2018/19 the country imported LME's Kg 617,769 worth at 27, 961,44 due to low production of milk within the country.

Executive secretary of Nronga Women Dairy Cooperative Society (NWDCS), Hellen Ussiri said they are facing several challenges including lack of title deed of the land where their dairy plant is located.

"The NWDSCS factory is not centrally located to the market for their products. The land on which



More than 3 million people facing acute food insecurity as Burkina Faso grapples with COVID-19 and conflict

our facility is located is limited for expansion. The terrain for transportation is difficult. It is located in the rural area where utilities like electric power, water, and telephone is unreliable. In order to expand their processing facilities," she said.

Acting Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries (Livestock) Dr Asimwe Rweguza

and the Hai District Commissioner Juma Irando, applauded Nronga Women Dairy Cooperative Society for initiating 'School Milk Program' which will help improve health and academic performance in the schools.

The leaders promised to work on the challenges facing Nronga Women Dairy Cooperative Society.

WFP receives \$1.2m from Korea for the agency's response to African food crisis

By Special Correspondent

THE United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) has received US\$1.2 million from the Republic of Korea to provide humanitarian activities for food crisis in Ethiopia, Nigeria, Madagascar, South Sudan and Burkina Faso.

Chris Nikoi, WFP Regional Director for Western Africa said: "We are grateful for this generous and timely contribution from the government of the Republic of Korea and Korean people to some of the most severe food-insecure communities in Burkina Faso and Nigeria."

Menghestab Haile, WFP Regional Director for Southern Africa said: "Because of climate change, COVID-19 and lack of access to water, populations in Southern Madagascar are facing unprecedented levels of food insecurity and malnutrition.

The number of people on the verge of starvation is likely to double as we are close to the start of the lean season in October.

We are therefore grateful for this generous and timely contribution from the government of the Republic of Korea and Korean people which is making a significant difference in the lives of people."

This contribution will boost WFP's humanitarian efforts including food assistance for vulnerable communities in five countries

CPC releases key publication on its mission, contributions

BYWU CHUQI,

THE Publicity Department of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee on August 26 released a publication on the Party's mission and contributions.

The publication, titled "The CPC: Its Mission and Contributions", was compiled under the guidance of the principles of the speech made by general secretary Xi Jinping of the CPC Central Committee at the ceremony marking the centenary of the CPC held on July 1, 2021, said Wang Xiaohui, executive deputy director of the Publicity Department of the CPC Central Committee, at a press conference.

It thoroughly introduces the 100-year history of the CPC, and expounds on the Party's governance philosophies, practice, and achievements, Wang added.

The publication profoundly analyzes the sources of the CPC's robust leadership and strong governance, saying that it is the CPC's solidarity and unity, its firm leadership, and its strong governance capability that has rallied and united hundreds of millions of Chinese people and overcome a multitude of difficulties and crises.

The leadership system and working mechanism suit China's national conditions and conform to traditional Chinese culture, said Wang, adding that this is an invaluable understanding that Chinese people have gained through years of CPC leadership.

By building the overall leadership system of the CPC and improving the national governance system, the Party will enhance its capacity to exercise power based on informed decisions, democratic process, and the rule of law, and ensure that its leadership is followed in all aspects of state governance.

The publication reviews both the experience and lessons it has learned. It says the CPC has always been able to maintain vigor and vitality despite the many hardships it has endured in the past hundred years. This is because it has constantly engaged in significant self-reform while leading people in a great social revolution.

To stay courageous to be engaged in self-reform, exercise effective self-supervision, practice strict self-discipline in every respect, consistently pursue improvement, and advance with the times is a fine tradition developed by the CPC over its course of governance, as well as a marked symbol of the Party, said Chai Fangguo, deputy director of the Institute of Party History and Literature of the Central Committee of the CPC.

The CPC never conceals its faults for fear of criticism or avoids and hides its setbacks. On the contrary, it faces up to and analyzes problems to withdraw wisdom and strength for further progress.

The Party takes resolute measures against all phenomena that may undermine its integrity and progressive nature. It promptly removes any virus or tumor detected to protect its health.

To practice full and strict governance over the Party, and improve its work style and strengthen party and government discipline is never an empty talk, said Wang Jianxin, an official with the Central Commission for Discipline Inspection of the CPC and the National Supervisory Commission.

The Party's consistent and resolute determination to fight corruption has rebuilt its image, helping it take on a brand new atmosphere and reinforce its unity and solidarity, Wang Jianxin said, adding that revolutionary tempering has made the Party stronger, offering powerful political guidance and solid political underpinning for the development of the cause of the Party and the country.



ful political guidance and solid political underpinning for the development of the cause of the Party and the country.

In addition to regular education and day-to-day management, the CPC also carries out themed education programs focusing on the situations and tasks that it faces in any given period, and on the prominent problems that confront its members.

"We have launched five themed education programs since the 18th National Congress of the CPC. Strict political activities and conduct within the Party have eliminated wrongful thinking of some Party members, and ensured their high-

quality development," said Qi Jia-bin, an official with the CPC Central Committee's Organization Department.

The publication, with abundant historical facts and data, introduces that the CPC has made happiness for Chinese people and the rejuvenation of the Chinese nation its abiding goals from the outset.

Everything the CPC has done in revolution, reconstruction, and reform is designed to ensure a good life for the people. Chinese people are leading a comfortable life to which they have aspired for several thousand years, and they are working towards common prosperity.

Hard work is the fundamental

pathway to common prosperity, said Han Wenxiu, an official with the Central Committee for Financial and Economic Affairs. Common prosperity is dynamic progress and cannot be achieved at one stroke, he said, adding that it's also impossible that everyone is moving shoulder to shoulder.

While encouraging the pursuit of affluence through diligence and innovation, the Party should guarantee and improve livelihood amid development, enhance the level of equal access to basic public services, and build basic institutional arrangements that coordinate primary, secondary, and tertiary distributions.

The CPC is a political party that seeks happiness for the people and progress for humanity. At the press conference, Liu Jianchao, deputy director of the Office of the Foreign Affairs Commission of the CPC Central Committee pointed out that China will unswervingly implement true multilateralism, take its responsibility to maintain world peace, spare no effort to promote global development, set a role model for safeguarding international order, and make contributions to coping with global challenges, to build a community with a shared future for mankind together with the rest of the world.

People's Daily

Delta variant hits hard as debates over freedoms continue in US states

WASHINGTON

IN areas where many Americans do not want to get jabbed, recent weeks have seen the COVID-19 Delta variant spread fast, while debates over freedoms continue.

As the virus kills more and overwhelms more hospitals, some experts expect the federal government to step in, if and when it can do so legally.

HOSPITALS OVERWHELMED

Hospitals in some southern states, including Florida, South Carolina, Texas and Louisiana, are "struggling with oxygen scarcity" after shortages of hospital beds and staff, and some risk having to use reserves or running out of oxygen soon, CNN reported Sunday.

Florida has seen a major increase in new cases, hospitalizations and deaths, more than at any previous time. Hospitalizations have nearly tripled over the past month, federal data shows.

Statewide, 52 percent of resi-

dents have been fully vaccinated, but that number stands at less than 30 percent in hard-hit counties.

In Louisiana where new infections have been skyrocketing, the governor reinstated an indoor mask mandate on Aug. 2, effective until at least Sept. 1, as hospitals have been delaying elective surgeries and placing limits on visits.

Texas has also seen a surge -- overwhelmingly among those who declined the vaccine. Preliminary data released last month shows that 99.5 percent of people who died from the COVID-19 in Texas between Feb. 8 and July 14 were unvaccinated, according to the Texas Department of State Health Services.

VACCINES, MASKS POLITICIZED

With over 17,000 hospitalizations in the state, Florida Governor Ron DeSantis has dug his heels in the sand and banned vaccine mandates. Texas Governor Greg Abbott has banned mask mandates in schools, although many schools are

ignoring him.

A Florida judge Friday ruled on a lawsuit brought by parents who say DeSantis overstepped his authority when his administration said school districts couldn't order students to wear masks. DeSantis had warned that "there will be consequences" for districts that defied the ban.

In states including Texas and Florida, the vaccine, as well as other precautions such as mask wearing, have been politicized: conservatives do not want the government to force them to do anything, whereas liberals tend to back mask and vaccine mandates.

And the issue goes far deeper than that with complex reasons. Many people in the South and rural areas nationwide argue that constitutional freedoms far outweigh health concerns -- even in a pandemic. Polls also show those who decline the jab fear its possible side effects more than the virus itself, which have been fueled by unproven stories about the vaccine on social media.

At a recent rally in the state of Alabama, former U.S. President Donald Trump was booed after he urged the crowd to get vaccinated, but he did not push too hard, saying "You got your freedoms."

Clay Ramsay, a researcher at the Center for International and Security Studies at the University of Maryland, told Xinhua that the unvaccinated include those who had COVID-19 once and survived, or who work in a medical environment like a hospital and have some knowledge.

"They will argue that the vaccine's development process was too rushed, and that they can handle their own health. These attitudes also fit well with not wanting to take orders ... and encouragement from many right-wing politicians and publicists who exploit these folks and successfully get them to send money," said Ramsay.

FEDERAL STEP-IN LIKELY

Some experts believe the federal government will step in, if and when it can do so legally. Though

Washington can not simply impose a blanket vaccine mandate under U.S. law, it can levy mandates in certain industries and on federal property.

Christopher Galdieri, assistant professor at Saint Anselm College, told Xinhua that he believes the federal government will do more and more to make the vaccine a requirement where it can, such as for entering federal property or getting on an airplane.

The United States has been seeing more industries and local governments impose vaccine requirements in workplaces and public buildings, Galdieri said.

Nationwide, more people are getting jabbed. Since mid-July, the daily number of individuals receiving the first dose had increased from 260,000 to 450,000 by over 70 percent, which is a "critical progress," the White House said on Aug. 23.

The vaccination rate in Mississippi increased by 107 percent over the month ending Aug. 10, though the state has one of the country's top infection rates and hospitals

are overwhelmed with patients, according to the local media outlet Mississippi Today.

As of Sunday, 52.3 percent of the U.S. population had been fully vaccinated, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.



They will argue that the vaccine's development process was too rushed, and that they can handle their own health. These attitudes also fit well with not wanting to take orders ... and encouragement from many right-wing politicians and publicists who exploit these folks and successfully get them

RADIO One RATIBAYA VIPINDI JUMATATU - JUMAPILI

MONDAY TIME PROGRAMME	TUESDAY TIME PROGRAMME	WEDNESDAY TIME PROGRAMME	THURSDAY TIME PROGRAMME	FRIDAY TIME PROGRAMME	SATURDAY TIME PROGRAMME	SUNDAY TIME PROGRAMME
05:00 AM HALI YA HEWA / KUMEPAMBAZUKA I 06:00 AM AMKA NA BBC 06:30 AM NIPASHE 06:50 AM MATANGAZO 07:00 AM NEWS BULLETIN 07:10 AM MATANGAZO 07:15 AM TAARIFA ZA BARABARANI 07:25 AM UDONDZOZI WA MAGAZETI 07:30 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 10:00 AM NEWS BULLETIN 10:03 AM DEATH ANNOUNCEMENTS 10:10 AM YALIVOMO 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 18:30 HRS DIRA YA DUNIA BBC 19:30 HRS SPOTI LEO 20:00 HRS NEWS BULLETIN 21:00 HRS RADIO ONE DOCTOR 21:05 HRS NEWS BRIEF 22:00 HRS NEWS BULLETIN (24 HRS) 22:15 HRS AFRO TIZI 23:00 HRS NEWS BRIEF 23:03 HRS AFRO TIZI 01:00 - 05:00 HRS MUZIKI (MCHANGANYIKO)	05:00 AM HALI YA HEWA / KUMEPAMBAZUKA I 06:00 AM AMKA NA BBC 06:30 AM NIPASHE 06:50 AM MATANGAZO 07:00 AM NEWS BULLETIN 07:10 AM MATANGAZO 07:15 AM TAARIFA ZA BARABARANI 07:25 AM UDONDZOZI WA MAGAZETI 07:30 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 MICHEZO 10:00 AM NEWS BRIEF 10:03 AM DEATH ANNOUNCEMENTS 10:10 AM YALIVOMO 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 18:30 HRS DIRA YA DUNIA BBC 19:30 HRS SPOTI LEO 20:00 HRS NEWS BULLETIN 21:00 HRS RADIO ONE DOCTOR 21:05 HRS NEWS BRIEF 22:00 HRS NEWS BULLETIN (24 HRS) 22:15 HRS AFRO TIZI 23:00 HRS NEWS BRIEF 23:03 HRS AFRO TIZI 01:00 - 05:00 HRS MUZIKI (MCHANGANYIKO)	05:00 AM HALI YA HEWA / KUMEPAMBAZUKA I 06:00 AM AMKA NA BBC 06:30 AM NIPASHE 06:50 AM MATANGAZO 07:00 AM NEWS BULLETIN 07:10 AM MATANGAZO 07:15 AM TAARIFA ZA BARABARANI 07:25 AM UDONDZOZI WA MAGAZETI 07:30 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 MICHEZO 10:00 AM NEWS BRIEF 10:03 AM DEATH ANNOUNCEMENTS 10:10 AM YALIVOMO 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 18:30 HRS DIRA YA DUNIA BBC 19:30 HRS SPOTI LEO 20:00 HRS NEWS BULLETIN 21:00 HRS RADIO ONE DOCTOR 21:05 HRS NEWS BRIEF 22:00 HRS NEWS BULLETIN (24 HRS) 22:15 HRS AFRO TIZI 23:00 HRS NEWS BRIEF 23:03 HRS AFRO TIZI 01:00 - 05:00 HRS MUZIKI (MCHANGANYIKO)	05:00 AM HALI YA HEWA / KUMEPAMBAZUKA I 06:00 AM AMKA NA BBC 06:30 AM NIPASHE 06:50 AM MATANGAZO 07:00 AM NEWS BULLETIN 07:10 AM MATANGAZO 07:15 AM TAARIFA ZA BARABARANI 07:25 AM UDONDZOZI WA MAGAZETI 07:30 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 UKIMWI 10:00 AM NEWS BRIEF 10:03 AM DEATH ANNOUNCEMENTS 10:10 AM YALIVOMO 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 18:30 HRS DIRA YA DUNIA BBC 19:30 HRS SPOTI LEO 20:00 HRS NEWS BULLETIN 21:00 HRS RADIO ONE DOCTOR 21:05 HRS NEWS BRIEF 22:00 HRS NEWS BULLETIN (24 HRS) 22:15 HRS AFRO TIZI 23:00 HRS NEWS BRIEF 23:03 HRS AFRO TIZI 01:00 - 05:00 HRS MUZIKI (MCHANGANYIKO)	05:00 AM HALI YA HEWA / KUMEPAMBAZUKA I 06:00 AM AMKA NA BBC 06:30 AM NIPASHE 06:50 AM MATANGAZO 07:00 AM NEWS BULLETIN 07:10 AM MATANGAZO 07:15 AM TAARIFA ZA BARABARANI 07:25 AM UDONDZOZI WA MAGAZETI 07:30 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 UKIMWI 10:00 AM NEWS BRIEF 10:03 AM DEATH ANNOUNCEMENTS 10:10 AM YALIVOMO 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 18:30 HRS DIRA YA DUNIA BBC 19:30 HRS SPOTI LEO 20:00 HRS NEWS BULLETIN 21:00 HRS RADIO ONE DOCTOR 21:05 HRS NEWS BRIEF 22:00 HRS NEWS BULLETIN (24 HRS) 22:15 HRS AFRO TIZI 23:00 HRS NEWS BRIEF 23:03 HRS AFRO TIZI 01:00 - 05:00 HRS MUZIKI (MCHANGANYIKO)	05:00 AM HALI YA HEWA / KUMEPAMBAZUKA I 06:00 AM AMKA NA BBC 06:30 AM NIPASHE 06:50 AM MATANGAZO 07:00 AM NEWS BULLETIN 07:10 AM MATANGAZO 07:15 AM TAARIFA ZA BARABARANI 07:25 AM UDONDZOZI WA MAGAZETI 07:30 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 UKIMWI 10:00 AM NEWS BRIEF 10:03 AM DEATH ANNOUNCEMENTS 10:10 AM YALIVOMO 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 18:30 HRS DIRA YA DUNIA BBC 19:30 HRS SPOTI LEO 20:00 HRS NEWS BULLETIN 21:00 HRS RADIO ONE DOCTOR 21:05 HRS NEWS BRIEF 22:00 HRS NEWS BULLETIN (24 HRS) 22:15 HRS AFRO TIZI 23:00 HRS NEWS BRIEF 23:03 HRS AFRO TIZI 01:00 - 05:00 HRS MUZIKI (MCHANGANYIKO)	05:00 AM HALI YA HEWA / KUMEPAMBAZUKA I 06:00 AM AMKA NA BBC 06:30 AM NIPASHE 06:50 AM MATANGAZO 07:00 AM NEWS BULLETIN 07:10 AM MATANGAZO 07:15 AM TAARIFA ZA BARABARANI 07:25 AM UDONDZOZI WA MAGAZETI 07:30 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 UKIMWI 10:00 AM NEWS BRIEF 10:03 AM DEATH ANNOUNCEMENTS 10:10 AM YALIVOMO 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 18:30 HRS DIRA YA DUNIA BBC 19:30 HRS SPOTI LEO 20:00 HRS NEWS BULLETIN 21:00 HRS RADIO ONE DOCTOR 21:05 HRS NEWS BRIEF 22:00 HRS NEWS BULLETIN (24 HRS) 22:15 HRS AFRO TIZI 23:00 HRS NEWS BRIEF 23:03 HRS AFRO TIZI 01:00 - 05:00 HRS MUZIKI (MCHANGANYIKO)

Tembelea mitandao ya kijamii ya Radio One





CURRENT NEWS

Bumper harvest in midst of Covid-19 outbreak for Korogwe maize farmers

Page14



TOP VIEW

Mozambican businesses protest the use of fiscal stamps on beer

Page14



VIEW FROM THE TOP

Enforcement of local content regulations giving Tanzanians managerial positions in MNCs

Page15

TMX's online commodity trading boost prices of green grams, sesame

By Abraham Ngatunga, TUDARCO

ONLINE commodity trading introduced by Tanzania Mercantile Exchange has boosted prices of green grams and sesame which have almost doubled since last year.

An Assistant Analyst at TMX, Goodluck Mahatma said in Dar es Salaam last week that online trading has also enabled local commodities to get clients globally. "Online trading has also increased transactions between Tanzania and other countries which buy our commodities," Mahatma said.

He said the advent of the coronavirus since last year has meant that physical trading of commodities globally was suspended while major importers of the country's green grams and sesame such as India went into several lockdowns to curb the Covid-19 surge.

"Prices for green grams have increased from between 400-700/- per kilogram to 1,300/- while those of sesame have gone up from between 1,630-1,930/- per kilogram to 2,800/-," he said adding that India has remained the largest single importer of the commodities.

Mahatma further noted that online trading and communication has also made it easier to get local farmers produce and supply global markets. "Through the use of online trading, TMX was able to connect with farmers across Tanzania easily which led to an increase in commodities supplied while global prices appreciated due to inadequate supply caused the Covid-19 outbreak," he noted.

Due to growing demand by local farmers and global market, TMX has been forced to create online platforms easily accessed by stakeholders across the country. "The online commodity trading has also reduced the farmers' dependence of the government and its agencies as major buyers of the commodities," the TMX Assistant Analyst added.

"Currently, TMX and Ministry of Agriculture are working together to create a mobile application for farmers that will allow them post their commodities in stock so that consumers in China and India can see and place orders," he explained.

The application will also allow farmers to get payment easily through SimBanking, Internet banking and mobile money plat-



A snapshot of a TMX online commodity trading website displaying on a desktop.

forms including Airtel Money, TigoPesa and M-Pesa. "TMX hopes that this application will help farmers adopt modern technology use in facilitating selling of their commodities other than depending on traditional methods. This will also reduce the government expenditure while increasing

revenue from commodity trading," he stated.

TMX was incorporated on 25th August 2014 to perform the business of a commodity exchange in Tanzania. It has been established as a public private partnership company with its four founding shareholders being Treasury Regis-

trar, TIB Development Bank, Public Service Pension Fund (PSPF) and Tanzania Federation of Cooperatives (TFC). TMX Plc is regulated by Capital Markets and Securities Authority under the Commodity Exchanges Act, 2015.

PawaPay closes on seed funding of \$9m

LONDON

AFRICAN payments company PawaPay, has secured a \$9m seed raise. The round was co-led by MSA and UK-based investment fund 88mph, with participation from Vunani Capital, Kepple Ventures and Zagadat Capital. The capital will be deployed to scale PawaPay's operational presence, find more talent to join the team, and expand into new markets on the continent.

Founded in 2020, PawaPay is focused on the mobile money infrastructure provided by telecommunications companies (telco) in Africa. Each telco in each country provides its own unique mobile money product, which makes the mobile money infrastructure as a whole - across borders and telcos - highly fragmented and opaque.

For merchants, this fragmentation means that it is unnecessarily expensive to use and frustratingly unstable. Through PawaPay's simple API, mer-

chants can access more than 300 million customers in more than ten markets and enjoy seamless, transparent and highly reliable payments.

PawaPay's customers are large Pan-Africa/global merchants and companies needing to make payments to African consumers' accounts. Payments in Africa have long been made difficult by large unbanked populations, declined credit card transactions, charge-backs, fraud, dropped and lost payments, and slow cross-border settlements.

The alternative financial infrastructure created by the telco-led mobile money wallets now has more than half a billion registered accounts in Africa, making it both one of the largest financial infrastructures in the world and one of the most under-developed.

PawaPay has positioned itself as an industry leader in high volume mobile money payments and focuses on delivering reliability and transparency for merchants wishing to connect to

the customers on the continent. With a single API, PawaPay's customers can access all telco mobile money systems and thus receive and send payments to hundreds of millions of people.

PawaPay handles local operations, compliance, regulatory cover and bank accounts, making it as simple as clicking a button to start receiving payments in a new market. PawaPay is already successfully handling millions of transactions on its rails per week and has operations in 10 countries.

Commenting on the company's raise and growth prospects, Nikolai Barnwell, CEO of PawaPay said, "Africa's alternative financial infrastructure is in an exciting phase with double digits CAGR everywhere. And mobile money has come out as the de facto money infrastructure for hundreds of millions of people on the continent. A quarter of the adult population is an active mobile money user.

A third of all wallet holders have their salaries paid into



Nikolai Barnwell, CEO of PawaPay

them. We're making a bet that this infrastructure will continue to grow and offer a superior experience than traditional financial infrastructures such as card and banking.

With more than 500 million registered users on the continent - 200 million of which are active frequent users, this isn't a fringe

fad or a stepping stone to cards and swift payments.

This is an example for the rest of the world of how payments could - and should look. Most of our competitors are largely focused on bank and card payments; but over the past many years we have been laser focused on addressing the unique set of challenges that accompanies specializing in mobile money. I think this gives us a good position to explore the opportunities that are coming up as this alternative financial infrastructure continues to grow.

"We are excited to have world-class investors supporting our vision to connect every mobile money wallet in Africa to each other, and the rest of the world, as we continue to make it simpler to do payments."

Kresten Buch, founder of 88mph, added "When we first invested in Africa in 2010, one of the key drivers was that mobile money was a superior payment method to credit and debit cards when used for on-line payment. So, we are excited to be an investor in PawaPay's journey and continue to witness the development of digital infrastructure in Africa."

Cheap breathing device developed for Covid patients in poorer countries

KAMPALA

A CHEAP breathing device for Covid patients is being developed that could save lives in poorer countries that do not have access to the latest high-tech medicine. The new device provides a form of oxygen therapy called continuous positive airway pressure (CPAP), which has been effective in helping patients struggling to breathe.

A prototype of the £150 (\$207) device was found to be "safe and well tolerated" in tests and now a patient trial is due to start in Uganda. Researchers at the University of Leeds used the principles of "frugal innovation" to design the breathing aid and keep it simple and robust but also medically sound.

A key innovation was the generation of air flow using a simple electric fan, similar to fans used to cool electronic

devices, to overcome the lack of access to high-pressure air and oxygen supplies in the countries where it will be used. In a paper published on Tuesday in the journal *Frontiers in Medical Technology*, the team developing the device said it has been tested in a pilot evaluation on 10 healthy volunteers.

It found the breather "can be used safely without inducing hypoxia [low levels of oxygen in tissues] or hypercapnia [build-up of carbon dioxide in the bloodstream] and that its use was well tolerated by users, with no adverse events reported."

"By adopting the approach of frugal innovation, we have been able to redesign an important piece of medical equipment so it can function effectively in poorer-resourced healthcare settings," said Nikil Kapur, professor of applied fluid dynamics at the University



Ugandan nurses hold a breathing device that will soon be used to assist Covid-19 breath in poor countries.

of Leeds. "We have stripped away unnecessary complexity and ensured the device will work in settings where oxy-

gen supplies are scarce and need to be conserved," he added.

"The prototype is an important step

in developing a device that will create greater access to critical-care technology and help save lives." Components for the prototype device cost around £150 whereas conventional CPAP machines can cost from about £600, and a ventilator used in an intensive care unit can cost more than £30,000.

"In the UK, CPAP has been effective as the mainstay of respiratory treatment for severe Covid-19 and helps to keep patients from needing advanced ICU care such as ventilators," said Dr Tom Lawton, a critical care consultant and member of the research team. "In many countries, resource limitations mean that even CPAP is difficult to come by and more severe disease frequently leads to death."

"Simple CPAP devices, designed to operate in a resource-limited setting, can help reduce global healthcare inequality and save lives both now with Covid-19 and potentially with other diseases in the future." Clinics and hospitals in poorer nations may not have access to centralised oxygen supplies, where oxygen is piped under pressure to wards, or a steady supply of oxygen cylinders.

Bumper harvest in midst of Covid-19 outbreak for Korogwe maize farmers



A maize farmer attends to his field.

By Jenifer Gilla

THE coronavirus outbreak which has affected the country since last year, was a blessing in disguise for maize farmers in Korogwe district of Tanga region.

Smallholder farmers such as 60 years old, Toba Asumani don't believe their eyes after witnessing a bumper harvest. "I couldn't believe what was after looking at my neighbour's farms and see the quality maize cobs tangling from their stalks," Asumani said.

The resident of Kwakombo Village in Kwamsisi Ward, has been a farmer for the past 20 years, said he has never seen anything like it before. He said this year, he got twice the harvest that he got last year from his one hectare farm.

"In the past years I used to harvest 35 backs of maize from five hectares, an equivalent of seven bags per hectare, this year I am sure of getting 75 bags thanks to use of this tractor," he said saying the tractor is also used for transportation of the commodity.

"If the prices are good, I expect to earn not less than 3m/- by selling each 100kgs bag at 40,000/-." "I will spend the money to take care of my family including paying for my children's school fees," Asumani added saying last year, he only earned 1.2m/- from the same farm after selling 30 bags of maize.

The secret behind Asumani and many other farmers in Korogwe district is the use of climate change resilient seeds introduced in the area by Korogwe District Council, as panacea to fight food insecurity and malnutrition in the midst of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Situation before

Kwakombo Village Chairman, Rashidi Salim (55) said with a population of 1,700 people of which 90 percent depend on maize as a staple food but also for income generation, maize yields were deteriorating in recent years.

"In recent years, maize yields have been declining such that it came to a point where some farmers stopped cultivating it or reduced farm sizes which brought the village on the verge of starvation," Salim said adding that as a result, they struggled to survive. The situation was reported to extension officers who decided to introduce the new climate resilient variety," he said.

"The extension officers brought us

300 kilograms of DK8031 and DK 9089 maize seeds, at least 75 farmers received four sacks of hybrid seeds each but also trained us on how to better cultivate them," the Kwakombo Village Chairman added.

Another smallholder farmer who benefitted from the hybrid seed donation was Antihuman Ally who said that the difference was clearly from use of traditional seeds.

"I got 14 bags of maize from my one hectare farm compared to only three that I got last year," he confessed while pointing out that he plans to invest in poultry business when he sells his maize from which he expects an income of 800,000/-.

Covid-19 donation

The pilot seed project in Korogwe was launched by Agricultural Council of Tanzania (ACT) in partnership with Dayer Seed Company with an objective of helping villagers fight hunger and malnutrition in the midst of the Covid-19 outbreak hence the name, 'Covid Donation 2020.'

Head of Department of Agriculture and Irrigation at Korogwe Town Council, Ramadhani Sekija said the project is also aimed at helping Korogwe urban and rural communities boost food production to improve nutrition.

"We received ten tons of hybrid seeds of which we distributed five tons to Korogwe Urban and another five to Korogwe Rural which in total benefitted 1,197 smallholder farmers," Sekija said other beneficiaries also included 10 institutions and 33 extension officers who had demonstration plots.

Sensitization on use of hybrid seeds

Kwamsisi Ward Agriculture Officer, Said Sharif said that distribution of the seeds went hand in hand with sensitization on the importance of using climate resilient hybrid seeds. "Basically use of these should go hand in hand with knowledge of the effects of climate change in agriculture so

that farmers understand the need to properly use them to avoid low yields that may lead to hunger and malnutrition," Sharif said.

Many were motivated

The sensitization on how best to use modern hybrid seeds has given an incentive to desperate farmers who abandoned the cultivation of maize but have since been persuaded to return to commercial farming of the commodity.

One such farmer is 60 year old Fatuma Mgolo who said, "I was disappointed with the falling yields but after sensitization and getting these hybrid seeds, I decided to restart," Mgolo said saying her decision has paid off. The mother of four, however admitted that after abandoning maize cultivation for two years, her family's life was hard because there was no alternative means of earning more and getting food.

Situation is worse in neighbouring villages

While Kwamsisi residents are enjoying bumper harvests thanks to introduction of the hybrid maize, other neighbouring villages are still in the dark about the future of maize farming, due to outdated traditional farming practices.

Kwangumi Ward has one such village where despite the shift from commercial farming to subsistence farming some years ago, climate change has negatively impacted on yields. "Last year it did not rain on time so I only managed to harvest one bag and this year, the rain did not come on time, I cultivated maize again but only got 20kgs for a whole hectare," said Maudi Semkiwa.

Let the work to continue

Director of Food Security Department at Ministry of Agriculture, Dr Honest Kessy assured the country of food safety and security backed by nutritious food. "Our maize production is good, last year we produced 18.2 million metric tons and this year we expect more because we have worked on pests which destroy crops but also encourage farmers to use climate-resilient seeds that are high yielding," Dr Kessy said.

Botswana lifts 2021 economic growth forecast to 9.7pc

GABORONE

BOTSWANA now expects economic growth of 9.7% in 2021, compared with the 8.8% forecast in February, helped by higher diamond sales and a recent rebasing of GDP accounts. Finance Minister Peggy Serame told Reuters on Monday. She added the 2021 budget deficit was expected to widen to 3.9% from the 2.8% seen in February. In July, Botswana revised its real GDP accounts base year to 2016 from 2006, seeking to improve the accuracy of its measurement of economic growth.

Due to the rebasing, last year's economic contraction is now much deeper - at 8.5% - rather than the 7.9% originally reported, while nominal GDP is now 4.6% lower at 172,552 million pula (\$15.5 billion).

"The larger than forecast contraction in 2020 is, however,

expected to be offset by an improvement in growth in 2021 which has now been revised upwards to 9.7 percent growth for the year," Serame said in response to emailed questions.

She said the upward revision was due to a combination of technical changes resulting from the rebasing of GDP by Statistics Botswana in July 2021, alongside the strong performance of the diamond sector in the first half of 2021.

After falling by 30% in 2020, sales of rough diamonds by Debswana Diamond Company, a joint venture between the government and Anglo American's De Beers, jumped 41% in the first half of 2021, fuelled by demand from major markets the United States and China.

Serame said the government was in advanced talks for a \$130 million budget support loan from the African Development Bank, part of plans to tap external and domestic borrowing sources to help fund its budget deficit.

Mozambican businesses protest the use of fiscal stamps on beer

MAPUTO

THE Confederation of Mozambican Business Associations (CTA) has asked the government to revoke the new regulations imposing fiscal stamps on alcoholic drinks and tobacco products.

Speaking at a Maputo press conference on Friday, CTA economist Roque Magaia said the new regulations would prove a heavy burden on businesses, and, far from increasing the Treasury's tax take, it would reduce the tax paid by drink companies.

Magaia said the ministerial diploma comes at an untimely moment, when companies, because of the Covid-19 pandemic, are facing enormous difficulties in keeping their operations going and their workers employed.

The battle over fiscal stamps has been under way for the past three years, and essentially involves beer. The first diploma on fiscal stamps dates from 2016, and since then fiscal stamps have been introduced successfully on cigarette packets and on wines and spirits.

But putting stamps on cans and bottles of beer is much more challenging. In 2018, the Association of Drinks Producers and Importers (ABIBA) warned that, if the measure goes ahead, annual taxes raised from beer could collapse from eight billion meticaais (about 132 million US dollars, at the exchange rate of the time) to five billion meticaais. That would be an annual loss to the exchequer of over 49 million dollars.

ABIBA warned then that, the process of adding fiscal stamps is an additional cost for beer producers. That cost would be passed on to consumers, who might react by buying less beer. If less beer was sold, the breweries would inevitably lay off some of their workers.

ABIBA was in favour of fiscal stamps on wines and spirits, since this is the sector that used to be dominated by contraband. With the introduction of

the fiscal stamp, it has become easy to spot smuggled wines and spirits.

But the beer consumed in Mozambique is mostly produced inside the country. It is estimated that only about five per cent of the beer drunk in Mozambique is contraband. Furthermore, the largest beer producer, CDM (Beers of Mozambique) is one of the country's largest taxpayers, and nobody has ever accused it of tax evasion.

CDM warned that adding a fiscal stamp would slow down the bottling process, thus reducing production. Subsequently the Mozambican Tax Authority (AT) claimed the stamps could be added digitally, but it is not at all clear how this would work.

Magaia told the Friday press conference that Mozambican businesses are facing "countless adversities", including the impact of Covid-19 and of terrorism in the northern province of Cabo Delgado. He thought the government should be protecting industry, rather than adding to its costs.

If the ministerial diploma is implemented, he warned, beer production will fall "causing losses to the State, since the tax contribution paid by the companies will decline proportionately". Farmers too would be affected, since the amount of maize and cassava they sell to breweries would also fall. Magaia warned that the measure also calls into question recent investment in new breweries, of over 300 million dollars, by CDM and Heineken.

A director of CDM, Hugo Gomes, told the reporters that the companies will continue attempts to persuade the government to change its mind. He added that there has been voluminous correspondence with government bodies over the matter, but the companies have never received a formal reply. The companies still have time, since no date has yet been fixed for introducing the fiscal stamps on beer.



CTA economist Roque Magaia.

Australia economy likely to slide back into recession, Citi, AMP say

SYDNEY

AUSTRALIA'S economy may have shrunk slightly in the three months through June, setting up the bad "optics" of a technical recession when combined with the lockdown-induced contraction expected for the current quarter, according to Citigroup Inc. and AMP Capital Investors.

While the economy performed pretty well in the second quarter, a fall in net exports is likely to be among factors that drag gross domestic product negative, Citi's Josh Williamson and AMP's Shane Oliver said ahead of Wednesday's release. The range of GDP estimates in Bloomberg's survey runs from the -0.1% forecast by the pair up to more than +1%, an unusually wide divergence.

Net exports are "expected to outweigh all positive domestic growth drivers including household consumption, government demand, business investment" and others, said Williamson, chief economist for Australia at Citi. "The optics of such a result would be poor."

Sydney is now in its 10th week of lockdown and Melbourne and national capital Canberra are also under stay-at-home orders as authorities struggle to contain an outbreak of the delta variant of coronavirus.

A second-quarter slump would be a surprise, as the more likely avenue for recession was expected to be shut-downs extending into the fourth quarter for a negative second half of 2021. Australia posted consecutive quarterly GDP contractions in the first half of 2020 as Covid swept the global economy, ending an almost three-decade stretch without a technical recession.

Consumer spending, plant and equipment investment and government spending are likely to have added to June quarter GDP growth, said Oliver, chief economist at AMP. But this looks likely to be just offset by a drop in - or stagnation for - housing investment and non-residential building and significant detractors to growth from inventories and net exports, he said.

"The 'recession' concept is less meaningful than usual in relation to lockdowns as it's not a normal cyclical recession and the economy should recover more quickly," Oliver said. "But the optics would be bad, and news of another recession would not be good for confidence."

Inventories data, due at 11:30 a.m. in Sydney Monday, and net exports out at the same time Tuesday are the last readings economists will factor in to produce their final GDP estimates before Wednesday's report.

Enforcement of local content regulations giving Tanzanians managerial positions in MNCs

By Geoffrey Tusiime - TUDARCO

TANZANIA in 2019 took a multi sector approach to local content after developing the National Multi-Sector Local Content Guidelines geared towards ensuring that citizens fully participate in the social and economic development of the country.

Unlike many countries where the issue of local content was addressed in the extractives sector, Tanzania's strategic guidelines catered for all the relevant sectors and aimed to put in place plans and strategies that will create a conducive environment for citizens to benefit from the opportunities arising from investments in different sectors.

The guidelines not only give local enterprises a competitive advantage but also offer a platform to capacities of Tanzanians and enable them to compete in the local and global market. The country in 2019 reviewed the policies and legislations governing the extractive sector after amending the Mining Act 2017 thus adopting new Mining Local Content Regulations.

The regulations among other things, sought to create jobs, transfer skills and technical know-how to the citizens, procurement and use of local licensed service providers, but also required that foreign business entities taking part in the mining sector, needed to have physical presence in the country among other things.

In this regard, corporate companies in the mining sector needed to ensure that the citizens hold at least 80 percent of senior management positions and 100 percent of its non-managerial positions. The regulations further required that priority should be given to qualified locals.

In this regard, many people have



taken up senior management positions in the natural resources, oil and gas since the initiation of the local content guidelines. Notable of them is Benedict Busunzu who was recently appointed Country Manager for Tembo Nickel Corporation, a joint venture between Kabanga Nickel and the government.

Subsequently, Songas Limited recently announced the appointment of Dr Micheal Mngondo as the Ubungo Power Plant Manager. This is an encouragement to many locals who have the will and skills to take up roles previously held by expatriates - a demonstration of successful knowledge transfer and building of local capacity.

I believe that if the local content guidelines are effectively implemented by the private sector as a whole including aviation, banking, telecommunications, manufacturing and construction sectors among others, Tanzania will make big strides in filling the unemployment gaps leading to improvements in people's standards of living and growth of the economy.

To achieve this however, it is equally

important for all players including the government, private sector, foreign investors and regulatory authorities to play their part by ensuring that the National Multi-Sector Local Content Guidelines are adhered to.

This should go online with ensuring that the working conditions and remuneration packages of local skilled and experienced packages match those of their foreign counterparts otherwise we will continue losing our skilled professionals to competing companies especially in West Africa and Middle East that offer better remuneration packages for professionals like resource geologists, metallurgists, mining engineers and surveyors among others. The government line ministries should also put in place effective monitoring and evaluation systems to ensure that all the companies comply and submit implementation reports for the same.

Note: Geoffrey Tusiime (pictured) is a journalist and corporate communications professional based in Dar es Salaam. He can be reached on: geoffnangai@gmail.com or +255758897538.

88 percent of Rwandan youth are financially included - new report

KIGALI

A new report has revealed that overall financial inclusion among the youth increased slightly from 86 percent in 2016 to 88 percent in 2020 meaning that only 12 percent of the youth are financially excluded.

It shows that 31 percent (650,751) Rwandan youth are banked up from 24 percent (559,862) in 2016 are using products or services from licensed commercial banks regulated by the central bank in 2020.

The report dubbed Rwanda Youth Financial Inclusion Report was produced by Access to Finance Rwanda (AFR) in partnership with National Bank of Rwanda, Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning and National Institute and of Statistics Rwanda. Education, employment, income generation is one of the main drivers of financial inclusion according to the analysis.

The analysis findings were presented on August 26 as part of the Access to Finance Rwanda LEAD series, which is organized with the aim of engaging participants in stimulating discussions on a range of topics pertaining to pressing issues in Rwanda's journey to the financial sector development and economic transformation. This month's LEAD series was organized by AFR in partnership with the Ministry of Youth and Culture and MasterCard Foundation.

Through the platform, AFR in partnership with MasterCard Foundation and Ministry of Youth and Culture intend to bring experts involved in youth economic empowerment to dialogue and share best practices and interventions that can facilitate youth financial and economic inclusion to support Rwanda's economic transformation.

The event was in line with the celebration of Youth International Day and the launch of the Finscope 2020 Youth thematic report. According to the report, approximately 66 percent of youth borrowed money in the past 12 months prior to the survey.

Only 16 percent, it shows, borrow from formal financial institutions meaning that most of the youth are excluded from the formal credit market. Around 50 percent of youth save with formal financial services providers while 55 percent save using informal mechanisms such as savings groups like VSLA, tontine, or Ikimina (saving association).

Most savings in youth, according to the analysis, are for non-developmental purposes adding that the creation of appropriate products is likely to help in shifting savings towards developmental purposes.

The report findings indicate that 63 percent own mobile money accounts and only 43 percent are active in using them. "Mobile money presents an opportunity to expand financial inclusion among people that are excluded from the market," it says.

It says 18 percent own a bank account and 82 percent of them are active and have high usage than the rest of the population of 79%. About 12% of the youth have access to insurance products from formal financial institutions up from 7% in 2016 meaning 88 percent are excluded.

Recommendations

The report recommends increasing access to post-secondary education is critical in building a knowledge-based economy.

It says establishing a catchment programme that up-skills the youth after completing their education will facilitate a transition from education to employment. It recommends supporting young business owners to avoid premature death of businesses and introducing affordable credit products which could likely increase usage of credit. Youth financial inclusion strategy should focus on people in rural areas and those in lower-income quintiles, recommends the report.

The recommendations also include leveraging technology to provide financial services and introduce new products since the youth own businesses in the agriculture (21.2 percent youth) services sectors (45.9 percent) than the rest of the population, and increased entrepreneurship in these sectors would have a positive impact reducing youth unemployment, recommends the report.

Given the informal mechanisms exhibiting higher risk exposure, efforts directed towards tailoring formal savings products to suit the needs of youth is likely to attract the youth in developing a culture of saving formally, it adds.

VIEW FROM THE TOP

Zimbabwe union takes state, companies to court over forced shots

HARARE

ZIMBABWE'S biggest worker's union has taken the state and several firms to court for insisting that employees must be inoculated against Covid-19 before reporting for work, saying there is no law under the country's statutes providing for compulsory vaccination.

The Zimbabwe Congress of Trade Unions is challenging Paul Mavima, the public service, labour and social welfare minister, the attorney general and several state-linked firms, including fixed-line operator TelOne and the Zimbabwe National Road Administration, for "taking the law into

their own hands" on employee vaccinations, according to court filings.

Zimnat Insurance Ltd., associated with South African insurance provider Sanlam Ltd., SeedCo Zimbabwe and Windmill Ltd. are some of the firms also cited in the court filings dated Aug. 13 and seen by Bloomberg. The worker's union said "thousands of workers" were affected by their employer's decision to bar them from reporting for work and thousands more will be prejudiced.

The country has started the slow process of reopening, although lockdown measures remain in place. Social gatherings, including church meetings and dining in at restaurants, are open only to vaccinated

people. The vaccination program was extended this week to 14- to 17-year-olds on the advice of scientists, Monica Mutsvangwa, the information minister said. Students will return to classrooms from Aug. 30, after schools were shuttered for more than two months.

The southern African nation has authorised the use of vaccines from China, Russia and India. The Johnson & Johnson shot was approved in July for emergency use after previously being blocked, as Zimbabwe struggled to contain a third wave of Covid-19 cases. It expects to reach herd immunity by year-end, with about 10% of its 15 million people fully vaccinated.

KQ eyes fresh bailout despite loss narrowing

NAIROBI

KENYA Airways #ticker:KQ (KQ) is eyeing a fresh bailout from the government to steady its operations despite narrowing its half-year loss by a fifth.

KQ chief executive Allan Kilavuka said Thursday the national carrier was in a precarious financial position and that the recovery of revenues to pre-coronavirus levels looks set to delay up to 2024, especially given that Africa lags in the vaccination against the disease.

The airline posted a Sh11.49 billion net loss in the six months ended June - a 19.8 percent cut from the Sh14.33 billion loss it incurred in the preceding similar period, taking its accumulated losses over the years to above Sh127 billion.

KQ says the long recovery prospects and diminishing revenue in an environment of increased costs due to tight health and safety measures mean it will require a bailout to stay afloat. "The financial situation of the company is precarious.

We are in a negative equity position, which means we are insolvent as an organisation, obviously made worse by the pandemic," Mr Kilavuka said. "Definitely the company needs financial support and this is not a secret. We still need financial support from our principals or elsewhere."

He did not specify the amount and the nature of support for an airline that last year tapped Sh11 billion loan from the government to fund its operations at a time the Covid-19 pandemic had grounded its operations.

KQ's planned request for a fresh bailout comes at a time many State-owned entities, including Kenya Power and Kenya Railways, have continued to depend on the exchequer for survival, with little being done to fix their business models.

Kenya has about 260 State corporations and the Treasury estimates that taxpayers may spend about Sh382 billion in keeping afloat the operations of 18 of them in the next five years. The International Monetary Fund has pushed Kenya to clear inefficiency in these institutions, including cutting duplicate roles and trimming the headcount.

KQ in May picked a UK consultancy firm, Steer Group, to craft a viable turnaround strategy options in the face of deepening financial losses and depressed passenger numbers. The airline's key routes, including London, India, and Guangzhou, have experienced travel restrictions, leading to depressed demand.

With about two percent of Africa's adults vaccinated compared to 51 percent in the US and 61.6 percent in the UK, recovery looks



KQ chief executive, Allan Kilavuka.

set to delay since Africa is a key route for KQ in connecting travellers to other destinations around the world.

"We have a tough period going forward but we are conscious of our responsibility as a national carrier and we must not just be

seen as a profit generator," KQ chairman Michael Joseph said. "The International Air Transport Association and ourselves don't see a return to 2019 levels soon. Possibly, 2024 is what we are looking at."

KQ, as the airline is known by its international code, previously borrowed from international financiers and nearly all of the country's leading banks, including KCB and Equity. The airline, however, defaulted on the local lenders who now only maintain a revolving credit facility agreed with the company earlier as part of the restructure of their combined Sh17 billion worth of unsecured loans in 2017.

International lenders like JP Morgan and Citibank have secured their loans using the aircraft purchased by the company. KQ's liabilities outstripped assets by Sh73.85 billion as at end of June compared with Sh64.16 billion in June last year, keeping it technically insolvent.

Accumulated losses and revenue dip caused the company to breach the terms set by the global financiers, underlining the airline's debt distress. The Treasury, which holds a 48.9 percent stake in the carrier, has rolled out plans to buy out the minority shareholders at a price that is yet to be disclosed.

This came in the period revenues,

mainly from cargo and passengers, fell from Sh30.21 billion to Sh27.35 billion, with the airline currently operating at 30 percent of pre-pandemic capacity. Mr Kilavuka said management was working "extremely hard" to try and keep the costs down and conserve cash to ensure survival and rebound.

KQ served 0.8 million passengers in the review period, down 20 percent from the number served in six months of last year and 64 percent from half year of 2019. Passenger revenue dropped by 17 percent to Sh20.23 billion while cargo revenue went up 60 percent due to increased focus on freight operations, especially Covid-19-related essentials like vaccines.

KQ chief financial officer Hellen Mathuka said the airline has Sh10 billion in its books as unrealised revenue from unused tickets, down from Sh13.9 billion last December. "Unused tickets is a liability in our books and this number is not expected to be zero. Passengers buy tickets and we only recognise revenue at the point of travel," said Ms Mathuka.

WORLD

'US must help Afghanistan's reconstruction'

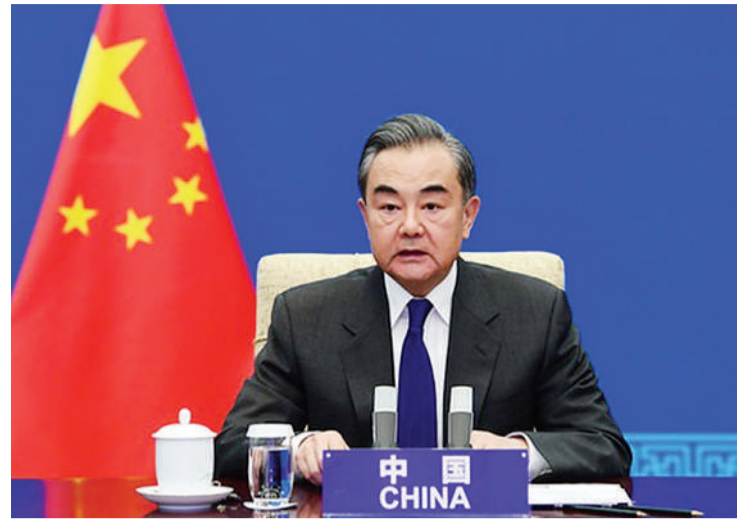
CHINESE State Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi held a phone conversation with United States Secretary of State Antony Blinken on Sunday during which they exchanged views on issues including the situation in Afghanistan and China-US relations.

With the US set to complete its withdrawal from Afghanistan, Blinken said Washington believes the United Nations Security Council should send out a clear and unified message that shows the international community expects the Taliban to guarantee the safe evacuation of foreign citizens, ensure the Afghan people receive humanitarian assistance, and that the country's territory will not become

the source of terrorist attacks or a haven for terrorism.

Noting the necessity for all parties to engage with the Taliban, Wang said it is especially necessary for the US to work with the international community to provide economic, livelihood, and humanitarian assistance that is urgently needed in Afghanistan, help the new political regime maintain the normal operation of government agencies, and curb currency devaluation so as to help the country start its peaceful reconstruction as soon as possible.

Facts once again proved that the war in Afghanistan did not realize the goal of elimi-



Chinese State Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi

nating terrorist forces in the country and the hasty withdrawal of troops by the US and NATO might provide an opportunity for the resurgence of various kinds of terrorist groups located in Afghanistan, Wang said.

He urged the US to take practical action to help Afghanistan curb terrorism and stop violence on the premise of respecting the country's sovereignty and independence, instead of practicing double standards or selectively cracking down on terrorism.

Wang said that any action taken by the UNSC must be conducive to easing conflicts and leading to a steady transition of the current situation in Afghanistan, but not the opposite.

Speaking about China-US re-

lations, Wang said Beijing will consider how to engage with Washington, according to the US' attitude toward China.

If the US also expected bilateral ties to go back on the right track, it should not keep smearing and attacking China, or undermine China's sovereignty, security, and development interests, he said.

Wang also expressed China's opposition to the so-called COVID-19 origin-tracing report recently released by the US intelligence community, and urged the US to stop politicizing the origins-tracing work, stop pressuring the World Health Organization, and stop disturbing international cooperation in fighting against the virus and studying its origins.

Xinhua

US' virus origin-tracing report dismissed as scapegoating

WASHINGTON

OFFICIALS and experts are saying Beijing's recent push-back has been "necessary and helpful" to frustrate Washington's attempt to scapegoat China, after the US intelligence community unveiled a vaguely worded, inconclusive summary of the COVID-19 origin-tracing report submitted to President Joe Biden.

Politicizing origin tracing will further backfire and "lead nowhere", and Washington should "return to a science-based, cooperation-driven global response", they said.

In May, Biden directed the US intelligence community to produce a report on COVID-19's origin within 90 days. The two-page, unclassified summary of the report was released on Friday by the US Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

The summary states that US investigators "judge the virus was not developed as a biological weapon", but they do

not rule out natural exposure to the virus, nor a laboratory accident as the origin of the novel coronavirus pandemic.

By Friday, the US had reported at least 38.1 million confirmed cases of COVID-19 and more than 628,400 deaths, the highest number of infections and death toll of any country, according to World Health Organization updates.

"Justice will prevail, and injustice is doomed to fail," Vice-Foreign Minister Ma Zhaoxu said on Saturday in a statement, noting that Beijing has made serious protests to Washington over the report.

Washington has failed to respond to global concerns and the calls for a complete investigation of over 200 US bio-labs located across the globe, he said. In so doing, the US "attempts to cover up facts and shirk its responsibilities", and it should "face up to the global community with a clear response", he said.

Su Xiaohui, deputy director



This photo taken on April 2, 2021 shows the US Capitol building in Washington, DC, the United States. (PHOTO / XINHUA)

of the Department of American Studies at the China Institute of International Studies, said, "China's recent pushbacks against the US report have been powerful enough to convince Washington that it has neither overwhelmed Beijing nor reached its goal of dealing a heavy blow to China with the tracing issue."

The 90-day review came "in like a lion, (and went) out like a lamb", and Washington has been fixating on the tracing with a grandiose gesture, but the report summary fails to be conclusive and seems like a flailing in the air, she said.

"Behind the review was a dual-purpose strategy: courting the conservative, right-wing political forces in the US and, at the same time, hijacking China for political bargaining and pressuring for benefits regarding other issues," Su said. But the outcome is that Republicans have criticized the Biden administration for failing to meet their expectations, she said.

A subsequent statement by the White House purported that China is trying to hold back international investigation and rejects calls for transparency. The statement urges like-minded

partners to exert pressure on China.

Ma, the vice-foreign minister, said that the US campaign of politicizing the tracing issue has been unpopular and has drawn widespread criticism around the world.

Washington should "immediately cease poisoning the atmosphere for global cooperation on tracing, stop undermining the global joint COVID-19 response", he said.

Zeng Yixin, deputy head of the National Health Commission, said in a China Central Television interview released on Sunday that mobilizing intelligence agencies to work on tracing in itself yields more ironclad proof that the US is politicizing the tracing issue.

The US is urged to "encourage scientists from all countries to work in concert" and to "support scientists in carrying out in-depth origin tracing research in multiple countries and locations around the world, including the US", Zeng said.

Xinhua

Israel PM plays down defense chief's talks with Palestine leader

JERUSALEM

ISRAELI Prime Minister Naftali Bennett sought yesterday to play down any notion of a move towards renewed peace negotiations with the Palestinians after the highest-level Israeli-Palestinian meeting in years.

Hours after Defense Minister Benny Gantz and Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas met, the main Israeli media outlets quoted "a source close to the prime minister" as saying: "There is no diplomatic process with the Palestinians, nor will there be one."

The session, which was not

announced in advance, covered only "routine issues", according to the source. Hussein Al Sheikh, a member of Abbas' Fatah Central Committee, said the talks included "all aspects" of Palestinian-Israeli relations.

Gantz, who heads a centrist party, and Abbas convened two days after Bennett, a far-right politician who opposes Palestinian statehood, met in Washington with US President Joe Biden, who backs the idea.

A White House statement said Biden reiterated to Bennett his support for a two-state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and "underscored the



importance of steps to improve the lives of Palestinians".

Bennett (pictured) did not mention Palestinians in public remarks at the White House

that focused largely on arch-enemy Iran's nuclear program.

Gantz has called in the past for resumption of a peace process with the Palestinians, who aspire to a state of their own in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, with East Jerusalem as its capital. Israel captured those territories in the 1967 Middle East war.

But any renewed movement on the issue could shake the foundations of Bennett's government of left-wing, rightist, centrist and Arab parties that in June ended Benjamin Netanyahu's 12-year run as prime minister.

In a sign of friction over Palestinian statehood from within the coalition, Mossi Raz, a legislator from the left-wing Meretz party, said dismissal of prospects for renewed peace talks by the Bennett source was "outrageous".

"A peace process is an Israeli interest," Raz wrote on Twitter.

A statement from Gantz's office made no mention of peace-making, saying only that he and Abbas discussed the security and economic situation in the West Bank and in the Gaza Strip, an enclave run by Abbas' Hamas Islamist rivals.

Agencies

Most Americans killed in Kabul airport attack were 9/11 babies, says media

WASHINGTON

TWELVE of the 13 U.S. service members killed in Thursday's Kabul airport bombing were 9/11 babies, according to local media reports.

The Pentagon released their names and biographies on Saturday.

They were born within a few years of the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001, which led the United States to launch two lengthy and painful wars in Afghanistan and Iraq.

"They never knew a United States that was not at war, never lived in the world before the Department of Homeland Security and the Transportation Security Administration, a country without ID checks in office buildings, metal detectors at schools, shoes X-rayed at the airport," a Washington Post report lamented.

"Our generation of Marines has been listening to the Iraq/Afghan vets tell their war stories for years," Mallory Harrison, a friend of 23-year-old Marine Corps Sgt. Nicole L. Gee, one of the 13 dead, wrote on Facebook.

"It's easy for that war & those stories to sound like something so distant – something that you feel like you're never going to experience since you joined the Marine Corps during peacetime," Harrison said.

ISIS-K, a radical affiliate of the Islamic State active in Afghanistan, had claimed responsibility for the deadly attack on Thursday which also claimed some 170 Afghan lives outside the Kabul airport. U.S. President Joe Biden warned on Saturday that another attack against the airport could be "highly likely in the next 24-36 hours."

"The situation on the ground continues to be extremely dangerous, and the threat of terrorist attacks on the airport remains high," Biden said in a statement.

Biden set Aug. 31 as the deadline to end the U.S. military mission in Afghanistan. Pentagon Press Secretary John Kirby said Saturday that the U.S. forces on the ground had begun to withdraw from the Kabul airport. The White House said Saturday that around 111,900 people had left Afghanistan since Aug. 14.

Xinhua

Merkel's candidate struggles to revive flagging fortunes

BERLIN

THE conservative candidate to succeed German Chancellor Angela Merkel failed to revive his campaign in a heated debate with his two main rivals on Sunday, according to a snap poll, as surveys show his party falling behind the centre-left Social Democrats (SPD).

Armin Laschet (pictured), the leader of Merkel's Christian Democrats (CDU), attacked the SPD's chancellor candidate, Olaf Scholz, for not ruling out a coalition with the far-left Linke party and sought to strike a chord with voters as the CDU frets about its ratings.

But a snap survey of voters by pollster Forsa after the debate showed 36 percent believed Scholz won, ahead of 30 percent for Greens candidate Annalena Baerbock and 25 percent for Laschet. "I have felt headwinds now and again, as I do now," a combative Laschet said in his closing remarks. "But aren't we all feeling the winds of change blowing us in the face? At times like these, we need steadfastness, dependability and an internal compass. That is what I offer."

Germany goes to the polls on Sept 26 when Merkel steps down as chancellor after 16 years in office and four straight national election victories. Merkel's imminent departure has weakened support for her conservative alliance.

For much of the debate, Laschet traded barbs with Baerbock, who accused the CDU and SPD of doing too little to fight climate change, especially given devastating floods this summer. "You obviously don't have a plan," Baerbock said of the other two, pledging to install solar panels on every roof and ban the sale of combustion engine vehicles from 2030.

Laschet, who has been under fire since he was caught on camera laughing during a visit last month to a town hit by floods, said Baerbock's policies would hurt German industry.

In a hypothetical direct vote for chancellor, an INSA poll conducted for newspaper Bild am Sonntag showed that Scholz would take 31 percent of the vote, compared with 10 percent for Laschet and 14 percent for Baerbock.

"You shackle industry and then tell them to run faster," he said. He added later: "I don't know whether citizens understood everything there with the programmes that Mrs. Baerbock has just described."

Scholz, who is the most popular of the candidates in polls, kept calm as the exchange became heated, focusing on financial topics such as taxes and pensions. He promised "a society that values respect. Respect for everyone."

"And that is why we need better pay, a higher minimum wage, and of course also stable pensions," he said, adding: "We have to stop man-made climate change and ensure that we still have good jobs in 10, 20 and 30 years."

Agencies

Nagqu in Tibet tackles difficulties in high-altitude afforestation

IT is an easy task to grow a tree. But it is not in Nagqu, a city with an average altitude of 4,500 meters in China's Tibet autonomous region.

"The permafrost is thick here and there are only two prime growing months for the trees each year," said Hao Wei, general manager of an eco-technology firm based in the city under the Elion Resources Group.

According to him, the long snow season and soil freezing period would cause freezing injury for saplings, which

makes it hard for them to root and always leads to low lignification.

However, afforestation must be advanced there despite difficulties, as the Qinghai-Tibet Plateau, where the city locates, is the "water tower of Asia" that works as an important ecological safety barrier.

In 1998, the city's first test base of tree planting was built by forestry technicians. The base covered only two mu, or 0.13 hectares, and was planted with Salix cupularis,

Myricaria prostrata and seabuckthorn. However, the results were not satisfying.

Nine years later, forestry technicians had another try and introduced dragon spruces and some other Salix cupularis, and finally 14 of them survived, which are the oldest trees in Nagqu today.

In November 2016, the Ministry of Science and Technology kicked off a key research campaign of vulnerable ecology restoration and protection, including a key technology development program of

urban afforestation in Nagqu. The program was led by the Elion Resources Group, which has made huge greening efforts in the Kubuqi Desert in north China's Inner Mongolia autonomous region, and joined by multiple research institutions.

Regular afforestation technologies don't work well in Nagqu. Therefore, how to find effective solutions was an arduous task for the Elion Resources Group and the research institutions.

"We used big data for seed-

ling selection and breeding, which allowed us to screen and compare germplasm resources on a large scale," said Hao, adding that eight of the 50 tree species they tested survived.

He introduced that a climate monitoring station was built to collect indicators such as temperature, humidity, wind velocity, soil conditions and plant growth, based on which they have tailored and implemented multiple wind- and cold-resistance measures.

According to Hao, atomization irrigation was adopted to increase air humidity, in case the strong ultraviolet ray impacts the growth of the plants. To address the problems of low soil temperature, the trees have been fenced by high polymer materials, which accumulates water and works as a sunscreen. Besides, these materials also turn solar radiation into heat, so that the roots of the trees are kept warm.

"After five years of hard work, we figured out a prac-

tical tree planting mode in high-altitude areas. We planted 400,000 trees and 75 percent of them survived," said Wang Wenbiao, chairman of board of the Elion Resources Group, adding that the people in Nagqu now have "small forests" at their doorsteps.

Such achievements are now widely applied in Nagqu. Last year, the city's science and technology bureau, parks, children's homes, and nursing homes all started small-scale greening work.

People's Daily

Europe battles devastating summer wildfires amid intensifying climate change

GENEVA

PARTS of Europe have been battling devastating wildfires over recent weeks amid extreme summer heat, which, according to experts, is the result of "widespread, rapid, and intensifying" climate change that can be attributed to human activities and greenhouse gas emissions.

In France, the violent fire blazing the southern tourist region of Var in past days was brought under control last Monday, after killing two people, devastating 7,000 hectares and forcing the evacuation of over 14,000 residents and tourists.

Some 400 firefighters remain mobilized to treat the edges. It was the biggest wildfire in France this year.

Last Monday, many massifs around the French Mediterranean were placed on fire red vigilance. The local authorities are working on the exact cause of the fire, whose damage is very heavy from an environmental point of view.

Local officials said that "it will take between 30 and 40 years" to restore the ecosystem.

In Greece, a new big fire broke out in Vilia, northwest of Athens, where a large blaze has been put out after burning for five days and ravaging swathes of pristine pine forest, according to Greece's fire service.

Greece has been experiencing a wave of violent fires across the country since the beginning of August, totalling about 600, according to the Greek government.

At least two volunteers have died and dozens have been injured due

to the fires, while thousands have to be evacuated to safer places. The country's firefighting capabilities were stretched to the limit and the government has to appeal for help from abroad.

The fires broke out as Greece experienced the most intense and protracted heat wave in around 30 years, with the temperature in many parts reaching 42 to 45 degrees Celsius and nearly 100,000 hectares of forestry and farmland burned in less than two weeks in Greece, according to the European Forest Fire Information System (EFFIS).

In Italy, major wildfires have raged since July in parts of the country ranging from the island region of Sardinia, the dry southern parts of the country, to the most inland part of Lombardy, Italy's most populated region and home to the country's financial and fashion capital of Milan.

The situation remained grim in early August, when flames stretched from the Sicily island in the south, the Abruzzo region in the heart of Italy, to Emilia-Romagna in northern Italy.

Southern Italy was hit particularly hard by wildfires, which prompted the Sicilian regional government to declare "a state of crisis and emergency for six months."

According to a report based on EFFIS data and released by Italian green political party Europa Verde (Green Europe), over 150,000 hectares of woods and forests have gone up in smoke in Italy this year, an area equal to Rome, Naples, and Milan put together.

"In Sicily, since the beginning of 2021 alone, over 78,000 hectares



have been burned, equal to 3.05 percent of the region's surface. In Sardinia, 20,000 hectares were burned causing the evacuation of hundreds of people," the report says, adding that it will take at least 15 years to rebuild the woods and the Mediterranean scrub destroyed by the flames.

In Spain, the largest wildfire seen in the country so far in 2021 has been put out in the central province of Avila on Aug. 21 after burning around 22,000 hectares of brush, woodland and pasture, officials said.

Helped by temperatures of over 40 degrees Celsius and gusting winds, the fire spread so fast that in two days it reached a perimeter of 40 km, leading to the evacuation of around 1,000 people from the municipalities of Solosancho, Sobedillo, Riofrio, Sotalbo and Villaviciosa. The flames were fought by around 500 firemen, including 150 members of the Military Emergency Unit of the Spanish armed forces, along with the help of five aircraft and two helicopters. Ash particles from the fires fell in some outlying towns in the neighboring Comu-

nidad de Madrid, while the smoke was visible over 120 km away.

In its starkest warning yet, a new landmark report released by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) in early August stressed that climate change is "widespread, rapid, and intensifying."

The intense heat in Italy, Spain and North Africa follows an extreme heatwave accompanied by devastating wildfires in Greece and Turkey earlier in the month, the report said. The report warned that the human-caused climate crisis is "unequivocal" and that temperatures are likely to rise by more than 1.5 degrees Celsius over the next 20 years, triggering more extreme weather events worldwide.

According to the report, many of the changes observed in the climate are unprecedented in thousands, if not hundreds of thousands of years, and some of the changes are irreversible over hundreds to thousands of years.

Experts warned that Europe will need to prepare for the eventuality of further records being broken with temperatures above 50 degrees Celsius being possible in Europe in the future.

"Climate models that we run with scenarios show that these extremes will intensify and get stronger with increasing temperatures," said Gian-Kasper Plattner, one of the report's authors and also senior scientist at the Swiss Federal Institute for Forest,

Snow and Landscape Research. However, there is still time to halt this trend if urgent global action is taken, he added.

Xinhua

Algeria arrests Tunisia's former presidential candidate

TUNIS



ALGERIAN authorities arrested on Sunday Tunisia's media mogul and former presidential candidate Nabil Karoui, after he entered Algeria secretly and illegally, Tunisian media said.

Karoui (pictured), the owner of the Nessma television channel and head of the Heart of Tunisia political party, the second largest in parliament, was arrested with his brother Ghazi Karoui, a lawmaker.

After he spent more than six months in Tunisian custody on money laundering and tax evasion charges, Karoui was released on June 15. The court is still investigating his case.

Karoui previously said he was innocent and that his political opponents were behind his imprisonment.

Karoui has not appeared in public since President Kais Saied dismissed his prime minister, froze parliament and assumed executive authority last month, in a sudden intervention that his Islamist opponents have labelled a coup.

Tunisia state TV and Radio MosaïqueFM said that Karoui secretly entered the Algerian city of Tébessa and he was expected to appear in Algerian court yesterday.

Officials in Algeria were not immediately available for comment.

In 2019, Karoui beat most candidates to reach a run-off for the presidency despite spending most of the campaign behind bars. He ultimately lost in a landslide to Saied.

Xinhua

Twenty-nine Fortune Global 500 banking institutions and enterprises to attend China's services trade fair 2021 CIFTIS

A total of 143 Chinese and foreign financial institutions, including 29 leading banking institutions and renowned financial service providers on the Fortune Global 500 list, will participate in the thematic exhibition on financial services of the 2021 China International Fair for Trade in Services (CIFTIS), which is slated to be held at Shougang Park in Shijingshan district in Beijing from Sept. 3 to 7.

Among the 143 banking entities, there are 59 overseas financial service providers from 18 countries and regions, including Societe Generale, Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group, Bank of Montreal, Morgan Stanley, Mastercard, Society for Worldwide Interbank Financial Telecommunication (SWIFT), DBS Bank, Hana Bank, Mizuho Bank, and Ueda Yagi Tanshi Co., Ltd.

This year, overseas financial institutions accounts for 41.2 percent of the total participants in the thematic exhibition on financial services.

The thematic exhibition on financial services, whose theme is "Green Beijing, Open Finance" this year, covers an area of over 17,000 square meters and is subdivided into eight exhibition areas for headquarters finance, international finance, finance in two zones (a national integrated demonstration zone for greater openness in the service sector and China (Beijing) Pilot Free Trade



Photo taken on Sept. 8, 2020, shows visitors at the 2020 China International Fair for Trade in Services. File photo

Zone), digital finance demonstration zones, financial services for science and technology innovation, green finance, wealth management, and comprehensive financial services.

Morgan Stanley, a global leader in financial services that has operated in the Chinese market for 27 years, exhibited its development achievements made in China over the years at the CIFTIS last year. "We couldn't have made such development achievements without China's efforts to continuously open its financial market wider," said Dong Gang, chairman of the board of directors at Morgan Stanley Bank International (China) Limited, adding that Morgan Stanley will continue to support and participate in the CIFTIS this year.

Ueda Yagi Money Broking (China) Co., Ltd., which was inaugurated in Beijing in July, is the first wholly for-

eign-owned money broker in China.

Last year, a group established for making preparations for the establishment of the money broking company, a subsidiary of Ueda Yagi Tanshi Co., Ltd., attended the CIFTIS, according to Huang Hong, president of Ueda Yagi Money Broking (China) Co., Ltd.

Now that the company has settled in the Beijing Municipal Administrative Center, it has been invited to share its stories during an activity for attracting foreign financial institutions at this year's CIFTIS, Huang added.

A digital finance carnival, a highlight of the thematic exhibition on financial services of this year's CIFTIS, is expected to impress visitors with digital finance demonstration zones, fintech competitions, robo-advisor platforms, digital RMB avenue and various activities, aiming to bring them closer to the recent advances in digi-

tal finance in scenarios that are closely related to their daily life.

At the digital RMB avenue, visitors can see how convenient it is to shop and pay in diversified consumption scenarios, including cultural and creative product stores, unmanned supermarkets, mobile convenience stores and stores selling hand-crafts, books and products of time-honored brands, thus gaining a better understanding of digital RMB.

Beijing has endeavored to make this year's CIFTIS more interesting, interactive, and visitor-friendly, said Wang Ying, deputy head of the Beijing Local Financial Supervision and Administration.

Besides exhibitions, many forums and summits on financial services will also be held at the CIFTIS, including the China International Finance Annual Forum 2021, China International Fintech Forum 2021, and China Capital Market Forum 2021, during which guests from all over the world will conduct dialogues on the frontiers of finance.

This year's CIFTIS will also include activities for the signing of major cooperation projects and the releasing of achievements in the financial sector. By holding targeted matchmaking activities for financial service providers and seekers, the event will facilitate cooperation and speed up the commercialization of achievements in financial services. **People's Daily**

Japan PM's ratings hit record lows as party leader race looms

TOKYO

PUBLIC support for Japanese Prime Minister Yoshihide Suga hit record lows, polls for two major newspapers showed yesterday, turning up the heat on the unpopular premier less than a month before he faces a challenge as leader of the ruling party.

Suga failed to capitalise on delivering the Olympics for the nation stricken by COVID-19, as a fresh wave of infections has forced the government to declare a fourth state of emergency in Tokyo and most urban areas amid a sluggish vaccination rollout.

The Mainichi newspaper poll showed public support for Suga slid below 30 percent for the first time, to stand at a dismal 26 percent. The Nikkei daily put his ratings at 34 percent, in line with a record low hit in its survey last month.

One of the polls also showed that Suga's possible rivals for the top job, such as Administrative Reform Minister Taro Kono, who is leading Japan's vaccination push, and former defence minister Shigeru Ishiba, were more popular with the public. The 72-year-old prime minister also faced rare criticism from writer Haruki Murakami, who said that if the premier was able to see the way out of the pandemic, "He must have very good eyesight for his



Japan's Prime Minister Yoshihide Suga (right) listens to a question during a news conference at the prime minister's office in Tokyo on Aug 25, 2021. AFP

age." In a radio appearance on Sunday, the author of the 1987 novel, Norwegian Wood, said, "I'm the same age as Suga, and I don't see a way out. "That man has ears that don't hear much, but his eyes are exceptionally strong. Or perhaps he just sees what he wants to see."

The comments were among the most trending topics on Japanese Twitter. Chief Cabinet Secretary Katsumasa Kato did not comment on the statements at his regular morning news conference. Both Kono and Ishiba, who have yet to declare if they will run in the Sept 29 contest, were backed by 16 percent of respondents when asked by the Nikkei who would be the best as the new leader of Suga's Liberal Democratic Party (LDP).

Suga, who has said he would fight to stay in his post, came in fourth at 11 percent, two points behind the lower key former foreign minister

Fumio Kishida, 64, who declared his candidacy here in a policy speech on Thursday.

The policy chief of the LDP, Hakubun Shimomura, who recently signalled his intention of running in the party leadership election, has decided not to do so, commercial broadcaster Nippon Television Network said yesterday.

The winner is virtually assured of being prime minister because of the LDP's majority in parliament's lower house. Popularity ratings are being closely watched because the new chief must lead the party to a general election by Nov 28, but which is expected earlier.

Unlike last year, grassroots LDP members will vote along with its members of parliament, which could make the outcome harder to predict. And novice MPs, fearful of losing their seats, may be wary of following their elders' orders.

Agencies

EU economies rebound strongly, but pandemic remains a concern

ROME

EUROPEAN Union economies have emerged strongly from the economic slump caused by the pandemic, though analysts are concerned that new virus variants may halt further growth.

The latest economic models show that this year Italy and Spain are on pace to enjoy their strongest economic growth in more than 40 years, with Italy's economy forecast to grow 5.6 percent and Spain's 6.2 percent in 2021. The forecast for growth in Italy

is 0.6 percent above that of a month earlier, and for Spain 0.3 percent above that of a month earlier.

Last week Germany, the EU's largest economy, raised its domestic economic growth forecast for the year. One forecast has the German pharmaceuticals firm BioNTech, co-developer of the widely distributed Pfizer coronavirus vaccine, alone adding 0.5 percent to Germany's economic growth this year.

Last month the EU statistics

office reported that economies in the 27-nation bloc grew 13.2 percent in the second quarter of the year compared with the corresponding period last year.

However, the strong growth figures need to be viewed from the perspective of a low baseline last year, when the continent was mostly under coronavirus-induced lockdowns, greatly slowing economic activity. The impacts were especially severe in Italy and Spain, which rely heavily

on tourism.

But the strong economic responses across the EU, coupled with high vaccination rates, have helped to restore consumer and business confidence and boost exports more quickly than most analysts had forecast.

"The reopening of non-essential businesses helped spur growth in retail sales near pre-pandemic levels," said Tej Parikh, a director at Fitch Ratings. "The economic momentum from the reopen-

ing is increasing."

'Biggest downside risk'

However, the spread of the highly transmissible Delta variant of the coronavirus represents the "biggest downside risk" for European economies, he said.

Nicola Nobile of Oxford Economics, a research group, said in a report that the "Delta variant will likely cause a surge in COVID-19 cases", though the "vaccination process means any new waves

(of the pandemic) should be significantly less deadly than previous ones".

Giuseppe De Arcangelis, a professor of international economics at Sapienza University in Rome, called the latest economic figures reassuring, but he expressed concerns over the pandemic.

"From what we can see, the situation remains under control, but there is still so much uncertainty that it is hard to be confident. Everything could change in a week

or two."

The uncertainty requires coming up with more growth scenarios, both on the high and the low end to get a complete picture, he said, and one scenario that worries him involves vaccines.

"The vaccine rollout in Europe has been very successful, and it is the main reason for optimism, even as the Delta variant gains ground," De Arcangelis said. "But I am concerned that we may need more vaccines to keep up the momentum. I hope we won't have vaccine supply problems in the coming weeks and months."

Xinhua

SPORT



National Assembly's Deputy Speaker, Tulia Ackson (C), poses for a photo with Doctor's Plaza Clinic's Director, Sophia Byanaku (in yellow gown), Jakaya Kikwete Cardiac Institute (JKCI)'s Managing Director, Mohamed Janabi (3rd L), and a team of specialist doctors shortly after completion of a seminar on women's health, organized by Doctor's Plaza Clinic in Dar es Salaam recently. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

POEM: You will achieve success

By Pauline Lugaziya, SJMC & Geoffrey John, TUDARco

IT is never too late to change your life for the better.

You don't have to take huge steps in life. You don't have to see the

The whole staircase just takes the first step.

Making even the smallest steps can change your daily routine

And make a difference in your life.

Discipline your mind to think positively.

Discipline your mind to see the good in every situation and look at the best side of every event.

Choose a job that you love and you will never have to work a day in your life.

Hard work is only hard if you're not passionate about what you are doing.

Keep away from people who try to belittle your ambitions.

Small people always do that, but the great make you feel that you, too, can become great.

Decide carefully, exactly what you want in life, then work like mad to make sure you get it!

To have what you never had,

you have to do what you have never done.

Give the world the best you have and the best will come to you.

Don't judge every day by the harvest you reap but by the seeds you plant.

Don't wait for things to happen. Make them happen.

And you can never make something happen without the desire to do it.

Desire is the key to motivation, but its determination and commitment to

An unrelenting pursuit of your goal - a commitment to excellence - that will enable you to attain the success you seek.

The heart of human excellence often begins to beat when you consider a pursuit that absorbs you, frees you, challenges you, or gives you a sense of meaning, joy, or passion.

Having a passionate interest in something burns your heart and ignites the fire and makes you concentrate on what you love, curiously learning more about it and persistently follow your desires

And create a productive impression out of it. Believe in yourself and you will be unstoppable.

If you believe it will work, you'll see the opportunities. If you believe it won't, you will see the obstacles.

Let love be your guide, courage be your driver, and let passion be your road to enjoy this magnificent life to the fullest.

Success at anything will come down to this: focus and effort, and we control both.

RELATIONSHIP

Men speak of issues women want

By Pauline Julius, SJMC and Allen Henjwele, TUDARco

THERE are different categories and types of people in this world. Today, our focus is on the types of men.

When you talk to them about things of this world, they will have a different perspective on their thoughts. According to a small sample that we carried out and the responses of men who were invited to be interviewed in this program what women do that men like, the interviewees expressed several things that they like when done by women.

The most important point is that a woman should love herself and takes care of herself, has clean nails, keeps herself sharp and informed, makes her hair, and is very smart.

One of them said that they love women who involve themselves in life-building activities.

By these activities they mean, women who do not just go to work and come back home but those that are passionate about what they do and contribute greatly in building themselves and their life.

Also, women who have conversations about current affairs are a major turn-on, those that can talk about businesses and life development issues.

That is, how to plan, develop, establish, and manage a firm for example. Therefore, women who don't build their own life are a complete turn-off.

Men love ladies they can talk to and learn from them as well as the ladies learn from these men.

People love other people who can come over to talk and not just for sex, who can meet to do other extracurricular activities like walking the dogs, exercising, story tells, feel the fresh breeze of the day or just walking together.

Here, by saying people I mean both men and women.

Also, girls who understand situations and are more present at the moment are very attractive.

Note that you cannot be understood if you don't

understand yourself.

Those who don't pick up fights and there is mutual understanding and open-mindedness. Individual women are a real turn-on.

Women should be good in bed as well as know where to touch, fall in the right place.

That means romance and sex. They should be in the moment and creative, initiating pieces of stuff and not expecting men to do anything.

However, women should note that when having sex with men, no man never thinks of another woman while having sex at some point. If not at the moment, sometimes, they do.

Furthermore, accepting your body and being in the moment when having sex is one of the most essential parts of the whole act.

In your sexual life, have that personal communication when having sex. Talk about it, how good or how bad it was, and how to improve.

Men plead tradition not to commercialize dowry. The best dowry is how you will treat the woman you will marry. Men suggest that women should as well get appreciated and paid for in dowry.

A woman who does something to break a sweat and is active in daily life is another element of essential self-care.

On the other side, men also speak of the things they love to do when in relationships. One of them is paying for bills.

Although, not all men like paying for the bills, most of them think it sounds very romantic for men to pay for the

These bills include school fees, hair and make-up bills, house bills like water and electricity. Note that men do not prefer paying for stupid commodities like overspent money.

It should be noted that these are the perspectives of most of the men, from the sample that represent a majority of the likes and dislikes of men during the relationships. We hope you have learned a lot.

SPORTS

Betting levy funds and sorting out athletes' retirement expectations

By Correspondent John Kimbute

A recent awakening at top government levels as to the misdeeds that the public authorities are engaged for decades, in letting high-level performers in sports and athletics live in near abject poverty at the end of their careers is making headway with the concerned ministry and other relevant quarters.

Chief government spokesman, Peter Msigwa, who is also Director of Information Services, was at pains to set out good prospects in that regard based on a fund set up by collecting a five percent levy from betting proceedings.

Despite the rather rosy prospects, some gaps appeared to open up in the setting he espoused.

The spokesman sounded out the possibility of earning up to 20bn/- for the fund through the levy, which would not only cater for projections like uplifting rest parks which have disappeared in most municipal areas but also either build or uplift sports grounds.

The same funds are expected to include an element of catering for athletes, past and present, thus constituting an omnibus fund from which nearly everything that sportsmen and women are demanding is supposed to be met.

There is something overly restrictive in the manner in which the relevant authorities are looking at the issue - still off-hand, except for the fund.

From a statutory viewpoint, several things that are being sought from the government about uplifting the sports sector as a whole can be classified as ad hoc, and ought to be catered for via funds obtained from the levy from betting activities.

It implies that such projects will be developed or access such funds as per the level of collections that will be obtained, and based on competing demands and evaluations of the projects by ministerial committees or directorates.

Statutory demands are different, as in this context it is a matter of recognition of an individual's contribution to the country, say if he or she played for the national side (in whatever category) for five or ten years, each would have its benefits.

While applications for lifting say Mnazi Mmoja or Ubungu Park (whatever side) or a newly isolated grassy,



Dodoma Jiji FC players celebrate after posting a goal during one of the club's 2020/21 Premier League duels, which took place in Dodoma. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

leafy area in whatever part of the city to have trees and big-screen television (for instance), plus eliciting agents to manage it and pay a fee to the local council can be evaluated as they come, statutory demands are different.

Here it is an issue of recognition of an athlete to be a quasi-permanent member of the public service by featuring in the national side for a sufficiently long period, say five years, as this is a period in the middle of youth where sporting needs prevailed over other pressures.

When it comes to 10 years, the significance of the individual's devotion to that sport cannot be doubted, it must access a pension.

Accessing a pension for those with distinguished contributions to sports at the national level cannot be pegged to funds dripping into a levy of this or that sort, as by definition both the quantity to be obtained and its distribution among competing demands is not known be-

forehand.

In that case, optional financing for instance of facilities, trips, or suchlike can be evaluated for approval based on such contingencies, while statutory demands require set criteria for qualification of specified treatment, where the government is expected to honour that commitment, not subjecting it to contingencies.

In that sense athletes, retirement benefits need to be placed at the same level as ministerial employees, viz., to guarantee expected benefits.

Indeed this is the gist of what top athletes and other observers have been demanding, that these youths as they fade into middle age should not be forgotten, in which case their work ought to be considered pensionable, not just obtain some funds to start a trade, a farm or build a house (starting by purchasing a plot) but also auxiliary cash handed each month, just in case of steep drawbacks in commerce, etc.

It must be admitted that an athlete is not likely to be a good investor in this or that area as that is a different calling or mental disposition.

In that case, a safeguard formula is helpful to avoid pegging retirement life to commercial success, although that option can be reviewed in the case of the more successful athletes.

Instead of starting an intra-ministerial debate or across sports bodies, as to whether top-level athletes are employees or not, it is not difficult to create a category of formal employees and guest employees or auxiliary contracted employees.

Top athletes and sportsmen and women enable the ministry to carry out its functions, in which case rewarding only the organizing or facilitating outlay within the ministry and forgetting those who do the real hard job on the pitch or field is not entirely justified unless the ministry or the government as such is assured that they are protected. That has habitually failed to happen.

Coast Region students urged to excel in academic, sports



Tanzania's junior athletes put their skills to show in a recent National Junior Championship, which took place in Dar es Salaam.

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

STUDENTS and pupils at Coast Region's Filbert Bayi Schools have been asked to work hard in both sports and academics for them to excel in life.

Dar es Salaam University College of Education (DUCE)'s Dean of Education, Eugenia Kafanabo, issued the plea at the graduation ceremony for the schools' Form Four students and Standard Seven pupils in Kibaha, Coast Region on Saturday.

She said in the modern world there is a need for students and pupils to work hard in both sports and academic sectors.

Eugenia disclosed: "You must work hard in both sports and academics, at the University of Dar es Salaam we have many sports programs."

"You can join them and earn your living through sports and, in this modern

world, we have seen many people do well through sports," she said.

Filbert Bayi Schools' Board of Directors' Chairman, Filbert Bayi, and the schools' Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Elizabeth Mgema, also echoed Eugenia's remarks.

"At our schools, we have well-drilled and experienced teachers in both academics and sports, the aim is to give the children the opportunity to explore their future talents," Bayi, who is also Tanzania Olympic Committee (TOC) secretary-general, noted. At the graduation, event pupils entertained the gathering with urban and traditional music and dance performances and other activities.

The best students and pupils were awarded certificates. Benedict Paul was awarded as the best athlete, Rehema Mrisho clinched the best netballer prize, while Abdul Jamal was decorated for being the best in football.

Filbert Bayi Schools has been doing well since its inception in 1996. Last year, 45 students from the schools were selected to various government secondary schools to study A-Level.

In sports the schools have equally contributed immensely, as early this year, a youthful athlete from the institution, Regina Mpigachai, secured a four-year scholarship worth \$76 000 at the University of Northern Colorado in the United States of America (USA).

She received the opportunity after her previous outstanding performance at local and international events.

She is expected to travel to the USA soon. The schools' other student, Benedict Paul, who performed well at the just ended inter-secondary schools' games (UMISSETA) in Mtwara, is also expected to travel to America to attend college after completing his studies.

Transfer Deadline Day guide: How clubs sign players in 24 hours

By Tor-Kristian Karlsen

IDEALLY every club would want to get their business done as early as possible in the transfer window, but things don't always go to plan.

"Transfer Deadline Day" is the final 24 hours before the window slams shut (usually at 11 p.m. BST/6 p.m. ET) and features fans turning up outside stadiums, helicopters ferrying players between cities and desperate fights with technology (at least there are no more fax machines involved, David de Gea) in a bid to get a deal done before the deadline.

It can be frenetic and wild, though while fans usually enjoy that kind of drama, the clubs themselves much prefer things to go a lot smoother.

Here's a step-by-step guide to how Deadline Day might go for a sporting director.

MORNING

The first thing to understand: No deal just happens in 24 hours. It's a result of days, months, sometimes years of scouting. Even when the deadline is closing in, clubs will have a good idea of the player they are signing already, but it's important to have the scouting team and analysts on hand early to provide extra information and quick feedback in case there hasn't been a lot of time to talk about them beforehand.

Obviously the input of the manager is needed, along with your medical team, club secretary, someone to liaise with the FA, legal team, as well as the PR and communications people to spread the news about your signing.

Once a bid is accepted, the sooner everyone is on the same page the better, as you'll need to arrange flights if the player involved is based abroad. Subject to local entry and quarantine rules regarding COVID-19 there may also be hotel rooms to book and tests to take, which adds another layer of complexity.

- Sound out the player

Having got the all-clear from the player's club to make official contact -- though there's no denying that a lot of the details are hashed out with a player's agent long before the club has been informed or given their permission to hold talks -- you'd want to exchange a few words directly with the player.

Speaking to the prospective addition hours before you have to make a decision on signing them is by no means ideal -- really you would like to have a comprehensive chat with them -- but this being Deadline Day, the clock is ticking and your options are limited. Such a courtesy call is unlikely to make either party much wiser, but at least the player gets a chance to learn slightly more about your club, which is better than nothing. Having your manager on the call to elaborate on how he sees the new recruit fit in tactically is mandatory too. Making someone feel wanted is never a waste of time, even as you're fumbling around on Deadline Day.

Any red flags that are raised -- such as a lack of enthusiasm or interest in your club, or if it's clear the information that the agent has fed you about them doesn't add up -- could see you pull the plug on the deal. Ultimately an appreciation of social behaviour will help and, even in this day and age of analytics, you have to trust your gut feeling. One call won't give you the full picture, but there's still valuable hints to be picked up and it's the best you can do at this late stage.

- Finalise terms with the agent

Once you've come off the phone with the player, you move on to the agent. In the unlikely event that this is the first time the subject of personal terms (salary, signing-on fee, agent commission, as well as any additional clauses for performance/appearance related increases and win bonuses) is on the table -- such cases do happen, however -- this is set to be one of the most unwanted conversations you'll have. On top of that, there will be discussions over things like housing arrangements, flights, sponsorship deals and image rights...depending on the status of the player.

The agent is well aware that you're under pressure, that you're desperate and most probably have no other options lined up. At this point, the best you can do is to settle on a ballpark figure for wages and fees and wait until the player arrives with his entourage later in the day.

- Work out the logistics and get your staff ready

Racing against the clock, there's little option but to book a private jet -- provided that such service is available from this particular corner of Europe. It's not strictly necessary for a loan signing or even a permanent transfer to arrive before the actual transfer deadline as all the mandatory paperwork can easily be processed digitally and remotely. You want the agent there in person too (they may be coming from somewhere different to the player) to work out the formalities before any presentation is done.

Once the travel arrangements are sorted, you can breathe a temporary sigh of relief, but not before you've done some serious delegating. At an elite club you'd obviously have dedicated staff to assist in all the practical tasks, but there are still those who'll have to convene with their medical and communication heads for a quick briefing.

Ideally you'd like your own trusted medical department to perform a check on the player (albeit a brief one) and meet the player, as issues can turn up at any time. Another option is to fly your medical staff out to assess the player at a facility near their current club, which can save you some time in certain scenarios.

For the medical department it's a matter of booking



A player's contract takes a long time to figure out. (Agencies)

all the appointments they can possibly make within the timeframe available: They would want to do a full MRI scan -- and preferably a heart scan too, which requires specialist equipment -- as well as the more rudimentary checks performed in your gym and local medical facility.

In most cases, the club the player is joining would also have medical records passed on by their former club, which would be sent over electronically and subsequently studied by the team doctor in the hours prior to the player's arrival.

As a full medical typically takes a least one whole day, and often two, having just five or six hours can make this aspect of a transfer somewhat risky. These days improved technology, plus easier access to information (such as a player's past injury record), has helped to reduce the jeopardy to an extent. Yet, in the interest of the club and the player himself, you don't want to leave anything to chance when it comes to health. A proper medical does require time.

Your communications team would also need to be properly briefed. Though tons of information can be dug up online, a few comments from the head coach on the player's skillset and the reason why they are being brought in is the kind of information you'd like to share with the club's supporters and display on your website as soon as the deal is struck. Arrangements need to be made for photo and video shoots later in the day, while short introduction videos for social media -- seemingly indispensable in this day and age -- need time to be mocked up.

NOON

- Catch up on the news

With a bit of luck you can have a short breather and some lunch. Ideally you'd like to catch up on what else is going on -- is anyone else doing any business? Has the media got wind of your incoming new star? Perhaps you can even get around to reading your emails or incoming messages. And they could be in triple digits. There might even be loan or permanent transfer bids for your own players, though most of them tend to be agents trying it on and are a waste of time.

You usually have a fair idea in the preceding days as to whether one of your players is going to move, so you can prepare for that. However, if something else urgent is happening at your club you need to make sure that everyone knows how to find you, probably by reaching you on a second phone. Most sporting directors have more than one mobile number or handset -- some may even have three or four!

EARLY AFTERNOON

- Check in with the owners

Before the anticipated arrival of your new signing, you may want to touch base with "upstairs" as well. There's nothing that stirs up more excitement at a football club than transfer activity, and CEOs, board members or even ultra-rich owners are no different to the ordinary fan in that regard.

Unless you're already equipped with all the essential mandates, you'll need to check in with the owners about how keen they are on the ongoing transfer proceedings. As much as we all acknowledge that signing new players should be based purely on footballing decisions as long as they fit within the assigned budget, having the person who pays the bills on board is never a bad thing...particularly if you need some leverage for unexpected (expensive) snags later in the afternoon. They should trust your judgement, and it should all be fine, but it never hurts to ask.

MID-AFTERNOON

- Hosting the player

By this time, the player and his agent should have safely arrived at the ground. You offer them a quick, clandestine (at least to your best ability) tour of the sta-

dium, preferably accompanied by your head coach or club captain. There's time for a brief meal for the arriving guests before the player is led away to perform the rushed and slightly impromptu medical procedures.

- Back to the contract negotiations

While they are doing that, this is where you often get down to the nitty-gritty of working out the specifics of the contract. Depending on your relationship with the agent or agents (some have domestic partners who will typically come along at this point and, with their knowledge of the country's specific *modus operandi* and legislations, may be of significant help), the next hour or so may be just a formality or a potential hazard to the completion of the deal.

A trusted agent may keep his word and stay true to what's been principally agreed on the phone, whereas someone less worried about reputation or future relationships might even put the whole deal at risk by trying on all sorts of shenanigans.

If you're lucky you might get away with just having to throw in a few flights for the player's friends and family (and, yes, they can still be demanded even in deals worth millions) or you'll end up having to face requests for extortionate signing-on fees, personal bonuses or agent commissions that haven't previously surfaced. Such things can be expensive and are often dealt with right at the end of negotiations.

It's worth mentioning that the latter scenario has become a rarer occurrence with the emergence of generally more reliable and professional agents that acknowledge the value in retaining good relations with clubs. But, if not, there's always the option of pulling out of the deal. With just hours left until the transfer window closes, sometimes being taken for a ride is literally the price you pay for having to do last-minute business.

EARLY EVENING

- Give the paperwork a final look

With the personal terms out of the way, the actual preparation of the paperwork is relatively straightforward. Both parties will go through the first and second pages of the standard professional contracts, plus have a good look at appendices in which bonuses or exceptional add-ons are stated.

Whereas previously the player's contract could be amended and needed legal professionals to have the last look (this still happens) as the small print was subject to a lot of nit-picking, most professional contracts across European leagues are by and large based on standard FA templates that cannot be altered (obviously with the exception of duration and financial terms.)

The transfer agreement between the clubs -- be it a loan or a permanent deal -- also needs to be scrutinised. As opposed to the player's contract, the transfer agreement is not based on a set template as such but can often be a patchwork based on multiple e-mail alterations between the two clubs.

With significant amounts regularly involved, it does help having an experienced legal team (which most top-tier clubs have) overseeing the completion of the agree-

ment.

MID-EVENING

- Find out how the medical went

As the transfer deadline beckons it's time to sit down with the club doctor or head of medical department to hear the findings from the hurried medical check. Unless the medical professionals have raised any particular concerns, the report is signed off with the recommendation of proceeding with the registration of the new player. It's now the player's turn to have a good look at the contract. Any queries that may surface are normally raised with the agent (who has already gone through the contracts earlier in the afternoon.)

JUST BEFORE THE DEADLINE

- Get the paperwork submitted

Before the clock hits the deadline, all the contracts are signed and handed over to the appropriate person in charge of dealing with the FA over registration matters. The first stage -- for an international transfer -- is to upload all the relevant documents to the FIFA TMS (Transfer Matching System). This extremely useful online platform was launched by FIFA in 2010 and has significantly sped up the registration process of players moving across borders (hence from one FA to another). The system used to be relatively complex and not particularly user friendly, but now it works seamlessly.

Once all the information related to the transfer is matched (i.e. identical information as relates to payment terms, instalments, sell-on percentage, bank details, plus various clauses) by both clubs, which is usually done in around 10-15 minutes, you are all clear. The rest of the registration process, including clearance to play competitive matches, is then handled by the FAs involved.

At this point you're effectively home and dry. The player can be unveiled with your snazzy social media announcement and you can sit back and watch the fans go crazy. Sometimes, in extreme cases, the final approval can be delayed -- such as when Andrei Arshavin's move to Arsenal was interrupted by a snowstorm in 2009 -- but generally as long as the paperwork is filed by the set time, you're fine.

AFTER THE DEADLINE

Once you've congratulated your staff on getting the deal across the line, it's finally time to sit back, pour a drink, light that cigar and bask in the glory. How the player settles at your club is out of your hands, and you've done the best job you can. Just be glad that Deadline Day is over for another six months, and try to avoid such a rushed situation with better planning and communication next time.

(EDITOR'S note: Tor-Kristian Karlsen is a Norwegian football scout and former chief executive and sporting director at French club AS Monaco who has been faced with the scenario of having to get a deal over the line at the last minute on Transfer Deadline Day.)

Gwiji by David Chikoko



SPORT

Transfer Deadline Day guide: How clubs sign players in 24 hours



Chui Challengers' Wahid Hussain pictured with the best player of the match prize he was presented with when his squad took on Royal Rhinos in the 2021 Advanced Players League (APL) fixture in Dar es Salaam last weekend. Chui Challengers cruised to five-wicket drubbing of Royal Rhinos. PHOTO: COURTESY OF TCA

Chui Challengers beat Royal Rhinos in 2021 APL

By Guardian Reporter

CHUI Challengers have made their efforts to achieve success the 2021 Advanced Players League (APL) known after trouncing Royal Rhinos by five wickets in Dar es Salaam last weekend.

With Chui Challengers reeling from a three-wicket defeat to Buffalo Blasters in their previous game, which took place a day before, the former wanted to put things back in place when they took on Royal Rhinos.

After winning the toss, Chui Challengers invited Royal Rhinos to bat and Rhinos were skittled for 63 runs in 12.5 overs.

Chui Challengers' captain Zafar Khan's decision to invite Royal Rhinos to bat played pivotal role in his team's victory.

Both clubs had done some changes as in-form Royal Rhinos cricketer, Nandu Kishore, was rested and Gulraiz Hyderi was roped into the team.

Similarly, Waheed Hussain and Augustino Mrema were given opportunity to turn out for Chui Challengers in the fixture.

Hussain made full use of his selection, as he took four wickets and cleared Royal Rhinos' top order, including Ali Mpeka, who was the best player of the match in his team's previous fixture.

All of Royal Rhinos batsmen, who dictated terms in the past duel, were vulnerable in the clash as the team ended with 63 runs.

Top order cricketers, skipper Arshaan Jasani, and Nasibu Kelvin to some extent sought to prove their worth after notching 16 runs apiece.

Chui Challengers, in reply, were dealt a blow in the first over of the game, given skipper Khan was out off the first ball of their innings, followed by Sheraz Khan. Both got out off the delivery of pacer Mpeka.

They were soon reduced to 17 runs for four wickets but Mohammad Ali and Ramesh Alluri got them through the tough time.

Ali notched 23 runs, which included three fours, whereas Alluri made his way back with bat in hand, posting 21 runs not out consisting of a four.

The fixture was well closed as Chui Challengers won their first game of the event and it was similarly the first defeat for Royal Rhinos.

The impressive Hussain took home the best player of the match prize for Chui Challengers.

The annual competition, hosted by Tanzania Cricket Association (TCA), seeks to improve cricket standard at the domestic level.

Six outfits, namely Buffalo Blasters, Chui Challengers, Royal Rhinos, Simba Kings, Tembo Stars, and Twiga Titans, are competing in the showdown, with each of the sides having 15 cricketers.

The showdown, according to TCA, brings together the best local cricketers from various clubs from upcountry, U-18 cricketers, and senior national cricket team players.

Reliance Insurance firm and Azania Bank are this season's APL main sponsors.

The showpiece's co-sponsors are GI Security, Harab Motors, Hitech Sai, Sterling, General Petroleum, and Pepsi.

The tournament presents senior national cricket team players with the opportunity to prepare for ICC Men's T20 World Cup's Africa Qualifiers, slated for October/November in Rwanda.

Mtweve crashes out of 2020 Tokyo Parlympics

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

TANZANIA'S Paralympic athlete, Ignas Mtweve, started the ongoing Tokyo Paralympics on a bad note as he emerged last in men's shot put yesterday morning.

According to Tanzania Paralympic Committee (TPC) Secretary General, Ramadhan Namkomveka, Mtweve was positioned eighth in shot put after throwing 22.88.

He said Brazilian, Batista Dos Santos, ended as the winner in men's shot put category with 45.59, Kathuniya Yogesh from India took second spot with 44.38 while Cuban Diaz Leonardo took the third spot with 43.36.

This means Mtweve, who went to the Tokyo Games in Japan on a wild card, is out of the Games.

Namkomveka noted: "Yes, our shot put athlete Mtweve ended last in his category, that automatically means he is out of the Tokyo Paralympics."

"The coach, Bahati Mgunda, told me that our athlete did his best but could not manage to beat his opponents," he said.

He said the only hope for the country is a discus athlete, Sauda Njopeka, she will be on duty Thursday.

The TPC official said although it will not be easy for the two to do well he is confident that they can make it.

Both athletes are in Tokyo Paralympics on universality opportunity and in a previous interview, Namkomveka said they are happy that for the first time in TPC's, a female athlete has made it to Paralympics.

The Tokyo Paralympics started on August 24 but Tanzania's athletes departed early, as directed by the International Paralympic Committee (IPC), as a measure to prevent Coronavirus spread.

Tuma Dandi, TPC president, is in Japan to attend the IPC meetings and conferences.

The two, Sauda and Mtweve, attended qualifying events in Tunisia and Dubai, but did not earn automatic qualification for Tokyo Paralympics.

The Paralympic athletes booked a place in Tokyo Paralympics because of their exceptional performance at the qualifying events.

This is the second time for Mtweve to represent the country at Paralympics. Mtweve had first competed at Rio Paralympics in 2016.

Yanga still bolstering squad, says assistant coach Siwa



Yanga's players and members of the outfit's technical bench enter Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam on Sunday to attend the 'Mwananchi Day', a climax of a week of social activities done by the club's leadership, members, and fans. Yanga thereafter came up against Zanaco of Zambia in an international friendly match that had the latter cruising to 2-1 win. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT JUMANNE JUMA

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

YANGA's assistant coach, Razak Siwa, says they are building a team and asked the outfit's supporters not to look too much on a 2-1 loss to Zambia's Zanaco FC in an international friendly clash held at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam on Sunday.

The two sides faced off in the clash, which was part of events aiming at climaxing the 'Wananchi Week', a week of social activities which were conducted by the club's leadership, member and fans.

Siwa said they are building a team and the Sunday's international friendly match was used to try new combinations and techniques.

The coach noted: "People should not look too much in today's results, we used the game to try new combinations and new game plans."

"That is why you see that we made several changes, our aim is to see players can have a good partnership," he said.

Siwa, the outfit's goalkeeping coach, assured the team's supporters that the club will be ready by the time it locks horns with River United of Nigeria in the 2021/22 CAF Champions League preliminary round.

"We will have some friendly matches, on Wednesday we will play a friendly, I'm confident that by the time we face the Nigerians (on September 12) the team will be ready," he said.

On Sunday, the international friendly match was very competitive

and entertaining. Yanga who started the match with a combination of newly signed players and the ones, whose contracts ave been extended, were the first to score through Heritier Makambo in the 30th minute.

Zanaco FC who were very composed equalized via Hakim Mniba and Kelvin Kapumbu scored the second goal.

The event was attended by many top government officials. They included Zanzibar's Second Vice-President, Hemed Suleiman Abdalla, Minister for Information, Culture, Arts and Sports, Innocent Bashungwa, and Minister of State in the President's Office for Good Governance, George Mkuchika.

The 'Wananchi Week' climax was accompanied by a lot of activities including music performances from different artist, who included Faustina Mfinanga 'Nandy', Koffi Olomide from Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), Juma Kasim 'Juma Nature' and Amani Temba 'Temba', William Nicholas 'Bill Nass' and several 'Singeli' musicians.

Meanwhile, Zanaco FC's head coach, Kelvin Kaindu, said Yanga has a good side which can cause an upset in any tournament.

Kaindu issued the comments after guiding his side to 2-1 win over Yanga in the friendly.

The Zambian coach said Yanga has a very good side, noting they should work hard and play as a team.

Kaindu said the Sunday results

should not disappoint Yanga as in football sometimes a better team loses.

"They are a good side with good players. They should work hard and play as a team, I'm sure they can cause an upset in many tournaments they will be involved in," he said.

However, on a surprise note, the coach said Yanga can build their team through newly signed Congolese winger, Ducafel Moloko, who was playing on the right side.

During the game, Moloko who, to many, did not play well, had good coordination with new full-back, Shaaban Juma, and caused many problems on Zanaco FC defense.

He disclosed: "That player was very good and Yanga can use him to build their team, he is very good and knows what he is doing on the pitch, in the first half he made it difficult for us to penetrate into Yanga's half, after recess we came up with a plan on how to keep him in check and it worked, hence, the two goals scored," he said.

Kaindu also praised his charges for playing well saying the results have boosted his team ahead of their CAF Champions League.

"Playing in a stadium full to its capacity and winning the game is a big achievement, I really praise my charges for the good game, we played well and we would have won, the results have given us confidence and morale is high ahead of our coming games," he said.

5 EATV TUESDAY

TONIGHT @ 9:00

NIRVANA

11:00 DADAZ LIVE
12:00 MPYA
12:30 Msosi Kitaani (r)
13:00 Wanawake Live (r)
13:30 Kali Za Wana
14:00 DK 10 za Maangamizi
14:30 BBall Kings Highlights (r)
15:00 Funguka
15:30 5SPORTS (r)
16:30 #HASHTAG
17:00 5SELEKT
17:55 Kurasa
18:00 eNewz
18:30 Music/Soap
19:00 EATV SAA 1
19:45 MJADALA
20:00 DADAZ (r)

Nirvana explores the hottest trends in fashion, beauty, art and lifestyle as well as interviews with notable people from the entertainment, art and fashion industries.

eastafrica RADIO

06:00 Supa Breakfast
10:00 MAMAMIA
12:00 Kipenga Xtra
13:00 Planet Bongo
16:00 EA Drive
20:00 Kipenga
21:00 The Cruise

88.1FM DAR ES SALAAM

Flexibles by David Chikoko

