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Tanzania seeks greater AfDB financing in building roads

By Guardian Reporter

WORKS, Transport and Communications minister, Isack Kamwelwe (pictured) has asked the African Development Bank (AfDB) to continue financing the country's various projects including road infrastructures.

The minister made this appeal in Dodoma early this week during discussions with AfDB Director General Amos Cheptoo on the implementation and development of road projects financed by the bank.

He said: "We thank AfDB for being among our important stakeholders in financing the construction and improvement of many of our roads. We ask you to continue doing that since we need to connect our roads with neighbouring countries."

In the past 11 years AfDB has provided more than 2tr/- for construction and improvement of 1,655 kms of roads,



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out of which 1,168 kms has already been completed, he stated.

Road projects that received AfDB financing in partnership with other development stakeholders and now completed include the improvement of Arusha-Namanga road (105kms), Singida-Babati-Minjingu road (223.5 kms), Iringa-Dodoma road (260kms) and Namtumbo-Tunduru road (193 kms).

Other road projects financed by AfDB and whose work is ongoing are Tabora-Koga-Mpanda (349 kms), Dar Rapid Transit (DART) Phase II, Tanga-Pangani-Bagamoyo road (246 kms), Dodoma Capital city peripheral roads, and the construction of Msalato Airport in Dodoma.

For his part the AfDB CEO Cheptoo said AfDB will continue financing various projects including road infrastructures with intent to facilitate economic development.

He was in Tanzania to inspect the implementation of various projects financed by AfDB, he added.

Govt seeks answers as maize prices shoot up



The construction of Dar es Salaam's Ubungo interchange at the Morogoro Road/Mandela Road/Sam Nujoma Road intersection by the China Civil Engineering Construction Corporation is registering steady progress. Chief Photographer Selemani Mpochi captured this scene yesterday

The average wholesale price for a 100-kilo bag was up by 3.7 per cent to 50,811.6/- in February 2019 from 49,011.1/- recorded in January

By Guardian Reporter, Dodoma

THE government has raised concern as maize prices have shot up once again, with 100-kilo bag now going for 107,000/- up from 65,000/- last year.

Officiating at the launch of two surveys on food security, Deputy Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Agriculture Prof Siza Tumbo challenged researchers to find out why the prices have been skyrocketing at a time when Tanzania has enough food reserves.

"One of the issues you should deliberate on is why maize prices have kept on going up because people living in urban areas have started complaining about this. The sack now sells at 107,000/- which is a substantial increase from 65,000/- last year.

The deputy PS raised concern that the price might reach unaffordable levels come February next year because prices of maize normally go up that month every year.

In its Quarterly Economic Review published in April last year, the Bank of Tanzania (BoT)



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said that the wholesale price for maize in different regions increased in February despite good harvests in the 2017/18 season.

The average wholesale price for a 100-kilo bag was up by 3.7 per cent to 50,811.6/- in February 2019 from 49,011.1/- recorded in January.

But Prof Tumbo insisted that the government is not considering closing borders to control the sale of Tanzanian maize outside the country as a means of controlling price hikes in the country.

"The country cannot keep closing and opening the borders every now and then. Because the issue is not export but rather how to control the prices," he said.

He was addressing researchers from the Economic and Social Research Foundation (ESRF) and Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA) who conducted the two studies necessitated by opposition to export of maize last year.

Ministerial data shows that maize production in the country was 6.2 million tonnes during fiscal 2017/18 from 6.6 million tonnes the previous financial year.

Tanzania's demand for maize currently stands at 5,462,390 tonnes, hence resulting in a surplus of 810,760 tonnes.

Muhimbili invests 37.4bn/- to perform specialised services

By Henry Mwangonde

MUHIMBILI National Hospital (MNH) has invested 37.4bn/- on improving infrastructure and personnel in the last four years, resulting in the start of specialized services including kidney and liver transplanting.

MNH has in recent years enhanced its capacity to provide major services where it started with Cochlea implant, adding radiology intervention and kidney transplant, climaxing with liver transplanting.

Speaking yesterday when he highlighted achievements in the four years of President John Magufuli's administration, MNH Executive



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Director Prof Lawrence Museru said the facility has spent 27.3bn/- for purchasing major hospital equipment, 10bn/- on infrastructure development and 3.5bn/- in training experts.

"MNH is a reflection of how health services are provided in the country and in the last four years we have been working to ensure that we break the ground for more super specialized services," he declared.

The investment followed a directive by the president who in November, 2015 ordered the hospital's authorities to work on complaints by patients over equipment that had for a long

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State machinery set to track gemstones at dealers' homes

By Correspondent Marc Nkwame, Arusha

THE Deputy Minister for Minerals, Stanslaus Nyong'o, has warned local miners and mineral dealers in Arusha and Manyara regions that they should declare all their valuable minerals consignments at the gemstone trading hub or face prosecution.

Without explaining how the exercise will be



conducted, Nyong'o pointed out that it was a government directive to have mineral trading centers in the country's mining zones, to serve as one-stop hubs for gemstones and minerals buying and selling activities.

"This is the only way to curb gemstone theft and smuggling, by ensuring that all valuable minerals pass through the center before being sold or exported," he said, noting that those who still use unofficial 'backroom' transactions elsewhere will be treated as illegal dealers, subject to be dealt with by security organs.

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Dr Inmi Patterson (L), Chargé d'Affaires at the US Embassy in Tanzania, exchanges ideas with GBRI Business Solutions managing director Hadija Jabir during the envoy's visit to the firm's offices in Iringa municipality at the weekend. Hadija is using the lessons she learned during recent cultural exchange programme on entrepreneurship in the US to create jobs in agricultural produce packaging for export, convinced that every challenge is an opportunity. Photo courtesy of US Embassy

NGO launches project to fight against FGM in Dodoma Region

By Guardian Correspondent, Dodoma

A Non-governmental organization—Reaching the Unreachable Tanzanian (RUT) has launched a project against prevalence of Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) in Dodoma Region, a key initiative which has so far reached out to at least 963 people since its inception on July this year.

Dubbed: 'FGM Free Generation Project' (FFGP), the one-year project under the auspicious of Grand Challenges Canada (GCC) focuses to free societies in Kondo and Kongwa districts from the high-profile atrocity against women and adolescent girls.

FGM comprises all procedures that involve partial or total removal of the external female genitalia, or other injury to the female genital organs for non-medical reasons. Such practices defined as the violence against the right of sexual reproductive health to the women and girls.

Organization's Director of Policy Research, Monitoring and Advocacy, Richard Senkondo said over the weekend that the reached number include a total of 550 potential population of girls and women.

He pointed out that they have decided to execute the project in Dodoma due to a grim statistics over high prevalence of the illegal cut in different parts within the region.

"The Tanzania Demographic Health Survey (2015-2016) shows Dodoma is a second region in the country for FGM practices, still many projects to end such violence has been implemented in other regions and forget completely about Dodoma," he observed.

He detailed that the project was using constructive and friendly approaches in efforts to slash the long-standing malpractice to zero, including conduction of awareness raising campaigns to impart communities with knowledge on diverse effects of practicing the 'illegal cut'.

Moreover, he added, to eliminate the violence from grassroots level, the project was also bases on identifying the cutters, educate them, as well as assisting them to venture into different Alternative Income Generating Activities (AIGAs) through provision of initial capitals.

"In many areas, we have established that the cutters are perpetuating the gender-based violence (GBV) in order to generate income, often paid at least

5,000/-, whereby traditional local belief stands tall behind persistence of the bodily harmful misconduct," he added.

According to him, in rural areas, due to poor belief, FGM is taken as a mechanism to uproot prostitution among women and girls.

"Societies in rural areas embracing negative notion that the cut plays major role in sidelining girls and women to engage into prostitution," he observed.

"However, in some areas the cut is used as a way to enable women and girls to cheat encountering fungus diseases traditionally known as 'Lawalawa' in reproduction organs (private parts) due to poor knowledge that the disease is propelled by poor hygiene," he pointed out.

For his part, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) at RUT, Vitus Msangazi explained that the project was gearing to change general perception of targeted communities towards FGM, through seminars and trainings, distribution of fliers and public screening of diverse videos on effects of FGM.

"The project has established special clubs in primary and secondary schools with an eye to educate adolescence girls, but also, through the project's intermediaries, potential populations within relevant societies continue to receive day-to-day knowledge against FGM," he insisted.

With crucial mission to improve Sexual Reproduction Health (SRH) for women and adolescent girls, the target of the project is to deliver to at least 3,550 potential populations (women and girls) but also to ensure at least 3,550 victims of FGM are reporting and seeking psychosocial support from relevant authorities.

The Project, runs its activities in the wards of Thawi, Mnesia Itololo and Busi in Kondo districts whereby in Kongwa the initiatives based in Chamkoroma, Chitego, Lenjulu and Kongwa wards.

Available data depicts that, among ten women in Tanzania, one is circumcised whereby 35 percent of among girls and widows undergone the brutal cut at the age of one year.

The government of Tanzania has developed many efforts to combat FGM practices, include establishment of the National Action Plan to End Violence Against Women and Children (NPA-VAWC) 2017/2018-2020/2022), which made it clear that FGM practices is a traditional that affect women and children.

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hundreds of gemstone miners and dealers who gathered at the Arusha Gemstones Trading Center in Kijenge, to convey their concerns regarding mostly tanzanite business.

A few months ago, Minister for Minerals Doto Biteko inaugurated the Arusha Mineral Trading Center building, where all transactions related to tanzanite gemstones and other minerals are supposed to take place.

Soon after the launch of the trading center, records from the zonal mining office indicated that mineral activities

have not only increased and recording higher yields after the review of mining laws and regulations, but also the government was earning more revenues.

For instance, in the past the country used to record an average of 147.7 kilograms of tanzanite gemstones per year, but even within the first six months of 2019 the state had recorded

close to 950 kilograms.

Regional Commissioner Mrisho Gambo said the government is creating a better and more conducive environment for miners, mineral dealers and exporters.

"This newly opened Mineral Market Center is one stop grading and permit issuing center which means that now people will no longer have to travel to

Dodoma to seek documentations and permits," he said.

He had directed officials from the National Identification Authority (NIDA) to also establish a desk at the center, he affirmed.

Overall the country's total earnings from minerals have spiked from 196 billion/- in the past to over 310 billion/- within the year as of now, he added.

Tanzanians are challenged to embrace much healthier lifestyles to avoid diabetes

By Aisia Rweyemamu

DAR ES SALAAM-based health specialist has suggested for people to adopt healthier life styles and seek early treatment to avoid diabetes.

Dr Ahmed Jusaban, medical director at Aga Khan Hospital made the suggestion over the weekend during an event to commemorate the world diabetes day of which the hospital marks by providing free diabetes screening. The hospital also conducts public awareness education.

Dr Jusaban explained that the hospital's initiative to raise awareness on risk factors and primary prevention as well as providing single stop clinic for treatment and prevention of diabetes is in-line with the national Non communicable Disease (NCD) strategic plan.

He underscored the need for concrete plans for promotion of health activities and reduction of diabetes burden within the society.

"What we do at the hospital should just be the beginning of continuing campaigns and not a one-day initiative towards curbing this global health challenge," he noted.

Aga Khan Hospital's Internal Medicine Physician, Dr Damina Somji said prevalence of diabetes in Tanzania stands at 9.1 percent as one out of ten people have diabetes.

There are 1.7million people with diabetes in the country, of the number, 1.3 million are undiagnosed.

According to Dr Somji, diabetes is a chronic disease that occurs when the pancreas do not produce enough insulin or when the body cannot

effectively use the insulin it produces.

"There are many other risk factors for diabetes including aging, from 45 years and above, obesity, lack of exercise, family history of diabetes, high cholesterol and high blood pressure," she explained.

Dr Somji elaborated that diabetes may not initially give any symptoms but exercise thirst, hunger and urination may develop over time as well as weight loss, numbness in the feet and hand, infection and injuries that heal slowly.

The internal medicine physician alerted that if diabetes left untreated or unmanaged, it can lead to life changing complications like blindness, amputations, kidney failure, heart attack and stroke.

Dr Somji added that in marking the world diabetes day the hospital has participated in various awareness campaigns involving provision of public education on risk factors, symptoms, complications prevention and treatment of diabetes. He said the education was provided by health specialists including physicians, ophthalmologists and dieticians.

The World Diabetes Day is the global awareness campaign held on 14 November each year. It was launched in 1991 by the International Diabetes Federation (IDF) and the World Health Organisation (WHO) in response to the rapid rise of diabetes around the world.

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Works, Transport and Communications minister Isack Kamwelwe (R) briefs African Development Bank managing director Amos Cheptoo in Dodoma yesterday on road projects in Tanzania funded by the bank. Photo: Correspondent Siti Said

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time not been functioning, provide beds to patients who were sleeping on the floor and build capacity for the provision of special service to reduce referrals abroad.

Prof Museru said the four years of offering the services has proved that it is possible to have super specialised services in the country saying there are only few issues to

address.

Since it started offering kidney transplants, 51 patients have received the services operated at MNH and 1.5bn/ out of the 6.1bn/- that was to be used if the transplants were conducted abroad.

He added that the hospital is constructing a transplant centre at its Mloganzila branch which will host all services including liver, kidney, bone marrow and other services to be

launched by the hospital in the near future.

Data from MNH show 340 kidney patients are on dialysis and every month, 20 new kidney patients are registered.

For many years, Tanzanians suffering from kidney failure had to be referred abroad, especially to India for the procedure.

The kidney transplant was the second achievement in a row by the

hospital after a successful cochlea implant surgery in June 2017.

According to Prof Museru the hospital has saved 32.2bn/- that was to be spent if the patients were sent abroad.

The achievements have so far helped to reduce costs of liver and kidney transplant by 50-percent. One successful transplant costs about 100 million that is for India which is taken as the cheapest.

Govt to establish agency for horticulture sub-sector

By Guardian Correspondent, Arusha

THE government is planning to establish an agency for horticulture development to have new strategies that would spur green revolution in high gear.

On Monday, deputy minister for Agriculture Hussein Bashe said the agency will be known as 'Horticulture Development Agency' (HDA), and added that the process will be completed by February next year, and will aim to push up the horticulture farming mini-sector.

He said HDA which will deal with flowers, fruits and vegetable growing will assist in removing obstacles in the mini-sector and speed up its growth.

Bashe said during the process, the ministry had discussions with the mini-sector's stakeholders led by their apex organisation - Tanzania

Horticultural Association (TAHA).

He said the agency which will oversee the mini-sector is supposed to see that it contributes USD 1.85 to the GDP by 2021 - up from USD 764 million dollars currently, apart from providing employment for more youths and women.

He said giving priority to the horticulture mini-sector is a deliberate government's decision since it is fast growing as compared with other cash crops such as cotton, cashew nuts, tobacco and others.

Statistics from the ministry of Agriculture show that the horticulture mini-sector grows at 11 percent whereas the growth rate for the entire agriculture sector is only four percent.

The deputy minister said the ministry of Agriculture is changing the laws that aim to merge regulatory authorities so as to reduce bureaucracy as well as to ease export procedures

for agricultural products including reduction of levies imposed on horticulture growers.

The Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Finance Dotto James called on TAHA to prepare a list of bothersome taxes for submission to his ministry's budget task force for solution - that may include their abolition.

James also called on TAHA to consider the possibility in hiring aircraft to transport horticultural products outside the country and that the government is ready to assist in the arrangement, whilst it also considering to purchase a special cargo plane.

The chairman of Agriculture and Livestock Parliamentary Committee Mahmoud Mginwa said his panel will work closely with the ministry of Agriculture in the development of the horticulture mini-sector.

Earlier, presenting challenges and opportunities

faced by the mini-sector, TAHA managing director Jacqueline Mkindi said a farmer who formalises his farming activities pays a total of 47 taxes and other levies every year, which is a great burden to the farmer and called on the government to improve the business environment, revise laws governing crops and ease the procurement of farm inputs for horticulture farming.

She also said there was need to improve the transport system for horticultural

products at airports as well as sea ports so that they do not perish.

On the issue of training Mkindi appealed to the government to assist in establishing private horticultural colleges that would offer practical lessons thereon, to improve the curricula for teaching horticulture experts at Horti-Tengeru and Sokoine University of Agriculture (SUA) as well as to simplify the issuance of work permits for foreign experts in the field.



ICEA Lion General Insurance Company Ltd chief operations officer Jared Awando (L) receives a gift from Nancy Mwanyika of East Africa Television and East Africa Radio in Dar es Salaam yesterday shortly after being interviewed by the two sister media outlets on a business promotion campaign programme known as 'Kibiashara Zaidi'. Photo: EATV

IN THE COURT OF APPEAL OF TANZANIA AT MWANZA

CIVIL APPLICATION NO. 598/08 OF 2017

1. MARK ALEXANDER GAETJE.....APPLICANTS

2. WIEBKE GAETJE.....APPLICANTS
VERSUS

BRIGGITE DEFLOOR GAETJE.....RESPONDENT

TO. BRIGGITE DEFLOOR GAETJE

TAKEN NOTICE, that the hearing of the above Civil Application will take place at Mwanza on the 3rd day of December, 2019 at 09:00 a.m.

You are hereby order to appear on the day and time specified above.

If no appearance is made on your behalf, by yourself your pleaders or someone authorized by law to act for you in this Civil Application, it will be heard and decided exparte (in your absence).

Given under my hand and the seal of the Court this 12th day of November, 2019.



S. J. Kainda
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HJF Medical Research International, Inc
Tanzania

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)

CONSULTANCY SERVICES – GOVERNMENT RELATIONS CONSULTANT

1. INTRODUCTION /BACKGROUND

The Henry Jackson Foundation Medical Research International (HJFMRI-Tanzania) is an international non-governmental organization working in several countries providing care and treatment to people affected by HIV/AIDS and conducting research studies. HJFMRI-T is funded by the US President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) through the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research (WRAIR). In collaboration with the Ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly, and Children (MoHCDGEC), HJFMRI-T has been supporting a comprehensive HIV/AIDS care and support program in the Southern Highlands of Tanzania since 2004.

2. SCOPE

HJFMRI-T is inviting potential interested Individual consultant to express their interest to undertake consultancy services on Government relations for providing guidance on the modalities of working with Tanzania Government. The Government relations consultant will be responsible to build up organization network supporters to improve our collaboration with Government and ensure compliance to all aspect of our operations.

3. QUALIFICATION CRITERIA

In order to qualify the interested individual or Organization MUST be eligible for carrying out the above tasks having been registered for a minimum period of two years on date of submission of their application to HJFMRI and should provide an attested copy of registration documents

Individual consultant or an organization that has been blacklisted or placed under funding restriction by any Government or Donor Agencies in the past will not be considered.

The RFP will be issued upon request either through e-mails or a written letter. The vendor is required to provide information/company profile including documents that justify proper registration with relevant authorities such as Tax Identification Number (TIN), Value added Tax (VAT) if applicable, certificate of incorporation, and any other relevant documents in the proposal

The interested organizations/Individuals will be selected in accordance with the US Federal Acquisition and PEPFAR requirements. The Request for Proposal (RFP) will be issued to only organization or individual consultant that will meet the above criteria. Interest organization/consultant should submit their letter of interest to the below email: bids@wrp-t.org.

Deadline of receiving the EOI is November 25th 2019 at 1600hours East Africa Time

Address: Plot 14 A, Block "O" Uhindini Street
P. O. Box 6396
Mbeya, Tanzania
Phone: +255 252 500052 / 252 500558 | Fax +255 252 500057



The Jane Goodall Institute Tanzania

For Wildlife Research, Education & Conservation

INVITATION FOR TENDER TO SUPPLY PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEM

The Jane Goodall Institute Tanzania for Wildlife, Research, Education and Conservation (JGI-TZ) intends to use part of the fund to procure Public Address System for the implementation of its project for Landscape Conservation in Western Tanzania.

The specifications for Public Address System for the tender to supply is as listed below:

No.	Equipment	Units	Description
1	Audio mixer	1	Yamaha 16 Channel Professional Audio Pre Mixer
2	Power Booster	2	CA series Heavy Duty 2500 Watts @ 6000
3	Speakers mid	4	Line Array series Indoor/Outdoor heavy-duty waterproof
4	Speakers Bass	2	Line Array series Indoor/Outdoor heavy-duty waterproof
5	Shure Professional Wireless Microphones	6	Set of four + two wireless Microphone
6	Sound Equalizer	1	Dual-Stereo
7	Crossover	1	3 Way Crossover
8	Generator	1	Boss Series Model BG 9500- Heavy Duty 7.5 KvA
9	Professional speaker stands	2	Outdoor Line array Professional stands
10	Carrying Case	1	Machines Carrying Case
11	Microphone Carrying Case	1	Professional Microphone Carrying Case
12	Professional Sequence Power Switch	1	Machines Sequence Switcher (for damage protection)
13	Accessories	Variable	Wires & Cables and Variable Connectors for connections Professional coaxial cable for speakers (cooper) 3mm of thickness 120meters

The Jane Goodall Institute Tanzania now invites sealed bids from reputable and registered firms that wish to tender for the supply of the above items under the following conditions:

- Bidders must tender for all items as a complete system.
- Application for the bid is free of charge.
- Tender will be conducted in accordance with the JGI Tanzania Policies and Procurement Procedures.

Sealed Bids marked clearly 'TENDER FOR SUPPLY OF PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEM' shall be addressed to:

Executive Director
The Jane Goodall Institute Tanzania
Mikocheni, Lucy Lameck Street/Serengeti Road - Plot # 375
P.O. Box 70728
Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.

And be deposited into the Tender box located JGI Tanzania - Mikocheni office, Dar es Salaam.

- The deadline for the submission of tender is Seven (7) Days from the date of the advertisement.
- Electronic and/or late applications shall not be accepted for evaluation irrespective of the circumstance.

SECRETARY, JGI TANZANIA TENDER BOARD

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TARI eyeing an increase in oil palm cultivation across the country

By Guardian Correspondent, Kigoma

TANZANIA Agricultural Research Institute (TARI) plans to develop the oil palm crop in the areas it grows well - including Kyela District in Mbeya Region, Mkuranga and Bagamoyo districts in Coast Region, Tanga and Zanzibar so as to increase palm oil production in the country.

This was revealed by TARI director general, Dr Geoffrey Mkamilo during his visit in Kigoma Region to examine the production of better oil palm seeds following directives from the prime minister Kassim Majaliwa.

Dr Mkamilo said the regions in which researches were conducted have shown they are best suited for oil palm farming and therefore can help in palm oil production.

TARI - Kihinga director Dr Filson Kagimbo said they have come up with a strategy to revive the oil palm farming because the palms produce big quantity of oil per acre as compared to other oil producing crops such as sunflower.

He said Kigoma Region has huge opportunities in increasing palm oil production by using better seeds, adding that they are currently conducting research so that they scale up production of oil from 1.6 tonnes per hectare to 3 - 4 tonnes per hectare.

He said TARI's three-year plan is to distribute 15 million seedlings, an average of five million seedlings per year, a step that will help reduce government's cost to import palm oil.

Dr Mkamilo added: "If the plan works Tanzania can encourage neighbouring Kenya to import oil from us instead of importing 80 percent of its palm oil requirements from outside - including Rwanda and Sudan.

He said at present many oil palm trees are over 50 years old and others approaching 100 years, at this age their oil producing capacity goes down as compared to modern oil palm trees.

TARI Ag research manager - crops Dr Geoffrey Kajiru said what the institute is currently doing is to change farmers' mindsets so that they abandon traditional seeds and use modern 'tenera' seeds with higher oil producing capacity.



Dar es Salaam Water and Sanitation Authority (Dawasa) technicians repair a water pipe at Bonyokwa in Ubungo District yesterday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Agricultural council commends govt for deciding to restrain itself from fixing of maize flour prices

By Guardian Correspondent, Arusha

AGRICULTURAL Council of Tanzania (ACT) has praised the government through the ministry of Agriculture for its decision not to intervene by setting up indicative prices for agricultural products in particular maize flour as the decision stands to help farmers reap benefits from the farming sector.

A statement issued yesterday in Arusha by the chairman of ACT Board of Directors Jacqueline Mkindi said the government's decision is an important step in defending farmers within the free market economy.

The statement further explained that ACT is satisfied by the performance by top officials of the ministry and that from time to time they have been heard defending the farmer and crops from his farm.

Mkindi said: "the minister for Agriculture Japhet Hasunga and his deputy Hussein Bashe have been issuing government directives not to set indicative prices for maize flour, and we in ACT on behalf of farmers in the country are pleased by these directives."

Recently, when responding to a question in Parliament deputy minister of Agriculture Hussein Bashe stressed the government decision not to interfere in setting up indicative prices for agricultural products including removing export bans for the same.

ACT's managing director Janet Bitegeko said as of now Tanzania produces six million tonnes of maize and the aim is to attain eight million tonnes by 2020/21.

She said: "We in the council believe if farmers get better prices in three to four years in succession without government's intervention, there is a great possibility to attain 15 million tonnes of maize per year, as many farmers will have the impetus to cultivate the crop."

UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA

MINISTRY OF HEALTH, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, GENDER, ELDERLY AND CHILDREN



Tender No. ME007/2019-2020/HQ/G/11

For

SUPPLY OF MEDICAL MEASURING INSTRUMENTS

Invitation for Tenders

Date: 20/11/2019

1. The Ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children has received funds from Global Fund towards the cost of National AIDS Control Programme, and it intends to apply part of the proceeds of this funds to cover eligible payments under the contract for Supply of Medical Measuring Instruments.

2. The Ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children now invites sealed tenders from eligible Suppliers of Medical Measurement Instruments as follows

S/N	ITEM	QTY
1	Digital Weighing scale	1500
2	Length Boards	1500
3	MUAC Tapes	1500

3. Tendering will be conducted through the National Competitive Bidding procedures specified in the Public Procurement Regulations, 2013 - Government Notice No. 446 as amended in 2016, and is open to all Tenderers as defined in the Regulations.

4. Interested eligible Tenders may obtain further information from and inspect the Tendering Documents at the office of The Ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children, P O Box 743, NHIF Building 6th floor, Dodoma from 10:00-14:00 hrs on Mondays to Fridays inclusive except on public holidays.

5. A complete set of Tendering Document(s) in English and additional sets may be purchased by interested Tenderers on the submission of a written application to the address given under paragraph 5 above and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Tshs 100,000/=. Payment should either be by Cash, Banker's Draft, or Banker's Cheque, payable to Permanent Secretary of The Ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children, Account No. 9921145201.

6. All tenders must be accompanied by a Tender Securing Declaration in the format provided in the Tendering Documents.

7. All tenders in one original plus two copies, properly filled in, and enclosed in plain envelopes must be delivered to the address PMU Office of The Ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children, P O BOX 743, 6th floor of NHIF building - PMU Office, Dodoma before 11.00 on 4th December, 2019. Tenders will be opened promptly thereafter in public and in the presence of Tenderers' representatives who choose to attend in the opening at the PMU Office - Dodoma.

8. List of Items to be supplied together with specifications is attached with the tender document in section VII of Technical Specifications.

9. Late Tenders, Portion of Tenders, Electronic Tenders, Tenders not received, Tenders not opened and not read out in public at the tender opening ceremony shall not be accepted for evaluation irrespective of the circumstances.

Permanent Secretary,
The Ministry of Health, Community Development,
Gender, Elderly and Children,

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Embassy of the United States of America

U.S. MISSION DAR ES SALAAM VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENTS

The U.S. Mission in Dar es Salaam is seeking eligible and qualified applicants for the positions below.

1. Position Title: Electrician

Vacancy Number: DaresSalaam-2019-040

2. Position Title: Information Assistant (Digital and Social Media)

Vacancy Number: DaresSalaam-2019-045

A copy of the complete position description listing all duties, responsibilities and qualifications required is available at:

<https://tz.usembassy.gov/embassy/jobs/>

HOW TO APPLY:

Applicants MUST follow instructions in the notice on the website:

Failure to do so will result in an incomplete application.

Previous applicants do not need to reapply.

Only Shortlisted candidates will be contacted only via email.

CLOSING DATE: December 4, 2019

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Dr Damina Somji of Dar es Salaam's Aga Khan Hospital (R) leads a public awareness session on diabetes diagnosis and treatment at the hospital's premises at the weekend as part of the commemoration of World Diabetes Day (November 14). Photo: Aisia Rweyemamu

Netherlands envoy to female entrepreneurs: Work closer together

By Guardian Reporter

WOMEN entrepreneurs in the country have been encouraged to join business associations and networks to have a united voice and share experiences through collaboration, financial linkages, training and transferring knowledge and use of available resources.

Deputy Ambassador of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, Lianne Houben, also stressed on the value of connection in empowering female entrepreneurs.

She was speaking during the launch of SheFound Brilliant Accelerator in Dar es Salaam earlier this week which was attended by over 70 female entrepreneurs, youth and seniors, starters and those established in the market.

Research, she said, indicates that the value of support networks and relationships has a direct impact on business success. Social connection does not just improve physical and mental health, it also leads to more success in business and your career, she noted.

"Being part of business associations and networks is not only fun, but it also makes your business profitable. Forbes has just revealed, for example, that female founders who are part of a business communities are twice as successful compared to those who are not," she added.

With 54.3 per cent of small-to-medium sized businesses (SMEs) in the country owned by women, Tanzania sets an example, but many women still face several barriers to economic inclusion from benefits of economic growth.

During the same occasion, National Economic Empowerment Council (NEEC) Executive Secretary, Beng'i Mazana Issa, echoed similar sentiments and stressed on the importance of

more women joining networks and learn from them.

She also called on female entrepreneurs to take advantage of inclusive national entrepreneurs strategy and empowerment programmes that are coordinated by NEEC.

SheFound Brilliant Accelerator is a brainchild of Brilliant Entrepreneur of the Netherlands in collaboration with SheFound Tanzania and has been supported by the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Tanzania.

The programme is meant to provide tailor made personal development training to 20 Tanzanian women-led SMEs focusing on business, finance and personal development.

Vanessa Kisowile, SheFound lean champion, a platform under Sahara Ventures, said that the accelerator mainly seeks to support local female-led SMEs focusing on business, finance and personal development.

During the event, discussions centred on how to become part of a network, the advantages of a business network could join hands, instead of competing with each other.

It was stressed that women face challenges, including breaking into male dominated networks, finding mentors and gaining access to outside funding, but by meeting other people, not only can one advertise their products and services, making business connections and contacts, but also learn what makes some businesses thrive and others crash.

Rebecca Young, Founder of Make it Matter, one of the attendees to the project, stressed that when a woman's business grows, so does her ability to employ other people and for entire community to prosper.

Dar es Salaam residents start opting for alternative charcoal

By Guardian Reporter

DAR ES SALAAM residents are steadily switching to alternative charcoal, made principally from saw dust and joinery waste, an expert has said.

Project supervisor from KujanaKushoka tools manufacturers, the overall winner of alternative to charcoal competition, Joyce Ndonde, said that Dar es Salaam residents gradually prefer alternative charcoal (briquettes) to traditional charcoal made from tree logs and stumps.

The brand name of the alternative

charcoal made by the company is 'Mkaabilashoka' and a kilogramme is sold at 2,000/-.

"The fact that we are currently producing two tonnes of charcoal daily and people are buying our charcoal at our Ubungu centres proves that briquettes are slowly becoming popular to city residents. As an incentive we give customers improved cook stoves," she says.

The competition organised by the Vice-President's Office (VPO) was able to identify three winners - KujanaKushoka, Space Engineering and


MENA Briquettes. Shell Exploration & Production Tanzania Limited is sponsoring the three-year programme that aims to scale up usage of alternative to charcoal technologies. The Institute of Management and Entrepreneurship Development (IMED) is the implementing partner of the programme providing business support, project monitoring and supervision to the three winners.

The overall winner, KujanaKushoka, was awarded 300m/- by Shell Tanzania, the price money is paid based on accomplishment of key indicators that

have been agreed upon beforehand.

Ndonde also said the company has received technical support from the Tanzania Bureau of Standards (TBS), Tanzania Forest Services (TFS) and the Tanzania Industrial Development Organisation (TRIDO).

"We have been in close contact with the three institutions and they have been very supportive," she said thankfully. KujanaKushoka also produces simple machines for making briquettes and the machines are being popularised in Pugu and Buguruni areas, Dar es Salaam Region, the project supervisor



PEACE CORPS/TANZANIA

Overseas Request for Quotation (RFQ) for Services

Date: November 20, 2019

Peace Corps/Tanzania intends to offer a firm-fixed price contract for:

The services of a non-governmental organization to assist with the technical training component of a Menstruation Management Project. Two training workshops will be organized to train Peace Corps Volunteers and identified Counterpart teachers on menstruation management for school girls. This activity has the overall goal of decreasing the number of school days missed by girls due to lack of knowledge and supplies for menstruation management. The technical training will include sessions on the use of re-usable pads, life-saving HIV/AIDS prevention information, and information and resources on sexual and reproductive health.

Interested vendors should submit a quote for the services as described in this RFQ to:

Director of Management and Operations
Email: TZ-DMO@peacecorps.gov

Quotes are due at the email address listed above by 5:30 p.m. on December 11, 2019.

Any questions regarding the RFQ may be addressed to the email address above. Phone inquiries and offers received after the closing date will not be accepted.

A. Price/Period of Performance:
February 25, 2020 through April 31, 2020

Services

Item	Description	Qty	Unit Price	Total Price
001	Technical Training Component (Feb 2020)	1		
002	Technical Training Component (Apr 2020)	1		
Total				

Supplier Unit Quotes shall be a Firm Fixed-Price, and inclusive of any administrative or overhead costs.

B. Statement of Work/Specifications

The organization shall provide:

Your staff will need to conduct two four-day trainings in February and April 2020 for approximately 50 participants (Peace Corps Volunteers and their counterparts), per training. These attendees will then return to their villages to train adolescent girls in the use of re-usable sanitary pads.

1. Technical training materials, including session plans on Menstruation Management, HIV Prevention and Sexual Reproductive Health.
2. Tracking tools for monitoring and evaluation in accordance with US government requirements, including but not limited to, measuring the knowledge, skills and attitudes as a result of the trainings.
3. Video, photographic archiving of training.

C. Location of Work

The training will be coordinated with Peace Corps/Tanzania and occur at the office in Dar es Salaam.

D. Delivery Schedule

Trainings must be supplied on dates outlined below.

1. February 25-28, 2020
2. April 2020, dates TBD

E. Acceptance Criteria

Organizations' training packages will be compared to the specifications above and approved upon inspection by Peace Corps/Tanzania's Health Sector Team and Contracting Representatives.

F. Contract Terms and Conditions

The selected supplier will be provided with a contract outlining specific terms and conditions.

G. Peace Corps Payment Schedule and Terms

Award will receive payment in approximately 30 days after acceptance and receipt of valid/accurate invoice.

H. Evaluation Factors:

Award will be made after consideration of the following factors as marked below:

- Price
- Delivery Timeframe
- Payment Terms
- Customer Support
- Past Performance/Reference Checks

Award may be made to other than the lowest priced quote. The award will be made to the total quote that offers the best value in accordance with the above evaluation factors.

I. Instructions to Vendors:

- a. Please read RFQ in its entirety including factors that will be considered in making award in Section H.
- b. Return completed RFQ by due date as follows:
 - 1) Fill in prices in Section A
 - 2) Unless delivery date(s) are provided, provide delivery date(s) in Section D.
 - 3) List/state any other terms or items in Section J not requested in the RFQ that is believed would benefit Peace Corps/Tanzania and would improve consideration for selection. These terms/items must not increase the prices quoted in Section A
 - 4) Attach the following:
 - Names and contacts information (including telephone numbers) of at least 3 reputable clients (Private Sector/Public Sector) for which you are providing similar service.
 - Certificate of registration for Value Added Tax (VAT)
 - Proof of Business License/Registration
 - 5) Sign and return RFQ by required due date via email TZ-DMO@peacecorps.gov

J. Other Terms/Items Offered at No Additional Cost:


SUPPLIER AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

Name: _____ Position/Title: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

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PEACE CORPS/TANZANIA

Overseas Request for Quotation (RFQ) for Services

Date: November 20, 2019

Peace Corps/Tanzania intends to offer a firm-fixed price contract for:

The provision of 5,100 sanitary kits.

Interested vendors should submit a quote for the services as described in this RFQ to:

Director of Management and Operations
Email: TZ-DMO@peacecorps.gov

Quotes are due at the email address listed above by 5:30 p.m. on December 11, 2019.

Any questions regarding the RFQ may be addressed to the email address above. Phone inquiries and offers received after the closing date will not be accepted.

A. Price/Period of Performance:
January 1, 2020 through January 31, 2020

Supplies

Item	Description	Qty	Unit Price	Total Price
001	Reusable sanitary pads	5,100		
002	Women's Cotton Underwear (3)	15,300		
003	Bar washing soap (1)	5,100		
004	Instruction sheet (1)	5,100		
005	Re-sealable storage bag (1)	5,100		
006	Delivery of (5,100) sanitary kits	1		
Total				

Supplier Unit Quotes shall be a Firm Fixed-Price, and inclusive of any administrative or overhead costs.

B. Statement of Work/Specifications

The supplier shall provide:

- 5,100 Reusable sanitary pads of high quality, and durable enough for use in a village setting
- 15,300 Women's cotton underwear
- 5,100 Bar washing soap
- 5,100 Instruction sheet for sanitary kit
- 5,100 Re-sealable storage bags
- Delivery of 5,100 complete sanitary kits

C. Location of Work

The supply request will be coordinated with Peace Corps/Tanzania and delivered to the office in Dar es Salaam.

D. Delivery Schedule

Delivery Date: On or before February 6, 2020

E. Acceptance Criteria

Sanitary pads will be compared to the specifications above and approved upon inspection by Peace Corps/Tanzania Contracting Representatives.

F. Contract Terms and Conditions

The selected supplier will be provided with a contract outlining specific terms and conditions.

G. Peace Corps Payment Schedule and Terms

Supplier will receive payment in approximately 30 days after acceptance and receipt of valid/accurate invoice.

H. Evaluation Factors:

Award will be made after consideration of the following factors as marked below:

- Price
- Delivery Timeframe
- Payment Terms
- Customer Support
- Past Performance/Reference Checks

Award may be made to other than the lowest priced quote. The award will be made to the total quote that offers the best value in accordance with the above evaluation factors.

I. Instructions to Vendors:

- a. Please read RFQ in its entirety including factors that will be considered in making award in Section H.
- b. Return completed RFQ by due date as follows:
 - 1) Fill in prices in Section A
 - 2) Unless delivery date(s) are provided, provide delivery date(s) in Section D.
 - 3) List/state any other terms or items in Section J not requested in the RFQ that is believed would benefit Peace Corps/Tanzania and would improve consideration for selection. These terms/items must not increase the prices quoted in Section A
 - 4) Attach the following:
 - Names and contacts information (including telephone numbers) of at least 3 reputable clients (Private Sector/Public Sector) for which you are providing similar service.
 - Certificate of registration for Value Added Tax (VAT)
 - Tanzania Bureau of Standards Certification
 - Tanzania Food and Drugs Authority (TFDA) Certification
 - 5) Sign and return RFQ by required due date via email TZ-DMO@peacecorps.gov

J. Other Terms/Items Offered at No Additional Cost:

SUPPLIER AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

Name: _____ Position/Title: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

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NATIONAL ENVIRONMENT MANAGEMENT COUNCIL(NEMC) BARAZA LA TAIFA LA HIFADHI NA USIMAMIZI WA MAZINGIRA



PUBLIC NOTICE

UPDATED REGISTER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL EXPERTS

The National Environment Management Council (NEMC) on numerous occasions had issued public notices directing all registered environmental experts (individuals and firms) to submit information for the purpose of updating the Register. The Council has observed only a few individual experts and firms of environmental experts have responded to the notices issued by the Council. Likewise, some of those who have responded did not provide all the needed information to update the register. The Information requested included the following:

Individual experts:

- Business licenses as per Section 3 of the Business Licensing Act Cap 208;
- Tax Identification Numbers (TINs) as per Section 22 of the Tax Administration Act, 2015
- Physical addresses of the office including name and specific location (area, street, ward, district, and region) of the office where the expert is operating;
- Evidence showing payment of statutory annual subscription fees as per Regulation 24 of the Environmental (Registration of Environmental Experts) Regulations, 2005.
- Certified copies of academic qualifications, with Colleges or Universities attended in attaining such qualifications;
- The year of registration with NEMC; and
- List and types of projects undertaken since the date of registration and number of EIA/EA certificates granted. Also indicate whether you were the lead expert or associated with another expert.

Firms of Experts:

- Business licenses as per Section 3 of the Business Licensing Act Cap 208;
- Tax Identification Numbers (TINs) as per Section 22 of the Tax Administration Act, 2015
- Physical addresses of the office including name of the firm/company and location of the office/ premises where it operates;
- Names of Directors of the firm and their professional qualification supported with certified copies of their professional/academic qualifications. Also attach CVs of the Company/firm Directors;
- Year of registration of the firm with NEMC; and
- List of EIA/EA projects that have been carried out by the firm after registration with NEMC. For each of the project granted with EIA/EA certificate. Also list names of consultants/experts who participated in each of the project that was granted with an EIA/EA certificate.

Updating the Register of experts is in accordance to Regulation 23 of the Environmental (Registration of Environmental Experts), Regulation, 2005, which stipulates that the Registrar has the responsibility to maintain an up to date Register with names of certified and registered environmental experts. The review of the submitted information for updating the register as of 2018, showed the following:

Out of 819 registered individuals and 159 firms of environmental experts for conducting EIA, only 33 registered individuals and 37 firms of environmental experts have complete information in our register.

Out of 370 registered individuals and 86 firms of environmental experts for conducting EA, only 23 registered individuals and 26 firms of environmental experts have complete information in our register.

The list of Individual experts who have complete submissions is shown below:

INDIVIDUAL ENVIRONMENTAL EXPERTS WHO HAVE COMPLETE INFORMATION AND ARE ELIGIBLE TO REGISTER PROJECTS WITH THE COUNCIL

S/N	NAME	PHYSICAL ADDRESS	EIA REG. NUMBER	EA REG. NUMBER
1.	ENG. SHABANI MARIJANI	P. O. BOX 35892, DAR ES SALAAM	NEMC/EIA/0196	NEMC/EA/00100
2.	RICHARD E MGAMBWA	P. O. BOX 2786, DAR ES SALAAM	NEMC/EIA/0190	NEMC/EA/0094
3.	JACKSON M LYIMO	P. O. BOX 3930, DAR ES SALAAM	NEMC/EIA/0543	NEMC/EA/0262
4.	HEZRON DEUS TUNGARAZA	P. O. BOX 14260, ARUSHA	NEMC/EIA/0547	
5.	FUMBA N MALIMA	P. O. BOX 1843, 2514 SOWETO MOSHI	NEMC/ EIA/ 0447	NEMC/ EA/ 0258
6.	BERLISON ANDREW	P.O.BOX 3939, DAR ES SALAAM	NEMC/ EIA/ 0114	NEMC/ EA/ 0108
7.	EDSON ROBERT	P. O. BOX 63051, DAR ES SALAAM	EC/EE-EIA/2018/0012	NEMC/ EA/ 0282
8.	EZEKIEL S.MATONDO	Kilungule Bunju A P.O. Box 32533 Kinondoni DSM	NEMC/EIA/0326	NEMC/EA/0210
9.	JONES PHILEMON MUSHI	P.O.Box 13953 Arusha	NEMC/ EIA/ 0468	
10.	ENG. LAIT SIMUKANGA	Kilimo Road, Kilimo II, temeke, P.O. Box 6668 DSM	NEMC/EIA/0032	NEMC/EA/0207
11.	NICHOLAUS MWAGENI	Makongo Juu P.O. Box 35176 DSM	NEMC/EIA/0491	NEMC/EA/0231
12.	RUZIA ISMAIL	P.O. Box 35176 DSM	NEMC/EIA/0501	
13.	DR. JUMA MOHAMED	Milmani Tower, 8th Floor, Sam Nujoma Road, P. O. Box 72238, DSM	NEMC/EIA/0306	NEMC/EA/0147
14.	HAPPY GODFREY	TGB House, Room No. 301, Mikochei Ind. Area, P.O. Box 2786 DSM	NEMC/EIA/0548	NEMC/EA/0259
15.	ENG. HAMZA RAJABU	Mtoni Mtangani, Temeke, Plot No. 122/1 Block C, P. O. Box 72765 DSM	EC/EE-EIA/2018/0027	
16.	JOHN MOCHO LUBUVA	Mwal Kibaki Road, Mbezi Beach, Plot No. 450/4	NEMC/EIA/0145	
17.	AZIZ ABBU	Farm No. 268, Maweni Mtaa, Mjimwema ward (Boud Jumbe Blocks) Opp. Kigamboni Municipal Council Offices P.O. Box 36025 DSM	NEMC/EIA/0111	NEMC/EA/0107
18.	HONORY JOHN MSOKA	Kagera Mikoroshini, NDG 13/128 Box 62279 DSM	NEMC/EIA/0111	
19.	RAJABU ABDALLAH	Maria House, 2nd floor, Block R, Plot No 223, Uhuru Road, Nyamagana Mwanza, P. O. Box 2757, Mwanza	EC/EE-EIA/2018/0042	EC/EE-EA/2018/0013
20.	MAHIJA WAZIRI	Plot No. 3 Kipande/Ungoni Street Itala Box 104404 DSM	NEMC/EIA/0476	NEMC/EA/0294
21.	FRANSIC CYLILO	P.O. Box 3036 Mwanza	EC/EE-EIA/2018/0018	EC/EE-EA/2018/0005
22.	REUBEN M. MAKALLA	P. O. Box 526 Mwanza	NEMC/EIA/0289	
23.	PANCRACE THEONEST SHWEKELELA	P.O. Box 384 Geita	NEMC/EIA/0517	
24.	SAMWEL MAGUYA MASAMI	P.O.Box 15651 Morogoro	NEMC/EIA/0415	
25.	PRIMI SIARA BURETTA	Maria House, 2nd floor, Block R, Plot No 223, Uhuru Road, Nyamagana Mwanza, P. O. Box 2757, Mwanza	NEMC/EIA/0574	NEMC/EA/0274
26.	DR. FADHILA KHATIBU	Plot No. 166, Block 1, Mtoni Kijijichi, Mgentinani Ward, Temeke Municipality P.O. Box 35176 DSM	NEMC/EIA/0568	
27.	FRANELLA HALLA	P. O. BOX 35176 DAR ES SALAAM	NEMC/EIA/0553	EC/EE-EA/2018/0006
28.	FRED M. KWEZI	TRES House, Plot No. 236/1, Block 43, Mwenge Kijitonyama, P.O Box 77257 DSM	NEMC/EIA/0141	NEMC/EA/0063
29.	KAYONKO JUMA KAYONKO	10 th Floor, Mawasiliano Tower, 20 Sam Nujoma road, P. O.Box 30, Dar es salaam	NEMC/EIA/0162	NEMC/EA/0034
30.	MGENDI KITANGITA	P.O.Box 596, Mbeya	NEMC/ EIA/ 0432	NEMC/ EA/ 0296
31.	MATHEW COSMAS	Opposite Sokoine Stadium, Soko Kuu Mtaa, Mbeya City	NEMC/EIA/0527	NEMC/EA/0267
32.	REGINA K KABWOGI	P. O. BOX 24130 DAR ES SALAAM	NEMC/EIA/0509	NEMC/ EA/ 0304
33.	EMANUEL JOHN PANJA	P.O.Box 18059 DAR ES SALAAM	NEMC/EIA/0560	NEMC/EA/0283

The list of registered firms of environmental experts who have complete submission is shown below:

S/N	NAME	DIRECTORS	PHYSICAL ADDRESS	EIA REG. NUMBER	EA REG. NUMBER
1.	TANZANIA INTERGRATED ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT LIMITED	MAHIJA WAZIR	P. O. BOX 104404 DAR ES SALAAM	NEMC/EIA/0052	NEMC/EA/0081
2.	JOMESH RESOURCES (T) LTD	MESHACK OSIAH	P. O. BOX 11032 DAR ES SALAAM	NEMC/EIA/0113	
3.	MHANDISI CONSULTING ENGINEERS AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANT	EMMANUEL BENEDICTOR & PATRICK ISAYA KASERA	P. O. BOX 12965 DAR ES SALAAM	NEMC/EIA/0661	
4.	COWI TANZANIA LTD	Dr. JESPER BOSSE JOHSON	P. O. BOX 1007 DAR ES SALAAM	NEMC/EIA/0016	
5.	ENVISION CONSULTING COMPANY LIMITED	MR. ABDULLAH MWINYI	P. O. BOX 4699 DAR ES SALAAM	NEMC/EIA/0041	NEMC/EA/0027
6.	PAULSAM GEO ENGINEERING COMPANY LTD	ENG. PAUL S GONGO	P. O. BOX 70812 DAR ES SALAAM	NEMC/EIA/0046	NEMC/EA/0031
7.	LEGENDARY INT (LIL) LTD	KAMUGENYI P LUTEGANYA	P. O. BOX 42726 DAR ES SALAAM	NEMC/EIA/0029	NEMC/EA/0019
8.	SPHERE ENVIROTECH & ENGINEERING (T) LTD	ALEXANDER MARWA	P. O. BOX 63051 DAR ES SALAAM	NEMC/EIA/00100	NEMC/EA/0018
9.	TANSHEQ	ENG GWAKISA MWAKYUSA AND LUSAKO RAPHAEL	P. O. BOX 63051 DAR ES SALAAM	NEMC/EIA/0034	NEMC/EA/0022
10.	SHEQ CONSULT (T) LTD	DR. NOAH MKULA & MR. BERLISON ANDREW	P. O. BOX 3930 DAR ES SALAAM	NEMC/ EIA/ 010	NEMC/ EA/ 002
11.	UNITEC CIVIL CONSULTANT	PASCHAL CHRISOGONI	P. O. BOX 32507 DAR ES SALAAM	NEMC/ EIA/ 0371	
12.	ECO SERVICES (T) LTD	EDGER MWASHA & SAMWELI ZAKAYO	P. O. BOX 36086 DAR ES SALAAM	NEMC/ EIA/ 0056	NEMC/ EIA/ 0044
13.	UJAMAA IMPEX CO LTD	Eng. Elizabeth Nkimi & Shabani R. Malipula	3rd Floor Coronation House, APpt No. 102, Azikiwe/Samora Avenue P.O.Box7883 3 DSM	NEMC/EIA/0047	NEMC/EA/0212
14.	NGELA TANZANIA ENV.MGT.	Angela Malisa & Mirian Malisa	Sinza Block "E" House No. 701, Nungunungu St. Ubungo Municipality, P.O.Box 77257 DSM	NEMC/EIA/00115	NEMC/EA/0012
15.	STEM CONSULT (T) LTD	Stanley Mrope & Kiwango Emmanuel M.	Plot No. 308/HSE Sinza Mori, Kinondoni, P.O. Box 34780, DSM	NEMC/EIA/00117	NEMC/EA/1113
16.	COLBA CONSULTING LTD	Anna Stephen Mremi & Emmanuel Kessy	University Road, Survey Area, P.O. Box 60132 DSM	NEMC/EIA/0106	EC/CF-EA/2018/0001
17.	WEMA CONSULT (T) LTD	Eng. Dr. Machibya Magayane & Edward Hunje	WEMA Twins, 3rd Floor, Bagamoyo Road, Basihaya Area, P. O. Box 67371 DSM	NEMC/EIA/0048	NEMC/EA/0033
18.	ENATA LIMITED	Prof. Amon Vincent Mbeli, Prof Godwill Mrema and Barnabas Marwa	Shoppers Plaza, Old Bagamoyo road Plot no. 493 First Floor, P. O. Box 135 DSM	NEMC/EIA/004	NEMC/EA/007
19.	EARTH ENVIRONMENTAL EXPERT PTY (T) LTD	Cassian Kahezella & Juma Malunga	Kibo Commercial Complex, Plot No. 488, Block E, P.O. Box 35413 DSM	NEMC/EIA/0017	NEMC/EA/0014
20.	ASSESS CONSULTING CO. LTD	Ojung Longdare, Dr. Godwin Lema and Mrs. Rosemary Kamugisha	3rd Fl.Togo Tower Kinondoni Rd, P.O. Box 14466 DSM	NEMC/EIA/0113	NEMC/EA/010
21.	CITY ENGINEERING	Anael Macha, Philipo Wangwe and Emmanuel Baya	Mbezi Beach, Shano Tower, 2nd Floor, P.O. Box 71341 DSM	NEMC/EIA/0014	NEMC/EA/012
22.	ENVIROWISE	Lilian Rushaigo, Jacklyne Rushaigo and Nicholas Mwageni	1st Floor GAH Cplx, Victoria, P. o. box 8747 DSM	NEMC/EIA/00109	
23.	TRES CONSULT (T) LIMITED	Bashiru Abdul Hassani and Abel Sikaona	TRES House, Plot 236/1 TRA Road, Mwenge Area, P. O. Box 31155, DSM	NEMC/EIA/0113	NEMC/EA/001
24.	ECOTEK (T) LTD	Zainab Kihunrwa	P.O. Box 3491 DSM	NEMC/EIA/0054	NEMC/EA/0038
25.	EAST AFRICA RESOURCE GROUP	George Sangu, Alex Chambi, Anselm Silayo and Bernadina Kelvin	Mikochei Light Industrial Area, P.O. Box 35631, DSM	NEMC/EIA/0034	NEMC/EA/0081
26.	KASKIM COMPANY LTD	George J. Kimaro	Plot No. 887, Sinza A, P.O. Box 31121 DSM	NEMC/EIA/0083	NEMC/EA/0029
27.	JSB ENVI-DEP LIMITED	Prof. Jamidu Katima & Ms. Saada K. Juma	National Housing Ubungo, P.O. Box 32312 DSM	NEMC/EIA/0027	NEMC/EA/0018
28.	DON CONSULT LTD	Julius Kassano & Fredrick Chuwa	Maji House Plot No. 49 Bahari Beach, P. O. Box 4218 DSM	NEMC/EIA/0037	

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29.	NIMETA CONSULT (T) LTD	Eng. Taseni Emmanuel	Lumumba Street/Morogoro Road, 3rd Floor, Plot No. 13, Block 05 Hala, DSM	NEMC/EIA/009	NEMC/EA/003
30.	SILCOM COMPANY LIMITED	Silvester William Mmasi & Coleman Mwasawa	Mwenge Mpakani, Sam Nujoma Road, Plot 588, P.O. Box 22480, DSM	NEMC/EIA/0132	
31.	ENV CONSULT (T) LTD	Evans Kimbi & Kanuti Sirili Simba	9 Umoja Street, Block D Mbezi Beach, P.O. Box 35694 DSM	NEMC/EIA/0038	
32.	NETWORK FOR WATER AND SANITATION (T) LTD	Griphyn Rutta Symboriam	Plot No. 49, Maja House, P.O. Box 95843 DSM	NEMC/EIA/0045	
33.	NORPLAN TANZANIA LTD	Ekaud Mushi, Mustafa Suluo, Emmy Sanwell & Misa Nyamsigwa	Plot No. 92, Wariboa Street, Mikocheni B, Box 2820, DSM	NEMC/EIA/0031	NEMC/EA/0021
34.	PROWAT CONSULT LIMITED	Ezekia Mwaswa & Dennis Dumas	Uchumi Precinct Bldg, Plot No. 458 B, O. Box 15723, DSM	NEMC/EIA/0024	
35.	JUZA GENERAL SUPPLIES AND CONSULTANCY SERVICES LIMITED			NEMC/EIA/0093	NEMC/EA/0022
36.	ROM AFRICA ENGINEERING SERVICES LIMITED	Rose Mayembe	Shamo Tower, 2nd Floor	NEMC/EIA/1120	
37.	SUSTAINABILITY ASSOCIATES	Kayonko Juma Kayonko	Mawasiliano Tower, 20 Sam Nujoma road, P.O. Box 30, Dar es salaam	NEMC/EIA/0025	NEMC/EA/0017

The following individuals and firms of environmental experts need to consult the Council for the missing particulars that need to be updated on the register

LIST OF INDIVIDUAL ENVIRONMENTAL EXPERTS WHO HAVE INCOMPLETE INFORMATION ON THE UPDATED REGISTER

	NAME	PHYSICAL ADDRESS	EIA REG. NUMBER	EA REG. NUMBER
1.	RENATUS JOSEPH	P. O. BOX 42726, DAR ES SALAAM		
2.	ATHANAS PASCHAL	P. O. BOX 78987, DAR ES SALAAM	NEMC/EIA/0406	
3.	ERICK SAMSON	P. O. BOX 104404, DAR ES SALAAM	NEMC/EIA/0437	NEMC/EA/0257
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Following the CJ's wise words, judges will have it very smooth

CHIEF Justice Professor Ibrahim Hamis Juma has just been quoted as having underscored the need for judges and magistrates to execute their duties and responsibilities as independently, fairly and professionally as humanly possible.

In his impassioned "sermon" to that effect, directed at newly appointed judges, the CJ kept harping on the professional and other guidelines judicial officers ought to observe without fail so as to ensure that justice is indeed both done and seen to be done to all without delay.

The hugely instructive remarks made the occasion mimic National Law Day, a day that has traditionally accorded people an opportunity to look back and see how far our country has advanced in ensuring the legal system works as expected in dispensing justice.

In order to gauge how far the nation has progressed on this front, one must of necessity understand that it is closely tied to the progress on the other fronts that translate the best of intentions into results. This is crucial, for it is the changes made time and again to the legal system and how effectively they are translated into action that mark progress in consolidating the administration of justice.

For instance, on one such occasion, then-President Jakaya Kikwete reminded the judicial cadre that efficient delivery of justice depended on their integrity, issuance of judgment copies on time and speeding up the hearing of cases.

His remarks came in the wake of reports that a good number of prison inmates, even those with petty charges, remained behind bars for merely owing to the poor flow of cases blamed on shortage of the relevant legal personnel.

But obviously aware of the daunting challenges seeking ways out would involve, especially as concerned availability of financial and other resources with which to consolidate the

legal system at the grassroots, Kikwete promised to scale up the Judiciary's budget as a way of boosting efficiency and enhancing governance.

It was also noteworthy that Tanganyika Law Society leadership argued that any justice system would win the people's hearts and minds only if the people had faith in it.

Surely, if public confidence in the system was eroded, the system would render itself irrelevant - and hence the need for all institutions entrusted with the responsibility of delivering justice to execute their duties to satisfaction.

Universal access to equality before the law is an integral part of what defines the rule of law. Indeed, many of the cries for justice at the grassroots level stem from inadequacy of the legal system and any measures seeking to address the shortfalls are highly welcome.

We appreciate efforts various public and other institutions are making to effect much-needed changes in our laws, with a view to promoting and consolidating the administration of justice. One such encouraging move was with regard to a Cabinet minister's announcement that the government was working on changes to the Marriage Act of 1971 as a crucial step in the war on domestic violence, specifically gender-based violence (GBV).

Another equally praiseworthy step was a prime minister's announcement of plans to extend legal aid to people genuinely unable to afford the services of advocates.

Legal systems are far from perfect, but they can - and ought to - be made better and stronger over time. That is also to assume that judicial personnel will execute their duties without fear or favour and generally independently.

Going by the CJ's counsel, there is completely no reason for any of these officials to default on what is expected of them. So, let them play ball, reminded that access to justice is an inviolable human right.

Case of 'chaos' at TBA illustrates why govt shouldn't do commerce

THERE is little new with disappointment or disillusionment at high levels of government concerning the performance of the state-run Tanzania Building Agency (TBA).

In fact, there was a time not long ago when President John Magufuli was so distressed by the performance of a Prisons Department building unit that he shifted the work to the military.

And now, there are reports of billions of shillings reportedly having been misappropriated by cooperatives through fake cashewnut deliveries, etc. This shows why units basking in the public service tag may often be bad for commerce.

In a way, this truism was reflected in policy during the 1980s through the 1990s but there was a change of tack later. The idea wasn't taken up in the same way later, as some professionals tend to emphasize the need for independence from political actors. This demand for independence for professionals running parastatal organisations like TBA has since diminished drastically, the autonomy having proved a sure recipe for shoddy work and over-expenditure, which is inimical to the ethos of efficient public service.

Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa has publicly called on the TBA chief executive officer to decide whether he believes he is really up to speed - that is, fit for his position at the construction agency - while also suspending three directors.

In making the surprise move, the PM said the government saw utility in TBA but its executives were a headache, adding that the agency would not be left to its own devices.

Accordingly, he advised against awarding any projects to the agency because they are not accountable and believe that since they are a government institution, their shoddy performance will be tolerated.

All things being equal, TBA is supposed

to be the place for the government to go whenever in need of advice relating to the building sub-sector. The agency would not ordinarily go wrong, in which case the government would adopt or adapt to whatever position is recommended.

But the proof of the pudding is in the eating, so when a building to house National Electoral Commission offices at Njedengwa in Dodoma city has taken more than one year since its projected date of completion, the premier was understandably aghast at the performance.

In explanation following a barrage of questions by the PM, top officials at TBA boasting impeccable qualifications in architecture were pointing at things that were 'overlooked' or 'forgotten' in original designs. Cost estimates had climbed from 10bn/- to 32bn/- in the three years the project has been on.

Strictly speaking, if the government had contracted a private building company for the job, the task would have been done within the set costing limits and completed on schedule.

Shoddy work would be rather unlikely as government inspectors are especially sharp when inspecting the private sector and rather congenial when the contracted entity is a public agency. That is why the creation of state-run commercial entities usually proves counterproductive.

While the government has impressed many people for acting with an eagle eye over shoddy work and corruption, it must be said that in a sense we are running after windmills. It is like this: we create problems by trusting public officials with hefty amounts in state funds instead of contracting private companies which know they have no professional collegiality with particular public officials.

The faster we learn the difference, the better for us all as we shall lose no more funds trusting a cat with the milk, ostensibly to save the milk for us.

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By Simon Collier

IT is well-known that sub-Saharan Africa suffers from problems with access to electricity. But there are 22 African countries with proven gas reserves, which suggests that gas should play an increasing role in meeting sub-Saharan Africa's demand for power: but is it that straightforward?

There are 13 countries in sub-Saharan Africa currently consuming gas for power generation and ten of those generate power from their own domestic gas production, two (Togo and Benin) rely on pipeline imports and one (Ghana) uses a combination of domestic supply and pipeline imports. At the moment there are no LNG (liquefied natural gas) imports in the region, but that could soon change.

There is an opportunity to expand gas-fired power generation from domestic gas production in sub-Saharan Africa and the demand will arise not only from the need for more power in the region but also from the opportunity to displace oil-fired power generation with cheaper and cleaner gas.

Both Angola and Tanzania are examples of countries with significant gas reserves currently using oil to generate power. Until recently, Angola was an outlier among gas-producing states in sub-Saharan Africa as it had no gas-fired power generation.

In the short to medium term that project will consume a large part of currently available domestic gas resources. Further expansion in gas-fired power generation in Angola is likely to require the development of additional domestic gas resources or LNG imports.

In Ghana, gas is already a central part of the power generation mix - accounting for nearly 40 per cent of power generation - and its role is likely to increase as oil is displaced.

Anticipated demand for gas-fired power generation is such that increasing domestic gas production, pipeline imports and LNG imports may all be required.

In Senegal, BP took a positive final investment decision on the Tortue-Ahmedim gas development project in December 2018. A construction contract has been awarded for a floating production storage and offloading (FPSO) unit to be used alongside a floating LNG facility (a converted LNG carrier) being provided by Golar LNG.

As part of that development, a pipeline to supply natural gas to both Senegal and Mauritania is planned. There have also been moves recently to expand gas-fired power generation in Mozambique: a 400 MW gas-fired power project is being developed at Temane in Inhambane province.

In May 2018 Great Lakes Africa Energy (GLAE) announced that it had signed a memorandum of understanding with the Mozambique government to build and operate a 250-MW gas-powered

Gas will play increasingly vital role in powering Africa's future



plant in Nacala District to the north using gas from the Ruvuma basin, but even that project will require gas to be transported approximately 600 km. GLAE has said it believes that mini-LNG might offer a solution.

Nigeria does not use oil for power generation. There is, however, enormous unfulfilled demand for power domestically and gas is central to plans for expansion of the country's power sector.

That expansion has been constrained by structural problems and a chain of debt - from gas sellers to power generation companies to the Nigerian Bulk Energy Trading Company to distribution companies to end customers - not helped by the manner of the privatisation of the Power Holding Company of Nigeria in November 2013.

In terms of prospects for new cross-border pipelines in sub-Saharan Africa, the only operational cross-border gas pipelines are the 678-km West African Gas Pipeline - which takes gas from the Escravos-Lagos pipeline at the Nigeria Gas Company's Itoki Natural Gas Export Terminal to Benin, Togo and Ghana - and the 865 km ROMPCO Mozambique to Secunda pipeline - which takes gas from the onshore Pande and Temane fields in Mozambique to Saso's operations in South Africa.

In 2009 Nigeria signed an intergovernmental agreement with Niger and Algeria for the development of the 4,400-km Trans-Sahara Gas Pipeline (1,037 km in Nigeria, 853 km in Niger, 2,310 km in Algeria and 220 km connecting Algeria to Spain). The Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) currently describes that project as "under consideration".

The Tanzania Petroleum Development Corporation has mooted supplying natural gas to Uganda and Kenya from the Tanzanian Ruvuma basin reserves.

As with the expansion of gas-fired power generation in the country, the

development of that project will require the LNG export project to proceed, and even then the commercial viability of a gas pipeline project from southern zone is uncertain.

Even where there is the political will, new cross-border pipeline projects are only likely to be developed if they can be commercially justified as a way to monetise gas reserves. In the absence of equity participation from stakeholders in upstream gas projects, governments will face an uphill battle funding the necessary equity contribution for a new pipeline project.

Could power generated from gas be exported to regional markets? There are four existing power pools in sub-Saharan Africa, within which countries have interconnected power systems: the Southern African Power Pool (SAPP), the East African Power Pool (EAPP), the West African Power Pool (WAPP) and the Central African Power Pool (CAPP).

In order to expand gas-by-wire imports, transmission and distribution infrastructure will require significant development to improve capacity and efficiency.

In the medium-term, expansion of gas-by-wire seems most likely in West Africa, where land-locked countries or coastal countries with relatively small markets could take advantage of upstream gas projects - or even LNG import projects - in neighbouring countries.

Prospects for LNG import projects

A number of members of the WAPP have proposed LNG import projects, perhaps reasoning that any shortfall in domestic demand for power generated from gas could be exported around the power pool.

Ghana seems closest to realising this goal, having granted a concession to Tema LNG Terminal Company Limited (Tema LNG), a joint venture between Helios Investment Partners and the Ghana National Petroleum Company (GNPC), to construct an LNG import

terminal.

Tema LNG has entered into a construction contract with China Harbour Engineering Company to build onshore facilities and Jiangnan Shipyard for a floating storage and regasification unit (FSRU).

South Africa continues to explore options for LNG imports and an LNG terminal has also been proposed at Walvis Bay in Namibia. Other LNG import projects in the region have been considered and been put on hold previously (such as in Kenya) or are currently under consideration - such as in Mauritius and the Seychelles.

Given that a delivered gas price of around USD8/MMBtu is competitive with oil-fired power at an oil price as low as USD50/barrel, it is more than possible that the economics will support LNG imports to displace oil-fired power generation and to increase power generation capacity in sub-Saharan Africa, particularly where funding can be obtained from multilateral lending agencies or development finance institutions.

The World Bank has announced that it will no longer finance upstream oil and gas projects, apart from "in exceptional circumstances", but it is expected to continue to finance midstream and downstream natural gas projects.

In countries with domestic reserves, gas can undoubtedly play a major role in the development of power generation capacity. LNG import projects are also foreseeable as countries seek to move away from oil as a power generation fuel.

New cross-border gas pipelines may be less likely, but LNG imports or increases in domestic production could well result in an increase in gas-by-wire exports, particularly for land-locked countries in the WAPP.

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'Transformational benefits' of ending outdoor defecation

UNITED NATIONS

ENDING the practice of defecating in the open, rather than in a toilet, will have "transformational benefits" for some of the world's most vulnerable people, says the UN's partner sanitation body, the WSSCC (Water Supply and Sanitation Collaborative Council).

Ahead of World Toilet Day, which is marked annually on 19 November, WSSCC's acting Executive Director, Sue Coates, has been speaking to UN News about how to end open defecation.

What is open defecation and where is it mostly practiced?

Open defecation is when people defecate in the open - for example, in fields, forests, bushes, lakes and rivers - rather than using a toilet. Globally, the practice is decreasing steadily, however its elimination by 2030, one of the targets of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) requires a substantial acceleration in toilet use particularly in Central and Southern Asia, Eastern and Southeast Asia and Sub-Saharan Africa.

Poor sanitation and hygiene practices (for example, not handwashing with soap after defecation and before eating) contribute to over 800,000 deaths from diarrhoea annually, according to the World Health Organization (WHO).

UN agencies report that of the 673 million people practicing open defecation, 91 per cent live in rural areas. An increase in population in countries including Nigeria, Tanzania, Madagascar and Niger, but also in some Oceania



states, is leading to localized growth in open defecation.

Why is open defecation such a serious problem?

Open defecation is an affront to the dignity, health and well-being, especially of girls and women. For example, hundreds of millions of girls and women around the world lack privacy when they are menstruating. Open def-

A Dalit woman stands outside a dry toilet located in an upper caste villager's home in Mainpuri, in the northern Indian state of Uttar Pradesh. File photo

ecation also risks exposing them to increased sexual exploitation and personal safety and is a risk to public health.

According to the UN Children's Fund (UNICEF), one gram of faeces can contain 10 million viruses, one million bacteria and one thousand parasite cysts. Poor sanitation and hygiene practices (for example, not handwashing

with soap after defecation and before eating) contribute to over 800,000 deaths from diarrhoea annually, according to the World Health Organization (WHO); that's more people than who die from malaria.

Why has it been so difficult to stop it?

Open defecation has been

practiced for centuries; it is an ingrained cultural norm in some societies. Stopping it requires a sustained shift in the behaviour of whole communities so that a new norm, toilet use by all, is created and accepted. Ending open defecation requires an ongoing investment in the construction, maintenance and use of latrines, and other basic services.

How are people's lives improved once they have a toilet to use?

On a day-to-day basis, the ability to use a toilet - at home and work, and in public places such as schools, health centres and markets - is a basic human right. Sanitation has transformational benefits supporting aspects of quality of life, equity and dignity for all people.

To what extent is sanitation a central part of overall development?

A lack of at least basic sanitation and hygiene services, including a lack of informed choice about menstrual health and hygiene, is a violation of the human rights to water and sanitation, as well as the rights to health, work, adequate standard of living, non-discrimination, human dignity, protection, information, and participation.

WHO and UNICEF report that in 2016, 21 per cent of healthcare facilities globally had no sanitation service, directly impacting more than 1.5 billion people, and over 620 million children worldwide lacked basic sanitation services at their school.

WHO estimates that every \$1 invested in water and toilets returns an average of US \$4 in saved

medical costs, averted deaths and increased productivity. Hygiene promotion is also ranked as one of the most cost-effective public health interventions. Conversely, a lack of sanitation holds back economic growth.

How is the UN contributing to ending open defecation?

Member States and UN agencies are committed to ending open defecation and have urged the provision of financial resources, capacity-building and technology transfer to help developing countries, to provide safe, clean, accessible and affordable drinking water and sanitation for all.

Sustainable Development Goal 6 (SDG 6), on clean water and sanitation, requires access to adequate and equitable sanitation and hygiene for all, and an end to open defecation, with special attention paid to the needs of women and girls, and those in vulnerable situations.

Increasingly, governments and their UN agency partners have urged to tackle the issue, and WSSCC has been providing grants for community-based solutions for a decade. However, the SDG target is not on track.

It's estimated that the global annual cost for providing even basic sanitation services is \$19.5 billion, but right now not enough funding is forthcoming. The UN Sustainable Development Goals Report in 2019 warns that while progress is being made in many SDG areas, the collective global response is not enough, leaving the most vulnerable people and countries to suffer the most.

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Organised crime moves in on South Africa's livestock industry

BY RICHARD CHELIN

STOCK theft is on the rise in South Africa according to the latest police statistics. The 29 672 cases recorded in the 2018-19 financial year represent a 2.9% increase from the previous 12-month period, a trend that has persisted since 2016-17. Livestock theft costs the country billions of rand each year, damages the local agricultural economy and negatively impacts food security.

Stock theft isn't new in South Africa. What has changed is that the crime is now perpetrated by organised syndicates rather than just petty thieves. Willie Clack, a penologist at the University of South Africa, told the ENACT organised crime project that '87% of livestock theft involves some form of organised crime, while 13% is for survival.'

The modus operandi of stock thieves depends on whether the theft is for survival or re-sale. If for survival, only a few animals are stolen or slaughtered, with the thieves taking what they can carry and leaving the carcasses behind. Criminal syndicates plan their operations carefully, usually drawing on three to five individuals. A scout watches the movement of the livestock and alerts gang members who steal the animals and remove them using trucks.

In some instances, farm workers and farmers have colluded with stock theft syndicates. The farm workers involved usually provide information about the farm to the criminals. Farmers help steal livestock from other farms.

Stock theft across the South African and Lesotho borders has been ongoing for years. In August Operation Servamus, a joint initiative between the two countries' police forces, netted 117 stolen cattle, 107 stolen goats, four sheep and seven horses.

The stolen animals are hidden along the mountainous border and then moved into Lesotho where they are rebranded and sent back to South Africa. There they are laundered through stock auctions, says Clack. 'This creates difficulty in actually proving that the livestock was stolen.' Livestock from Lesotho is also stolen and taken into South Africa, and then fed into the sale-of-stock system.

Porous and poorly secured borders contribute to the problem. Large parts of the border fences are stolen, and monitoring long boundaries and mountainous terrain is difficult for po-



lice. This creates many opportunities and trafficking routes for criminal networks to smuggle livestock, drugs and firearms.

As stock theft has increased, so has the violence associated with it. 'With livestock theft comes the problem of drug trafficking accompanied by increasing levels of violence,' a senior law enforcement officer in Lesotho told ENACT on condition of anonymity. In addition to stealing animals,

As criminal networks capitalise on easy targets and policing gaps, stock theft becomes more violent and lucrative. File photo

armed criminals attack farm workers and farmers.

Many of these cases aren't reported due to fear of reprisals by attackers who target farmers and their workers, steal equipment and vehicles, and set alight grazing or even whole farms. Low conviction rates and slow police action - often due to capacity constraints - has further damaged the relationship between

farmers and police.

Clack says the profile of livestock theft must be raised among the public, as organised crime is a national security threat that eventually affects all South Africans. More effective policing is also key, and includes improving the capacity of the police's Stock Theft unit.

Problems for the police include a shortage of vehicles, the

high cost of impounding stock, and poor cooperation between law enforcement and farmers. Drones, off-road vehicles, quad-bikes and even a helicopter would help to police the mountainous terrain, says Clack.

Better communication and cooperation, like that provided by the National Stock Theft Prevention Forum is also needed to build bridges between the farm-

ing community and police. Coordination and information sharing between the Lesotho and South African police and relevant state departments in disrupting organised criminal networks is also key. Operation Servamus shows what can be achieved through such endeavours.

Richard Chelin, Researcher, ENACT project, ISS



Fahadi Fuad, founder of Unzip Tanzania Company, takes photos in Mikumi National Park to promote local tourism.

Kenyan cement factory seen turning ugly quarries into wildlife-filled national park

By Special Correspondent, Mombasa

WHEN it comes to environment concerns, cement plants that involve heavy coral limestone activities scrapping off the entire top soil layer, coupled with puffing clouds of carbon dioxide, will tick all boxes and some.

But responsible environment management as seen at Bamburi cement entity, was described by regional journalists and communicators to the best handbook for East Africa's heavy industries that may want to offset their factories' destructive activities in what can be described as own 'carbon trading' for the better.

That was observed during a visit to the Bamburi cement facility by members of the press from East African countries attending a workshop organised by the Media for Environment, Science, Health and Agriculture (MESH) in Mombasa, Kenya.

The land reclamation by Bam-

buri cement factory management has resulted into the spectacular Haller Park, named after the scientist who initiated the idea, of restoring the land destroyed by material extraction by the cement plant.

"This is a combination of alien casuarina bushes that have adapted to grow under severe conditions and the red-legged millipedes that feed on their needle-like branches then fertilizing the soil with the droppings," revealed Dr Albert Musando, the ecosystems and tourism manager of Lafarge EcoSystems, a subsidiary of Bamburi Cement.

He explained that it explained that it took five years, for the casuarina to start self-seeding and spreading across the surrounding area and a decade later, the shrubs whose needles were converted into humus by the planted millipedes, had transformed the barren land into well fertilized soil.

"By the time the trees started falling off, the 320 hectares of re-

claimed quarry area was fully fertilized to allow new plants to grow and replenish," he added.

Wildlife was then introduced to create a perfect Flora and Fauna environment and now the once barren, ugly quarries were transformed into a green paradise with over thirty species of animals and 180 bird species in addition to insects that aid plant pollination.

For others Haller Park is a tourist attraction attracting over 160,000 visitors annually, but for factories dotting the East African landscape the precinct can be one important school for environmental management.

"The Haller Park story aims to allay long existed fear that industries destroy nature, because through this harmonisation of nature and factory production is what the future of heavy industries should be," said Nyinye Nyinge the ecotourism manager at Bamburi Haller Park.

Fuad: Young Tanzanian with big dreams of taking country's tourism to higher heights

By Guardian Reporter

LIKE any Tanzanian, Fahad Fuad is a young man with big dreams to carry him forward with his photographic talents to explore the untapped potentials in tourism industry.

Fuad's journey to realise his dream wasn't easy, but bumpy and rough as he started as photographer and videographer in different ceremonies such as wedding, send-off and birthday parties in 2017.

He later opened his firm—Unzip Tourist Company with the aim of promoting country's tourism and earning a living.

The ambitious Fuad began his journey after being hired by one of the tour companies to take photos at Mikumi National Park.

After years of experience in taking photos in the country's national parks and game reserves, Fuad came

to learn that many Tanzanians are unaware of the country's tourism attractions.

He says that the idea is to open up country's unexplored treasures such as tourist destinations to the rest of the world.

Tanzania has a wide-range of tourist sites, which haven't been exploited.

"There are people who still believe that Mount Kilimanjaro, Ngorongoro Conservation Area and Serengeti National Park are the only tourist destinations available in Tanzania; something which is not true.

"I used to visit different places such as Kilwa, Lindi, and Tanga, where there are marvelous tourist attractions. So, I've been using my social media platforms to promote these areas and so far I have more than 80,000 followers," he says.

He says: "This has been inspiring

more local and foreign tourists to travel and visit Tanzania particularly some of those tourist attractions."

At some point, Fuad used to take groups of people to some of the country's tourist sites. "Since 2017, I have managed to link 620 people with the country's tourist destinations," he says.

In his exposure and vigour to market Tanzania's tourist sites in and outside the east African nation, he met with the minister of Natural Resources and Tourism, Dr Hamis Kigwangalla who described him on his twitter handle as patriotic and brave young man who has tirelessly volunteered to market his country, something which is extraordinary.

Fuad however says his dream is to visit all tourist attractions in the country. "So, when minister Kigwangalla launched the 'Twen-zetuKileleni' campaign I felt this

was the right time to participate. Fortunately I had the opportunity to be one of the people chosen to participate in the campaign.

I was very happy because it was the first time for me to climb the mountain. Climbing Mount Kilimanjaro has been my dream and I have succeeded in introducing my career after working for three years without being recognized by the responsible authority," he says.

The young man says him getting to the roof of Africa is to show Tanzanians that anyone can reach the Uhuru peak.

The ambitious and patriotic young

man also visited the Magoroto forest, situated in the East Usambara Mountains in 2016. He described the place as wild, that encourages people to take as many photos and videos as possible.

"There is also a section known as Mgeta, located in Morogoro towards Mzumbe in the Uluguru Mountains, there is a huge waterfall. It is a place that was not even on the google map before my visit. After I sent various tourists attractions photos of the place it has started to become popular."

He however expressed intention of owning an official licensed tour-

ism company that would be hosting tourists from all-over the world but the challenge is on how to start the business as license fee alone is US\$ 500, there is also need to have 4x4 car worth 140m/-.

"It's difficult for a young entrepreneur like me to start but I am looking forward to fulfill my dream of owning a tourism company," he said.

Tourism industry is now growing and young people should be excited about the opportunity because this is a sector that generates more money in the country than even the mining sector.

Come up with better methods to empower SMEs, BoT tells banks

By Guardian Reporter

BANK of Tanzania deputy governor, Dr Bernard Kibesse yesterday called on banks to intensify its efforts to provide specialised and innovative services to small and medium-sized businesses to increase their impact on economic transformation in the country.

Dr Kibesse made the call when speaking at the official inauguration of new branch of Exim Bank Tanzania located in Dar es Salaam's Mkwepu Street. Dr Bernard Kibesse who represented the minister of Finance and Planning Dr Philip Mpango said it was high time for the banking industry to come up with better ways of assisting SMEs.

He however applauded Exim Bank for extending its footprint to a total of 33 branches nationwide.

"Let me congratulate Exim Bank for extending its footprint. In a special way let me also commend them for the successful acquisition of the Tanzania's subsidiary of Pakistan's UBL Bank in

its plan to spread and expand nationwide," he said.

Exim Bank's Chief Executive Officer, Jaffari Matundu said the opening of the new branches will help to strengthen Exim Bank's presence competitively at various locations to easily provide the bank's products and services to the residents and business owners of the vibrant areas.

"We are excited to welcome UBL Bank's customers, employees and communities to the Exim Bank family. This move will expand our presence to a larger market and will add a team of talented bankers to Exim Bank."

He said Dar es Salaam is an important market for Exim Bank and the newly launched Mkwepu branch embraces innovative technology and design which will enable the bank's customers to interact with the bank officials in a way that suits them and in surroundings that are comfortable and accessible for all.

Explaining the bank's plan, Matundu said that they intend to offer high speed in terms of delivery so as to ensure that customers experience swift and seamless services, streamline the provision of services to factor in the demands and requirements of specific customers and market segments.

"We will always strive to make banking more accessible, flexible and convenient for our customers. And just like in any of our branches, Mkwepu branch will provide customers with the best possible services. With professional staff to consult and advise about bank products and services, customers will enjoy convenient banking services," declared Matundu.

Exim Bank Tanzania is one of the largest banks in the country. Within a short span of over 22 years of its existence the bank has offered financial services to personal and business clients including among others current accounts, savings accounts, loans and trade finance.



Dr Bernard Kibesse (R), a Bank of Tanzania deputy governor, with Exim Bank CEO Jaffari Matundu when inaugurating the bank's branch along Dar es Salaam's Mkwepu Street yesterday on behalf Finance and Planning minister Dr Philip Mpango. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

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SIKU za karibuni, kumekuwa na tabia kwa baadhi ya vyombo vya habari hususan, radio na televisheni kuwaajiri na kuwatumia kutangaza maudhui katika vyombo hivyo, watu wasio na taaluma ya uandishi wa habari jambo ambalo limepelekea kuendela kuwepo kwa uvunjifu wa maadili na miiko ya utangazaji nchini.

Mamlaka ya Mawasiliano Tanzania (TCRA) inawakumbusha wamiliki wote wa vyombo vya habari kuzingatia matakwa ya Sheria, Masharti ya Leseni ya Utangazaji kwa kuhakikisha kuwa wanaotangaza katika vyombo vyao wana kuwa navigezo vya kitaaluma kama waandishi wa habari.

Kwa mujibu wa Kifungu cha 19(1) cha Sheria ya Vyombo vya Habari 2016 kufanya kazi kama mwandishi wa habari pasipo kuthibitishwa kwa mujibu wa sheria ni kuvunja sheria. Kwa mujibu wa Kanuni ya 17 (2) ya Kanuni za Vyombo vya Habari, 2017 ili mtu athibitishwe kuwa mwandishi, pamoja na mambo mengine anatakiwa kuwa na Shahada au Stashahada ya Uandishi wa habari au inayohusiana na masuala ya vyombo vya habari kutoka chuo kinachotambulika kinachotoa elimu ya masuala hayo, au shahada au Stashahada ya masuala ya vyombo vya habari.

Kuwa na watangazaji wasio na elimu juu ya masuala ya Habari na Utangazaji kunapelekea kutendeka makosa mengi ya kutozingatia maadili na miiko ya Uandishi na Utangazaji wa habari, hivyo kuwa kinyume na matakwa ya Kifungu cha 7(2)(a)(iii) cha Sheria ya Vyombo vya Habari, 2016 kinachotaka vyombo vya habari kuzingatia misingi na miiko ya uandishi wa habari.

TCRA inawakumbusha wamiliki wa vyombo vya habari na watangazaji nchini kuwa ni kosa kuajiri watu wasio na vigezo na taaluma ya habari kufanya kazi kama waandishi wa habari.

Aidha, vyombo vya habari, hususan radio na televisheni, vinakumbushwa na kuonywa kuwa hatua zaidi zitachukuliwa, ikiwa ni pamoja na kutoza faini, au kufuta leseni ya chombo chochote kitakachokuika masharti ya leseni, kanuni na sheria.

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Impact of media manipulation, disinformation on democracy

By Sunaina Kumar

WHEN Craig Silverman talks about the things that keep him up at night - the weaponisation of social media, the decline in trust in institutions, and the professionalisation of media manipulation and disinformation operations - we need to pay attention.

Silverman is the media editor of BuzzFeed News and a dis- and misinformation expert. He started digging into the topic in 2014 while researching the spread of misinformation on social media and news for a project at the Tow Centre for Digital Journalism at Columbia University.

From tracking digital rumours to reporting on search manipulation campaigns, Silverman has been in the thick of investigating the global information crisis.

It is his beat and his obsession, he says, adding that he's "not the most upbeat guy" these days.

Silverman was at the Global Investigative Journalism Conference (GIJC) in Hamburg in late September, where he shared tips on investigating disinformation networks. We got together at the conference to discuss the challenges journalists face, his fears for the future and why he's still not pessimistic about democracy.

IJNet: Where do we find ourselves in our understanding of information manipulation?

Silverman: Some things remain consistent. For example, the abuse and exploitation of major social media and search platforms continues on a global scale. It is also very difficult to see what is being spread in messaging apps to understand how many people have been exposed to misinformation, and to figure out the origins of a message. Image manipulation also continues to advance at a really fast rate.

There is also a kind of professionalisation of media manipulation and disinformation operations - firms you can hire in the Philippines, in India, in countries around the world, which specialise in providing these as packages to clients.

As technology keeps advancing, so do the ways of manipulation. Does your work feel more challenging?



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There is a bit of an arms race in terms of technology and products that enable people to manipulate the digital environment. Since newsrooms don't have a lot of money, not many people are building technology packages for newsrooms to detect this stuff. So that's a concern: Can newsrooms even know exactly what's being done, or has it advanced so far that we can't even detect it anymore?

A concrete example of that would be bots. There's technology out there that's freely available to detect them, like Bot Sentinel, BotOrNot, but I worry that the most sophisticated bots probably have been engineered to defeat all of these systems.

[A bot (short for 'robot') is an automated programme that runs over the Internet. Some bots run automatically, while others only execute commands when they receive specific input. There are many different types of bots, but common examples include web crawlers or web bots, chat room bots and malicious bots.]

You talked about the dangers of deepfake technology at the Asian Investigative Journalism Conference last year. Does it still worry you?

Everyone thinks that there will be a rather effective deepfake video. But I wonder if, in the next year, we will see something that is actually authentic being effectively dismissed as a deepfake, which then causes a mass loss of trust. If there is an environment in which you can undermine not what is fake, and make it convincing, but undermine what is real - that is even

more of a concern for me.

Shawn Rosenberg's paper on the end of democracy implicates fake news and social media. Are you as pessimistic as he is?

I'm not as pessimistic. I think we are facing one of the biggest tests to democracy, and we didn't foresee it. I feel that I was naïve, looking back at times like the Arab Spring with the belief that social media are going to be a tool for bringing democracy to more parts of the world.

We have to treat this as a very serious moment and think about how faith can be renewed in our democratic systems and institutions. We also need to think about how social media can be used in a way to fulfil the promise that we all thought it had years ago.

I'm optimistic that people around the world are now aware of these threats and that they're working in broad ways to combat them. Governments are active, the industry is active, academics are active and the media are active. Just a few years ago, that wasn't the case.

The more that fake news spreads, the more we lose trust as a society. What will it lead to?

If you stop believing anything in your environment and not understanding where to apply trust, then you become really unmoored from the world around you. You cling on to the things that seem closest and real, which will often be your innate human biases. It leads, in many cases, to the rise of authoritarians who give you easy answers at a time of uncertainty.

If you were to predict a scenario for fake news for the next year, what would it be?

One of the things we could see could be state-based actors using the digital advertising ecosystem and exploiting that to spread disinformation, or to target people to collect data. For example, if China were to use some of its state-based hackers to infiltrate the digital advertising ecosystem, spread malware through advertisements and infect people on a broad basis to gather data or information. I can list stuff forever, but as I said, the stuff I worry about the most is the stuff that could be going on and we can't see it.

What can journalists do in this scenario?

Journalists have to realise that we have some element of authority when we are on these platforms. People expect us to be conduits of reliable information, so it's important to consider what you are amplifying - what you are liking and sharing and retweeting. If you see things that are false, you need to think about whether it's the right time to call that out.

How can a journalist decide when to call out fake news?

If you see something that is not true, but only a couple of thousand people are engaging with it and it's not spreading, the risk is that in the act of trying to debunk it, you end up giving it more distribution. Is this piece of content something your audience is potentially at risk of? Another thing to consider is the actual people and entities helping spread something. Is it being spread by verified accounts, politicians and other influential people?

Those are things journalists should consider when they're trying to evaluate if it's time to go public and reveal it or continue to watch it and see where something goes. A lot of times in our jobs, we are watching something, waiting and monitoring because we can't be casual about what we are helping propagate or debunk.

Independent journalist Sunaina Kumar filed this dispatch for International Journalists' Network (IJNet), a project of the Washington-based International Centre for Journalists.



Ahead of the plenary meeting of the BRICS Business Council, entrepreneurs from South Africa and Russia pose for a picture after having cordial exchanges. (Photo by People's Daily)

BRICS mechanism opens new spaces for cooperation

By Zhao Cheng

KIDS and Glory, the first documentary co-produced by the BRICS countries premiered in Brasilia, Brazil recently. In the documentary, teenagers of different races run on the same soccer pitch; crowds cheer on the bleachers; young soccer players shed sweat and tears for their dreams; presenting the splendid yet touching stories. The documentary marks another attempt by the BRICS countries in joint film production after they co-produced the three movies of *Where Has Time Gone?*, *Half the Sky and Neighbors*.

This time the cooperation has gone deeper and more extensive, opening new spaces for people-to-people and cultural exchanges among the BRICS countries.

Located on four different continents and spanning across the northern and southern hemispheres, the BRICS countries all enjoy long histories and splendid cultures. They are important symbols of the diversity of human civilization.

Though separated by mountains and rivers, the people of the five countries share a fine tradition of mutual learning since ancient times.

Carrying on the tradition and tightening the bond of communication, the BRICS countries are now building closer people-to-people ties and enhancing mutual trust, so as to solidify the basis for in-depth cooperation.

Cultural and people-to-people exchanges have always been a priority for China in promoting BRICS cooperation. The success of the Ninth BRICS Summit held in China's Xiamen two years ago has further energized the cooperative mechanism.

The dual-engine of economy and politics is now incorporated with cultural connotation. As a result, the BRICS partnership has rooted deeper in people's hearts and gained stronger public support. Chinese President Xi Jinping said at the 2017 BRICS Summit in Xiamen that "Mutual understanding and friendship among peoples is crucial to enhancing BRICS cooperation and building extensive partner-

ships".

A year later, he underscored at the 2018 BRICS Summit in Johannesburg that "We should aim at greater people-to-people connectivity and more popular support for BRICS cooperation through extensive exchanges in cultural, educational, health, sports, tourism and other areas."

These remarks by the Chinese President indicated the significance of people-to-people and cultural exchanges to the BRICS cooperation.

Under the joint efforts of the BRICS countries, a series of exchange activities have been carried out since 2017. For instance, they co-produced films and hosted BRICS film festivals, held high-level media forums and BRICS Games.

Besides, they also initiated a number of activities such as the BRICS Think Tanks Council, the BRICS Academic Forum, the BRICS Political Parties, Think-tanks and Civil Society Organizations Forum, the BRICS Young Diplomats Forum, the BRICS Youth Summit and the BRICS Young Scientist Forum.

With "people" being put at the center, the people-to-people and cultural exchanges among the BRICS countries have experienced accelerated speed of development at a deeper level.

The practices of the of BRICS countries in their exchanges and mutual learning prove that based on mutual respect and mutual understanding, countries with different social systems can inclusively co-exist with each other; countries on different development paths can work with each other; and countries with different cultures and values can learn from each other.

As the people-to-people and cultural exchanges among BRICS countries are gaining increasing momentum, different cultures are being respectively appreciated and jointly forming a harmonious chorus.

This manifests the BRICS spirit of openness, inclusiveness and win-win cooperation, a common aspiration shared by the BRICS countries and even the global people, and the only way to build a community with a shared future for mankind.

People's Daily

Global politics: When right is wrong

By Iraa Buccus

I AM writing from New York where, as the city gears up for Christmas and the New Year, politics seems to be on the minds of everyone that I meet. The critical question is who will get the Democratic nomination to run against Donald Trump in November next year.

The two front-runners are clearly Elizabeth Warren and Bernie Sanders. The major problem faced by the Democratic Party is that it has, to a very significant extent, been captured by big money and corporate interests. These interests would like a candidate of the centre, just as they preferred Hillary Clinton last time around.

The problem for the party is that, of course, the voters did not prefer Clinton, with the result that Trump won the election. A number of studies showed that if the Democrats had run Sanders against Trump in 2016 they would probably have won the White House.

There was a long period, often dated to when Ronald Reagan crushed the air traffic controllers' strike in 1981, when both the Democrats and the Republicans held to what the British historian and political activist Tariq Ali calls "the extreme centre" on economic issues and used issues like abortion, prayer in schools and gay rights to distinguish themselves from each other.

But everything changed with the financial crisis of 2008. Suddenly ordinary middle-class Americans realised how precarious their hold on middle-class life was, and issues like student debt and healthcare alienated a whole generation of younger people from centrist politics. Some veered to the left, arguing that the primary problems in the US are inequality and the control that the billionaire class holds over party politics and government policymaking. Others veered to the right and scapegoated racial minorities and migrants for their own declining



Sen Bernie Sanders and Sen Kamala Harris during the June 27 Democratic debate. File photo

standards of living.

The emergence of the Occupy Movement in 2011, as part of a wave of global activism that began in North Africa, exacerbated the polarisation in US politics. The emergence of Black Lives Matter in 2013 continued the trend towards polarisation. As social movements, both Occupy and Black Lives Matter were, like all unstructured forms of organisation, short-lived. But they both made a huge cultural impact on US society.

In the wake of these three events - the financial crisis of 2008, the emergence of Occupy in 2011 and then Black Lives Matter in 2013 - a centrist candidate deeply enmeshed in the space where the political and corporate elite meet was never going to win the 2016 election.

Trump ran a scurrilously racist and xenophobic campaign that motivated his increasingly reactionary white base. Clinton was not able to speak to the real issues faced by voters, many of whom were experiencing a steep decline in their life prospects, and, although she still won the popular vote, Trump took the election.

Elizabeth Warren is a little to the left of Clinton, and, of course, is not part of a now-discredited political dynasty. She would certainly be a better candidate in

2020 than Clinton was in 2016. But Warren is only on the left of the "extreme centre", and is not even a genuine social democrat.

The military coup in Bolivia has clearly illustrated where Sanders, Warren and Trump sit on the political spectrum. Trump enthusiastically endorsed the coup, Warren said nothing and Sanders strongly condemned it. On this issue, as on so many issues, including migration, increased taxes for the rich and the mass incarceration of poor black and Latino men, Trump is firmly on the right, Sanders is firmly on the left and Warren equivocates.

Sanders has had an extraordinary impact on young Americans, and especially young intellectuals, a good number of whom now identify as socialists. In a city such as New York, there is now a vibrant left with constant debates and discussions that are keenly watched from around the world, including South Africa.

But, at the same time, Trump has reinvigorated the American right. He has also formed an international right-wing network with Jair Bolsonaro of Brazil, Boris Johnson of the United Kingdom and Narendra Modi of India as his key allies. In the US, racist language and attitudes

that would have been unacceptable a few years ago have become normalised. There have been massive steps backwards in terms of gender, and the sight of migrant children being held in cages has shocked the world.

The normalisation of right-wing ideas has affected South Africa where the Institute for Race Relations, Politicsweb, and the faction of the Democratic Alliance that calls itself "classical liberal" have all taken up right-wing ideas with a confidence that would have been impossible a few years ago. Helen Zille's paranoid hostility to Marxist ideas, and critical race theory, both of which she clearly doesn't understand at all, comes straight from the script of the new right.

But while Modi seems well entrenched in India, Johnson looks very vulnerable in the United Kingdom, and may well lose the next election to Labour's left-wing leader Jeremy Corbyn. Bolsonaro no longer looks as well-entrenched as he once did now that former Brazilian president Lula da Silva has been released from prison and the Brazilian left has been reinvigorated.

It is not impossible that Johnson, Bolsonaro and Trump could each fall to a significantly left of centre rival. If this happens, the world will be a very different place, and discussions about issues like climate change and migration, as well as global trade, will take very different forms.

What happens in these three countries will have a global impact, and will be very important for South Africans too. If Trump can succeed in winning another election via racism and xenophobia we'll face a very tough path ahead for the next few years.

But if Sanders can win the Democratic nomination, and then the election, the world will be a much kinder place, and that will be good for everyone, including South Africa.

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INVESTMENT

UK envoy backs Kilombero Sugar expansion plan to cost 700 billion/-

By Guardian Reporter

THE planned US\$300 million Kilombero Sugar Company's expansion is an encouraging development to enable the country meet its sugar needs while creating jobs for thousands and boosting Treasury revenue.

British High Commissioner to Tanzania, Sarah Cooke said in Kilombero yesterday on a field visit to the factory that the anticipated expansion will allow cane farmers to increase their productions as more of the raw material will be needed to feed the expanded factory.

Cooke said the UK government is eager to see that investment at the factory stays intact while benefitting the majority of the people. "The UK

government has participated in two projects in Kilombero district including the construction of a 67-kilometer road to Ifakara district, as well as the process of Certification of Customary Rights of Occupants concerning land ownership," she noted.

She stressed that investments done to date at the Kilombero Sugar Company, which is partly owned by British investors, has already benefited the majority of Tanzanians in different ways including employment.

Briefing the British High Commissioner, Kilombero Sugar's Managing Director, Guy Williams said the expansion project's study is at a good stage and that they are expecting to sign a contract with a contractor after the government and the parent company of Kilombero

Sugar, reach an agreement to proceed with the project. "The total estimated Investment in such a project which will include expanding the sugar factory, new investment by surrounding small scale farmers in expanding their cane growing area and related infrastructure will amount to around US\$300 million," Williams said.

Williams further assured Kilombero cane farmers that if the project is approved by both the government and Illovo Sugar Africa on time, the expansion of the factory will be completed and start operations by June 2022.

"This will go hand in hand with President John Magufuli's intention of having the country produce enough

sugar for its own consumption requirements," he added.

Presenting their challenges to HC Cooke, Kilombero cane farmers said among their major challenges include poor roads heading to farms but expressed their gratitude to Kilombero Sugar Company for increasing the number of agricultural extension of-

cers who are helping to practice better crop husbandry practices.

The company's Head of Corporate Affairs, Joseph Rugaimukamu said the expansion of the sugar factory will entice development in Kilombero district especially among cane farmers who include those from Kilosa as they will increase their earnings.



Kilombero Sugar Company managing director, Guy Williams (R) shows sugar produced by the company to the British High Commissioner to Tanzania, Sarah Cooke, during the envoy's field visit at the sugar factory earlier this week. Photo courtesy of Kilombero Sugar

RECOMMENDATION

African airlines must focus on safety, costs and more - industry leader

JOHANNESBURG

THE African aviation industry needs to focus on safety, cost-competitiveness, gender diversity and opening up travel and trade on the continent. According to the International Air Transport Association (IATA), addressing these four issues would allow African aviation to drive economic and social development on the continent.

African aviation has a huge potential, IATA CEO Alexandre de Juniac said at the opening of the 51st annual general assembly of the African Airline Association (AFRAA), which is taking place in Mauritius this week. IATA estimates that aviation in Africa currently supports \$55.8bn in economic activity and 6.2 million jobs.

Regarding the safety issue, De Juniac said currently only 26 African states meet or exceed the threshold of 60% implementation of the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) standards and recommended practices for aviation regulations.

Furthermore, only Mozambique, Rwanda, Togo and Zimbabwe have so far incorporated IATA's Operational Safety Audit (IOSA) into their safety oversight systems. IATA hopes the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) will boost intra-Africa trade through the elimination of import duties and non-tariff barriers.

Elijah Chingosho, Berthé, secretary general of AFRAA, also emphasised in his welcome address at the AGM that the African aviation industry must contribute to the economic integration on the continent through a sustainable air transport system. "Momentum is



Acting SAA CEO Zuks Ramasia

needed to shift the tides of African aviation. It is for this reason that this year's gathering focuses on the sustainability and profitability of African airlines in an increasingly interconnected continent," said Berthé.

"We must explore challenges and lessons and the next steps geared towards enhancing global competitiveness and, in so doing, boost employment creation, revenue generation and continued economic transformation."

African airlines saw a steep decline in international traffic in September, according to the latest report by IATA, released last week. In September African airlines' international traffic growth slowed down to 0.9% in September compared to 4.1% growth recorded in August. IATA estimates that African carriers lose \$1.54 (about R23) for every passenger they carry. High costs contribute to these losses.

However, international traffic growth for

the third quarter of 2019 remains at around 3% year-over-year, according to the report. While capacity rose 2.5% in September, the load factor dipped 1.1 percentage points to 71.7%. The load factor is the portion of revenue-generating available seats that were sold to fare-paying passengers.

At the same time, African carriers posted the fastest cargo growth of any region in the world in September, with an increase in demand of 2.2% compared to the same period a year earlier. Nevertheless, this was a significant slowdown in growth from the 8% recorded in August, according to another recently released IATA update.

"Strong trade and investment linkages with Asia and robust economic performance in some key regional economies contributed to the positive performance. Capacity grew 9.4% year-on-year," according to the IATA cargo report. It has been a tough period for airlines in southern Africa and the rest of the continent, acting SAA CEO Zuks Ramasia said at the recent AGM of the Airline Association Southern Africa (AASA).

African airlines are collectively expected to lose \$300m (about R4.4bn) in 2019 - the 9th straight year of losses for the continent, according to IATA. In the view of Ramasia, African airlines allowed foreign airlines to "eat their lunch" by allowing them to come in and be more active on the continent.

COUNSELLING

Tanzanian clothing designers and manufacturers challenged to better finishing of products

By Correspondent Beatrice Philemon

Tanzanian fashion designers have been challenged to improve on finishing of their apparel and package properly so that they can compete against major brand names globally.

The Tanzania Federation of Art Culture and Arts (TAFCA)'s President, Adrian Nyangemalle, said in Dar es Salaam this week during the launch of the 12th Swahili Fashion Week that finishing and packaging remain big challenges facing local designers and apparel manufacturers.

Nyangemalle said local fashion designers and apparel makers are producing quality and durable clothing which if properly finished can upset big brand names anywhere on the globe including Southern Africa Development Community and East African Community blocs.

"As Tanzania strives to become a middle income and semi industrialized economy by 2025, even local consumers will start demanding quality apparel from local manufacturers," Nyangemalle warned saying in order to avoid losing the market, designers and manufacturers should invest in technology and skills needed to address their shortfalls.

He said as the world is fast becoming a global market, local clothing designers and manufacturers stand a real risk of losing consumer support in the long run, people are concerned about quality and durability of the clothes that they buy.

"When you take to the market poorly designed and finished clothes, consumers will not have an option but to reject them and buy quality imported substitutes," the TAFCA President charged while stressing that consumers are more concerned with value for money than patriotism, in most cases.

He called on local fashion designer and clothes makers to exploit the market opportunity being provided by Swahili Fashion Week exhibitions because consumers from all over the world will be in attendance as well as foreign designers and apparel manufacturers. So far 34 fashion designers from Burundi, Italy, South Africa, Sudan, Uganda and the US have confirmed to participate.

Nyangemalle said during the weeklong event, Italian fashion designer, Marta Zampolone will meet with local peers to share knowledge and experience on main chal-

INVESTMENT

Jack Ma Foundation dishes out cash to African 'netpreneurs'

ACCRA

ALIBABA founder Jack Ma, through his foundation, on Sunday hosted the inaugural Africa Netpreneur Prize Initiative (ANPI), awarding \$1 million in prize money to 10 entrepreneurs from across the continent.

The Jack Ma Foundation hosted the annual pitch competition, with 10 finalists selected from across the continent after showcasing their business ideas.

The finalists received grant funding from the Jack Ma Foundation and will have access to the netpreneur community of African business leaders to leverage its expertise, best practices and resources.

The ANPI was inspired by Ma after his first trip to Africa in 2017. The aim is to support and inspire the next generation of African entrepreneurs "who are building a more sustainable and inclusive economy for the future." This year's competition saw nearly 10 000 entrepreneurs from 50 countries across the



continent applying.

According to the foundation, the competition will run for the next decade.

The finale was held in Accra, Ghana, where the top 10 finalists pitched their businesses directly to four judges, including Ma; Strive Masiyiwa, founder and executive chairman of Econet Group; Ibukun Awosika, chairman of

First Bank of Nigeria and founder of the Chair Centre Group; and Joe Tsai, executive vice-chairman of Alibaba.

"It was an incredible honour to be named Africa's Business Hero," said Temie Giwa-Tubosun, founder and CEO of LifeBank. "I was truly inspired by my fellow winners at today's Netpreneur Summit."

The Africa Netpreneur Prize will give me the resources to grow LifeBank and expand our presence in Nigeria and throughout the rest of Africa. I look forward to continuing my journey to solve problems and make a significant impact on the future of Africa."

Each finalist received a share of the \$1 million, with Giwa-Tubosun collecting the first prize of \$250 000; followed by Dr Omar Sakr, founder and CEO, Nawah-Scientific from Egypt, who pocketed \$150 000; and third prize of \$100 000 went to Christelle Kwizera, founder of Water Access Rwanda. The other participants all received \$65 000 each.

"The finalists who competed in 'Africa's

Business Heroes' should be an inspiration for Africa and for the world. Each of these entrepreneurs looked at big challenges facing their communities, and saw them as opportunities," said Ma.

"It is my strong belief that entrepreneur heroes, like these finalists, will change the world - creating companies that drive inclusive growth and opportunity for the continent. Everyone is a winner tonight." "The top 10 truly show the limitless potential of African business," commented Masiyiwa.

"This competition demonstrates the overwhelming entrepreneurial talent that exists across Africa. I'm very excited about the future of industry and entrepreneurship for this continent."

"What really struck me about the finalists was that they each addressed specific African problems with a specific African solution in a fresh way, leveraging technology that wasn't available previously," noted Awosika.



SportPesa gamblers at a kiosk in Nairobi

EXPERT ADVICE

ASA CEO encourages smallholder farmers to use improved landrace seeds

By Guardian Reporter, Dodoma

LOCAL farmers have been challenged to adopt uses of improved seed varieties as a way to increase their productivity, as well as combating effects of climatic change.

Experts warn that there has been a poor pace of adoption of improved seeds by smallholder farmers in the country, a situation which weakens performance of the sector which is the backbone of the economy.

According to agriculture and seed experts, at least 80 percent of farmers in the country are still using traditional seeds which have denied them benefits of hybrid seeds which include bumper harvests.

Giving an exclusive interview to The Guardian on the sideline of Exhibition of Landrace Seeds and Natural Foods, Dr Sophia Kashenge who is Chief Executive Officer of Agricultural Seed Agency (ASA-Tanzania) said application of improved seeds is paramount in improving performance of the agriculture sector.

"Basically, landrace seeds are very rich in terms of nutrients and other genetic materials, but due to on-going changes in the globe and Tanzania, including rapid increase in human population and climate change, use of improved seed becomes vital," Kashenge said. She said the country continues to witnessing a shortfall in cultivated land due to

increased human population and settlements hence the need for farmers to adopt improved seeds in order to get high yield from small farms.

On her part, Head of Root and Tuber Department at Tanzania Agricultural Research Institute (TARI)-Hombolo Centre, Elizabeth Mpayo said through conventional breeding technology, the landrace seeds are being improved in key areas, hence urged farmers to not hesitating using them.

"Conventional breeding is a scientific health system of value addition of landrace seeds, often to increase the seeds' yielding output, drought tolerance and

pesticides," Mpayo elaborated.

The timely exhibition was organized by PELUM Association under financial patronage of ActionAid to give a platform to relevant policy makers, seeds experts and agencies, agricultural institutions and seeds producer farmers to deliberate on uses of landrace and improved seeds within the country.

Briefing over the event, country coordinator at PELUM Association, Donati Senziza, said the exhibition was tailored to assist farmers manage recommended seed system, but also, to sensitize the public on the need to eat natural foods.

Speaking on behalf of rural farmers,

Janeth Nyamayahasi who is Chairperson of Smallholders' Women Farmers in Chamwino district (JUWACHA), which is under the financial patronage of ActionAid, said farmers in rural areas are crippled by diverse handicaps, including unreliable access to key agriculture inputs, climatic change, and lack of agronomic skills.

"If the government really wants to industrialize the country's economy through the agriculture sector, it's useful to promote use of landrace seeds among farmers in rural areas. The seeds, locals, are easily available in rural areas and are sold at friendly prices to farmers," she ob-

served.

However, she hailed ActionAid for standing at fore front in supporting smallholder's women farmers in many villages within the country to adopt and practices recommended agronomic practices.

Other institutions which featured at the exhibition include: Tropical Pesticides Research Institute, Growing Africa's Agriculture, Rural Initiative Participatory Agriculture Transformation and National Plant Genetic Resources Center of Tanzania. More than 220 landrace seed producing farmers participated at the exhibition which was also attended by policy and lawmakers.



ASA Tanzania CEO Dr Sophia Kashenge

LENDING-BOOST

Egypt cuts interest rates by a percentage point

CAIRO

EGYPT cut its main interest rates by a full percentage point as the lowest inflation in almost a decade allowed the central bank's third consecutive reduction to spur investment without dimming the allure of the world's best carry trade.

The Monetary Policy Committee reduced the deposit rate to 12.25 per cent and the lending rate to 13.25 per cent, the bank said in a statement on Thursday. All but one of 14 analysts surveyed by Bloomberg had predicted a decrease. Goldman Sachs Group now sees a pause in December, followed by a total of 150 basis points of easing next year.

The Arab world's most populous nation has been on a mission to bring inflation under control after prices were sent rocketing by a currency devaluation and subsidy cuts enacted to seal a \$12 billion International Monetary Fund loan. The future of the central bank's easing cycle is now less clear, since inflation probably hit bottom for the year in October, reaching an annual 3.1 per cent, a 10th of its level

just two years ago.

"Given the continued strengthening of the Egyptian pound and barring any material changes to inflation expectations – on account of unforeseen food price volatility – in the remainder of the year, our base case remains that the central bank will be on hold in December and resume its easing cycle in 2020," Goldman Sachs economists led by Farouk Soussa said in a report.

"With this decision, Egypt's central bank may be revealing a more data-driven easing path than we had previously anticipated," they said. A sharp deceleration in food costs helped fuel the slowdown, but so too did the statistical effect of a high base last year. That's set to fade in the coming months but will likely remain within the central bank's target range of 9 per cent, plus or minus 3 percentage points, by the fourth quarter of 2020.

"Incoming data continued to confirm the moderation of underlying inflationary pressures, notwithstanding the expected impact of unfavorable base effects on near-term inflation rates," the central bank said.

Egypt's fourth rate cut for 2019 is

unlikely to dent the attractiveness of its carry trade, in which investors borrow in currencies where rates are low and invest in the local assets of countries where they're high.

The country's real borrowing costs – the difference between its inflation and policy rates – are among the highest of more than 50 economies tracked by Bloomberg. With a global move toward easing, Egypt has leeway to cut while keeping its debt yields attractive.

"Since the real yield continues to be significantly high, we expect foreign investments in fixed income not to be affected by the decision," said Radwa El-Swaifi, head of research at Cairo-based Pharos Holding.

The reduction could also help the Middle East's fastest-growing economy with its goals of boosting private investment and slashing debt-servicing. The government said this week it targets 6.4 per cent growth in the 2020-2021 fiscal year. Finance minister Mohamed Maait has said he'd like the private sector's share of gross domestic product to rise to 70 per cent in the next five to seven years.

WARNING

Helb sets out to name, shame loan defaulters

NAIROBI

DID you clear the university study loan advanced by the Higher Education Loans Board (Helb)? If not, you may be one of the 85,000 Kenyans Helb wants to name and shame in 30 days.

The board says it will also publish photos of the men and women who have failed to repay their loans. The outstanding amount has hit Sh50 billion. In a statement on Sunday, the Helb said defaulters will have 30 days to come forward and explain how they will repay the loans.

The national higher education financier says it requires the money to help other poor Kenyans realise their dream of acquiring degrees and diplomas. Helb said some of the beneficiaries in default have not responded to previous communication, therefore hindering financial support to other deserving Kenyans.

"The names and pictures of Helb loan beneficiaries who have defaulted

on repayment of the loan from 1975 to date shall be published in the leading newspapers after expiry of 30 days from the date of this notice and thereafter legal action may be taken against each defaulter," added the statement.

The board has asked beneficiaries who are not servicing their loans to get in touch with it for particulars of their loan account. Last year, Helb recovered more than Sh500 million following a two-month amnesty that was issued by the Government.

According to Helb, it cannot trace 17,000 defaulters, while by last year 85,000 loan defaulters were owing the agency. A total of 169,909 graduates had fully repaid their loans worth Sh13.2 billion by September, 2017, while some 136,783 beneficiaries were servicing loans worth Sh20.7 billion. Since 1974, the university loan scheme has supported over 645,000 Kenyans to pursue higher education at a total cost of Sh72 billion.



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DIGITIZATION

Dar shopping malls targeted by Visa's end of year cashless campaign

By Guardian Reporter

CUSTOMERS doing end of year shopping at any of Dar es Salaam's shopping malls stand a chance to win various gifts thanks to Visa Inc.'s campaign which is currently in progress till end of December.

The global payment technology company launched the festive season campaign this week aimed at encouraging the use of either a Visa card or Visa on mobile by shoppers at various malls in the commercial capital.

Speaking in Dar es Salaam, Visa Country Manager, Olive Njoroge said the campaign is also meant to cushion consumers against risks of carrying bulky cash when shopping. "We are encouraging our Tanzanian customers to shop with Visa which offers them convenience and safety as they make purchases during this Christmas season," Njoroge said.

She said the Christmas campaign by Visa also gives shoppers the opportunity to choose what kind of gift to get their loved ones in a convenient and safe manner as they purchase goods at malls.

"We are bringing the Visa brand to the people as we highlight to them the benefits of shopping using a Visa card or Visa on mobile. We are proud to say that Tanzanians are now open to new ways of making payments without having cash at hand," she added.

Earlier this year, Visa, in collaboration with 15 banks, launched Visa on mobile which is a digital payment solution that allows consumers to send money to each other domestically without paying transaction fees.

To use the service, one simply has to download their bank's mobile application, search for Visa on the application and pay for goods and services either by scanning the QR code or by using a USSD, Njoroge noted.

Visa Inc. is the world's leader in digital payments with a mission to connect the world through the most innovative, reliable and secure payment network -



Visa Country manager Olive Njoroge.

enabling individuals, businesses and economies to thrive.

"Our advanced global processing network, VisaNet, provides secure and reliable payments around the

world, and is capable of handling more than 65,000 transaction messages a second," the US based company said in a statement earlier.

DISENGAGEMENT

ILO ends contracts with tobacco companies

By Guardian Reporter

INTERNATIONAL Labour Organization's governing body has been commended for abolishing reliance on funding from tobacco companies and their affiliate organizations.

Framework Convention Alliance said in a statement this

week that decision ILO's 337th governing body session, reaffirmed its commitment to no longer rely on funding from tobacco companies and affiliated organizations.

The governing body of the ILO endorsed an integrated strategy to address decent work deficits in the tobacco sector, which will

be implemented free from tobacco industry money, the statement added.

"The Framework Convention Alliance congratulates the ILO for its efforts to end child labour in Tanzania, Malawi, Uganda and Zambia; financed by voluntary contributions from multi- and bilateral aid for development co-

operation or ILO resources," the Alliance said in its statement.

"As members of civil society, we are encouraged by the ILO's decision to not renew contracts with the Eliminating Child Labour in Tobacco Growing Foundation and with Japan Tobacco International (JTI) which expired in June and December

2018, respectively," the statement stated.

With the ILO moving forward to implement its integrated strategy to address decent work deficits in the tobacco sector, FCA remains steadfast in ensuring that the appropriate safeguards are in place, in line with the model policy for agencies

of the United Nations system on preventing tobacco industry interference, the FCA added.

Framework Convention Alliance works to rid this world from the devastating health, social, economic and environmental consequences of tobacco and tobacco use.

With hundreds of non-gov-

ernment member organisations from over 100 countries, the Alliance grew out of civil society's participation in the work that produced the World Health Organization Framework Convention on Tobacco Control in 2005, the first modern-day public health treaty.

WORLD

Democrats to quiz former diplomat Volker over role in Trump-Ukraine dealings

WASHINGTON

FORMER U.S. diplomat Kurt Volker won praise from Republicans after he testified behind closed doors last month in the impeachment inquiry into President Donald Trump, but was likely to face a cooler reception from Democrats during yesterday's public hearing.

Volker, the former U.S. special envoy to Ukraine, told lawmakers in October he did not know of any effort by Trump to press Ukraine to investigate his political rival, former Vice President Joe Biden, a leading Democratic contender opposing Trump's bid for re-election next year.

"Vice President Biden was never a topic of discussion," he said in his Oct. 3 closed-door testimony.

But other witnesses have identified Volker as one of the "Three Amigos," along with Energy Secretary Rick Perry and diplomat Gordon Sondland, who were tasked by Trump to obtain Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy's commitment to probing Biden and his son, Hunter.

A congressional official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Volker's statements were "definitely being closely reviewed" by Democrats.

Volker and former National Security Council Russia expert Tim Morrison was scheduled to appear yesterday afternoon.

They are the first two witnesses sought by minority Republicans to testify in the televised public hearings. After Volker's closed-door deposition, Republican lawmakers called him "impressive" and said his testimony did not match the Democrats' pro-impeachment narrative.

His testimony will take the spotlight as the impeachment probe enters its second week of public hearings with a parade of witnesses coming before the U.S. House of Representatives Intelligence Committee.

Among those whose testimony was at odds with Volker's deposition was U.S. Army Lieutenant Colonel Alexander Vindman, the National Security Council's top Ukraine expert. He is due to testify before the committee on Tuesday morning - hours before Volker's afternoon appearance.

Vindman and Volker have clashed, for example, over a July 10 White House meeting. Volker testified that U.S. and Ukrainian officials in the meeting did not discuss any investigations. Vindman said, however, that Sondland, the U.S. ambas-



Kurt Volker, the former US special envoy to Ukraine

sador to the European Union, raised the need for Ukraine to open "specific investigations" if Zelenskyy wanted to meet Trump.

At a follow-up meeting that both also attended, Vindman said: "Sondland emphasized the importance that Ukraine deliver the investigations into the 2016 election, the Bidens and Burisma."

PENCE AIDE TO TESTIFY

The Democratic-led House impeachment inquiry is examining whether Trump sought to leverage Zelenskyy's desire for an Oval Office meeting and nearly \$400 million in frozen U.S. security aid that Ukrainian forces needed to battle Russia-backed separatists in return for gaining political advantage over Biden.

At the inquiry's core is a July 25 telephone call in which Trump pressed Zelenskyy to investigate Biden and his son, a member of the board of Burisma, a Ukrainian energy firm, and a discredited theory that it was Ukraine - not Russia as determined by U.S. intelligence agencies - that interfered in the 2016 U.S. election.

Trump has repeatedly denied wrongdoing and raged on Twitter against what he calls "a witch hunt" and a "hoax." He said on Monday he might testify

before the House Intelligence Committee, which is leading the inquiry. Democrats responded with skepticism.

Tuesday's morning session will also feature Jennifer Williams, an aide to Vice President Mike Pence, who was among the U.S. officials who monitored the July 25 Trump-Zelenskyy call and testified behind closed doors this month that some of Trump's comments were "inappropriate."

The president assailed her on Twitter on Sunday as a "Never Trumper" who should "work out a better presidential attack."

The investigation could lead the House to approve formal charges - known as articles of impeachment - against Trump that would be sent to the Republican-controlled Senate for a trial that could result in his removal from office.

At the moment, that outcome is doubtful as few Republican senators have broken with Trump.

Only two U.S. presidents, Bill Clinton and Andrew Johnson, have been impeached, but neither was removed from office. President Richard Nixon faced impeachment and resigned in 1974 over the Watergate scandal.

Agencies

EC recommends Kiev to return to direct gas purchases from Russia

BRUSSELS

THE European Commission (EC) has recommended direct purchases of the Russian gas totaling around 15 billion cubic meters per year to Ukraine to reduce expensive reverse supplies, a source in the EU's institutions close to trilateral gas talks told TASS yesterday.

"The European Commission has recommended Kiev to return to direct purchases of the Russian gas totaling around 15 billion cubic meters starting 2020 to reduce costs on reverse purchases of the same gas," the source said.

The interlocutor explained that the return to direct purchases would make it more interesting for Russia to use Ukraine's gas transport system to pump gas to Europe, as well as ease gas tariffs tensions.

The Ukrainian side is attempting to offset additional costs incurred by Kiev due to the refusal to purchase gas directly through raising tariffs on Russian gas supplies, the latter added.

The source refused to provide comments on Moscow's request to withdraw all mutual claims of Russia's Gazprom and Ukraine's Naftogaz, as well as to abandon the performance of already taken court decisions.

The European Commission suggested earlier that the second technical meeting of experts from Russia, Ukraine and the European Union be held on November 19 to prepare another round of ministerial trilateral gas consultations scheduled for late November. However, neither of the parties confirmed holding the technical meeting.



Taliban say they freed US, Australian hostages

ISLAMABAD

THE Taliban said they freed yesterday an American and an Australian hostage held since 2016 in exchange for three top Taliban figures who were released by the Kabul government and flown out of Afghanistan the previous day.

The hostages - American, Kevin King and Australian Timothy Weeks - were released in southern Zabul province, ending their more than three years in captivity.

According to a Taliban official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because he wasn't authorized to talk to the media, the release took place in the province's Now Bahar district, a region largely under Taliban control.

It wasn't immediately known if the two hostages, both professors at the American University of Kabul, were handed over to Afghan government representatives, intermediaries, or US forces.

Their freedom came hours after the Afghan government freed three Taliban prisoners and sent them to Qatar. They included Anas Haqqani, the younger brother of the Taliban's deputy Sirajuddin Haqqani, who also leads the fear-some Haqqani network.

It appears the Taliban had refused to hand over the two professors until they received proof their men had reached Qatar. Afghan President Ashraf Ghani a week ago announced the "conditional release" of the Taliban figures, saying at a press event broadcast live on state television that it was a very hard decision he felt he had to make in the interest of the Afghan people.

King and Weeks, the two captives held by the Taliban were abducted in 2016 outside the American University in Kabul. The following year, the Taliban released two videos showing the captives.

A January 2017 video showed them appearing pale and gaunt. In the later video, King and Weeks looked healthier and said a deadline for their release was set for June 16 that year. Both said they are being treated well by the Taliban but that they remain prisoners and appealed to their governments to help set them free. It was impossible to know whether they were forced to speak.

Subsequently, US officials said that American forces had launched a rescue mission to free the two, but the captives were not found at the raided location.

US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo and US National Security Adviser Robert O' Brien made separate calls to Ghani on Monday to discuss the prisoners' release, Ghani's spokesman Sediq Sediqqi said.

The release and swap were intended to try to restart talks to end Afghanistan's 18-year war and allow for the eventual withdrawal of US troops from Afghanistan.

The United States had been close to an agreement in September with the Taliban but a fresh wave of violence in the Afghan capital that killed a US soldier brought talks and an impending deal to a grinding halt. **Agencies**

African govts urged to prioritise family planning to reduce crises

ENTEBBE

GOVERNMENTS of African countries should prioritize family planning to help reduce political crises, experts have said on the sidelines of the 8th African Population Conference (APC) being held here 40km south of the Ugandan capital of Kampala.

High population growth, together with high unemployment rate, is part of the cause of political crises which end up derailing development, they said.

"We know high population growth drives fragility. High population growth is a key driver of insecurity and instability. Unfortunately we continue to have little attention paid to such a vital public investment.

Efforts are more to military response to crisis," said Mbingue Ngom, regional director of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) for West and Central Africa.

"We tend to respond to crisis than preventing crisis. Imagine if



the world leaders, international community put more emphasis

(on), more investment in family planning, they will very likely address high population growth and related consequences in terms of security, stability, peace and development," Ngom said.

He said family planning can help cut maternal mortality by a third, and if girls are kept in school and women empowered, their livelihoods would be improved.

"We find that if (the) UNFPA is not present, nobody is paying attention to family planning, gen-

der-based violence, and these are major challenges in humanitarian areas," said Rachel

Snow, chief of UNFPA's Population and Development Branch. The 8th APC, themed "Harnessing Africa's Population Dynamics for Sustainable Development: 25 Years After Cairo And Beyond," will run until Friday.

The event is organized every four years and the last one was held in 2015 in the South African city of Pretoria.

Xinhua

Breaking the silence over atrocities in Hong Kong

HONG KONG

HUNDREDS of people yesterday attended a memorial service held by local residents to mourn the death of a 70-year-old sanitation worker who was killed after being hit in the head by a brick hurled by rioters.

Risking being doxxed or even assaulted by black-clad masked rioters, the mourners, some of them arriving with banners saying "bring the culprits to justice", have chosen to stand out and show their stance against the rioters.

The past several days also saw more local residents, young and old, walk into the streets at different locations to clear the bricks, rocks and garbage which were dumped by the rioters to paralyze the traffic.

While they worked, some rioters attacked them with bricks and even petrol bombs. Some of the volunteers were also robbed of their mobile phones by the rioters.

The courageous actions of the locals, however, are a testament to the public anger toward the rioters and showed that the "silent majority" will no longer remain silent.

Nearly five months since the now-



Residents brave threats from rioters to mourn the death of a senior sanitation worker in Sheung Shui of Hong Kong, south China, on Friday. The man died after being hit in the head by a hard object hurled by the rioters. (Xinhua)

withdrawn ordinance amendments concerning fugitives' transfers sparked unrest, rioters have vandalized shops, attacked police officers, blocked roads, torched mass transit railway stations, turned universities into strongholds, and forced classes to be suspended.

At the same time, they have muted the voices of the public by threatening, doxxing and beating up those who

dared to disagree with them.

They even set a man ablaze in broad day light after dousing him in what was believed to be a flammable liquid. In an act of defiance against the black-clad, masked rioters, more than 1.27 million Hong Kong residents have signed an online petition as of yesterday supporting law enforcement and calling for an end to the violence, in a campaign ini-

ated by the Safeguard Hong Kong alliance in October.

"Anyone who loves his hometown would not be so selfish as to damage it to his own purpose," said one of the residents. "They live in their own world and refuse to face the reality." "We strongly support the police to enforce the law," said another nicknamed Peter. "May peace return to Hong Kong."

The peace-loving majority of Hong Kong's citizens are winning support even from ordinary people overseas. More than 5,000 km away in Australia, some local people wrote to the Chinese Embassy and the Australian media.

"The Hong Kong protesters should be called what they really are: Terrorists," wrote Richard Greenwood. "As a citizen of Australia I know the Australian government and authorities would not tolerate the criminal actions being waged in the streets of Hong Kong," Neil

Richters wrote.

"I wish Hong Kong a speedy resolution and recovery." A video clip has been circulating on social media recently, which at the beginning shows black-clad rioters blocking a road with bricks, only for a white-haired man to pick them up and put them by the roadside.

Then a young man follows suit. Although some rioters, their faces covered with masks, threw the bricks back and even stepped on the bricks in a defiant manner to prevent volunteers from clearing them, more passers-by joined in the effort until the road was finally clear of bricks.

The scene was an allegory about Hong Kong: The voices against the rioters may have been small in the beginning, but as more and more people join in, they could ultimately become loud enough to drown out the clamor of the mob. **Xinhua**

Pompeo says US no longer considers Israel's West Bank settlements against international law

WASHINGTON

U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo announced on Monday that the U.S. government will no longer consider Israel's West Bank settlements "inconsistent" with the international law, a move that may further dim the future of the Israeli-Palestinian peace talks.

Pompeo said in a press conference that the decision, which reversed the Obama administration's position on the issue, had been made based on the

"reality on the ground."

"The conclusion that we will no longer recognize as per se inconsistent with international law is based on the unique facts, history, and circumstances prevented by the establishment of civilian settlements in the West Bank," he said, adding that the decision was made "after carefully studying all sides of the legal debate."

The U.S. top diplomat also noted that this announcement should not be viewed as the U.S. government "ad-



ressing or prejudging the ultimate status of the West Bank." "This is for the Israelis and the Palestinians to negotiate," he said.

Pompeo's remarks were seen as the latest act by the Trump administration to take sides with Israel, following its widely criticized recognition of Jerusalem as Israel's capital in 2017, the official relocation of the U.S. embassy to Jerusalem in 2018, and U.S. recognition of Israel's "sovereignty" over disputed Golan Heights this March.

This policy shift was also a political gift for Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who is fighting for political survival after being unable to form a coalition government following two elections this year and facing legal issues.

The last round of peace talks between the Israelis and Palestinians collapsed in 2014, mainly over Israel's continuing expansion of the settlements in the West Bank.

UN Special Coordinator for the

Middle East Peace Process Nikolay Mladenov said last month that Israeli settlements in the occupied Palestinian territories are illegal under international law and remain a substantial obstacle to peace.

According to the latest Palestinian data, around 400,000 Israeli settlers live in 135 settlements and 100 illegal outposts in the West Bank, where the Palestinian population has reached 2.6 million.

Xinhua



Guests to the BRICS business forum in Brasilia, Brazil share their ideas.

BRICS countries to enjoy wider, deeper cooperation

CHINESE President Xi Jinping called on the BRICS countries to reinforce cooperation when addressing the closing ceremony of the BRICS Business Forum in Brasilia, Brazil on Nov. 13, local time. At the ceremony, he offered in-depth analysis over the international situation and looked into the future of BRICS cooperation.

Xi's remarks at the closing ceremony received positive response from business leaders of the BRICS countries, who believe that the Chinese President has chartered the course for BRICS countries and global enterprises to enhance cooperation. They said Xi has boosted their confidence in BRICS cooperation, and they are willing to inject more energy into the mechanism.

Peace and trade are important bedrocks for progress, said Marcio Senne de Moraes, deputy from Brazil BRICS Business Council and Director of External Relations, Vale S.A. He believes that more communication would lead to more trade relations and fewer clashes.

He told People's Daily that China is an important propeller of BRICS cooperation. As an important representative of developing countries and emerging markets, China is playing a leading role in uniting the BRICS countries through broader communication in commerce and trade, he said.

Chairman of Russia BRICS Business Council and President of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of the Russian Federation (CCI RF) Sergey Katyrin noted that Xi's remarks precisely depicted the current international economic situation, and offered new paths for business leaders from the BRICS countries to act more positively. In recent years, members of the BRICS Chamber of Commerce and Industry have established sound partnerships and done constructive work, contributing to the deepening of the BRICS cooperation, Katyrin noted.

"The business cooperation with China and other BRICS countries is one of our priorities," said Katyrin. Working for the

CCI RF, he attaches high importance to enhancing policy coordination and enterprise docking via the BRICS Business Council and its branches.

Russia will assume the BRICS rotating presidency the next year, and Katyrin is looking forward to it. "Every BRICS country should dig into its potential and promote mutually beneficial cooperation among them, so as to build a second golden decade for the mechanism," he said.

Naina Lal Kidwai, member of India BRICS Business Council said that BRICS countries have huge population and gigantic markets, and have become an important driver for global economic growth. They will play an important role in shaping the new economic order of the world, she added.

Kidwai attended the 9th BRICS Summit in Xiamen, China two years ago, and Xi's keynote speech at the opening ceremony impressed her very much. She told People's Daily that China has played a vital role in the development of the BRICS Business Council and the New Development Bank. By visiting China and witnessing the development achievements of the country, she has further enhanced her confidences in China-India cooperation under the BRICS framework.

At the closing ceremony of the BRICS business forum in Brasilia, Xi urged the business sector to integrate business cooperation with the BRICS partnership on new industrial revolution, and produce more spotlight results in such areas as innovation, digital economy and green economy so as to promote high-quality development of BRICS economies.

South African chairperson of the BRICS Business Council Busi Mabuzza said that Xi's words have pointed direction and lighted up hope for global enterprises to strengthen cooperation. Facing the new opportunities and challenges in global economy, the BRICS countries should conform to the trend of new industrial reform, deepen cooperation, and accelerate inclusive growth so as to improve their competitiveness. *People's Daily*

PM Johnson will probably win this uninspiring election, Farage says

PETERBOROUGH

BRITISH Prime Minister Boris Johnson will probably win the Dec. 12 election with a small majority but the campaign has so far been uninspiring with a host of unrealistic promises on both sides, Brexit Party leader Nigel Farage said yesterday.

"The one prediction I am going to make is that it is going to be a low turnout unless parties like us can inspire people to go out and vote for change," Farage told supporters in Peterborough, a cathedral city in eastern England.

"It does look like Boris will have the biggest party. It does look like he'll probably get a small majority," he said, adding that it was one of the most uninspiring elections he could remember.

"I cannot think of any campaign like this that so far is failing to inspire on such an extraordinary scale," he said. "Everyday we get promises, 100 billion for this, 200 billion for that," Farage said.

"We've heard it all before. My impression is that nobody believes a single word they are being told."

Agencies

How China keeps enhancing people's sense of security

BY the end of the last year, the number of cities in China has grown to 672, with an urban population of 831 million and rural population of 564 million. However, by the end of 1949, only less than 40 million people lived in the country's urban areas, among which the non-agricultural population was only around 27 million.

According to UN report, 2018 Revision of World Urbanization Prospects, China will have added 255 million urban dwellers by 2050.

During the past 70 years since the founding of the People's Republic of China, the country experienced the largest and most rapid urbanization process in the world. The various governance issues encountered by

China during high-speed development and fast transition are unparalleled to most challenges a country could face.

What's marvelous is that China is not only maintaining stability and order of its urban and rural governance during the process, but has also gradually becoming one of the leading countries in this regard. Chinese cities are always performing well in the statistics of urban crime rate and other similar indexes, and China is one of the countries with the lowest homicide rate, with its society running in order, and people living and working in content.

According to the fourth plenary session of the 19th Central Committee of the Communist Party of China (CPC), the system

of socialism with Chinese characteristics and China's system for governance are capable of pushing for the continuous progress of the country with nearly 1.4 billion people and ensuring the realization of the two centenary goals toward the rejuvenation of the Chinese nation.

This statement is fully proved by China's success in guaranteeing both development and security, as well as the long-term harmony of the Chinese society and the stable and prosperous life of the Chinese people.

Modern countries are multifunctional. They keep the economy to operate smoothly and make reasonable social division of labor. In addition, they have another important function - protecting public security and

social stability. Unrest of society and high crime rate suggest inefficiency or even failure of national and social governance. People lack the sense of security under such circumstances.

The system of socialism with Chinese characteristics and China's system for governance enjoy obvious superiority, and are able to guarantee long-term stability of the society and the stable and prosperous life of the people.

China takes economic development as the central task and ensures the sustained and healthy development of economy. It enables the stable improvement of people's life quality, as a result of which they acquire a sense of gain and have

a steady expectation for a better life in the future.

In addition, it keeps unemployment rate at a low level and reduces the ratio of the jobless group in the total population. The chances for a man to commit crimes would be largely reduced when he has a job and income.

China has established a modern educational system and a legal system conforming to the demand of the time. Education can improve the morality of people, popularize the core socialist values, and prevent crimes from being committed, while legal measures punish the crimes and praise the virtue, guaranteeing that all members of the society obey the laws.

Besides, China has built a series of social security systems

including the endowment insurance and medical insurance. Thanks to these systems, the Chinese people are able to share the achievements of reform and development, which promotes the organic integration of the society. China has enhanced and renewed social governance, and improved its social governance system that is led by Party committees, managed by government, deliberated by non-communist parties, coordinated by society, participated by the public, guaranteed by laws and supported by scientific theories.

It has enhanced the scientific basis and effectiveness of social governance, and improved the socialization, legalization, intellectualization and professionalization of social governance, so as to

strengthen its ability to cope with complicated and changing problems of social security.

It is noteworthy that to safeguard public and social security is comprehensive national governance that calls for concerted efforts from all parties. It is pinpointed at the fourth plenary session of the 19th Central Committee of the CPC that the system of socialism with Chinese characteristics and China's system for governance ensure the whole country work together and stimulate the enthusiasm of all aspects to mobilize resources for major undertakings.

It is because of such strength that China has realized long-term public security.

People's Daily

Belarus will not sign integration roadmaps with Russia if its sovereignty is threatened

MINSK

BELARUS will not sign integration roadmaps with Russia if they run counter to its constitution or threaten its sovereignty, Belarusian President Alexander Lukashenko said.

"Not a single will be approved and signed by me if it runs counter to the constitution and the fundamental principles of our society. And the most vital principles are sovereignty and independence of our state," he stressed.

"The prime minister has already said that our position is as follows: if our key problems concern



ing hydrocarbon supplies, access to the markets for our commodity, the removal of barriers, etc. are not resolved no roadmaps can be signed," he said.

He noted that when countries sought integration they wanted to gradually improve their economies.

"And what are we having? They set conditions year after year. As a result, our economy sustains losses.

Who needs such a union? So, our position is clear and the Russian president knows it. We are friends with him and I can tell it to him openly," he said.

In his words, it is not a normal situation when being in union with Russia Belarus "is sustaining losses and conditions are worsening." "It is not normal. So, when economy is concerned, we claim nothing and ask for nothing. We demand equal conditions for economic entities, for people, as we once agreed," Lukashenko said. "It will be a real union in this case." *Agencies*

Global media executives call for strengthened efforts to combat fake news

SHANGHAI

SCALING up efforts to counter fake news should be a priority of the media industry, leaders of 13 globally renowned media organizations said on Monday.

The senior executives of media organizations from 11 countries made the remarks at the fourth meeting of the World Media Summit (WMS) presidium in Shanghai, China.

Cai Mingzhao, WMS executive chairman and president of China's Xinhua News Agency, said fake news poses a major challenge to journalism ethics.

The popularization of the Internet has lowered the professional threshold of information dissemination, he said, adding "this change has greatly expanded the pool of information, yet it has blurred the line between fact and fiction."

Noting there is no effective mechanism to strengthen cooperation and jointly crack down on fake news, Cai suggested that the summit focus on this issue and create a broader synergy in fighting against fake news.

Jim Kennedy, senior vice president of the Associated Press, said the company has established a special team to combat fake news and vet potentially false news on a daily basis. Kennedy pointed out that one area where media outlets can cooperate is techno-



logical development.

As "deep fakes" will get worse, media organizations can collectively work on AI tools needed to discern deep fakes, he said, adding that the WMS can provide a platform for media outlets to discuss technologies that can be used in this regard.

Philippe Massonnet, Asia-Pacific regional director of Agence France Presse (AFP), said disinformation has existed as long as journalism itself, but in recent years it has exploded with the development of social media.

Massonnet pointed out that fake news phenomenon is massively driven by images. "Here we are in an ironic and dangerous situation: the more visual the news are, the more fake news circulate and damage the reputation of the newsroom in the world," he said.

To fight against fake news, media outlets need to increase transparency

in editorial procedures to improve the public trust, provide quality content, forge partnerships in developing verification tools and fact checking, and promote media literacy, he said.

Jamie Angus, director of BBC World Service Group, said the challenge of fake news is not simply around politics and geopolitical events, and there are other areas where fake news is having a damaging effect.

He said he is particularly concerned with fake news online targeting vaccination to disrupt public perception of health care system that supports the well-being of millions of families and children around the world. "It is a clear example of a global threat of global significance where we could and should collaborate," he said.

The WMS was co-initiated by nine media organizations with global influence, including Xinhua News Agency, News Corporation, the Associated Press, Reuters, TASS News Agency, Kyodo News, and BBC.

Since 2009, three summits have been held respectively in Beijing, Moscow and Doha. The WMS presidium is the supreme decision-making body of the summit comprising international media organizations. Each organization appoints a senior director as co-chairperson of the presidium which currently has 17 members.

Xinhua

Abe ties record for longest-serving PM amid allegations

TOKYO

PRIME Minister Shinzo Abe tied Japan's record for longest-serving premier yesterday - a remarkable feat for a leader who once quit in humiliation - amid economic worries and allegations that he violated election laws.

Abe, 65, has won relatively high marks for his diplomacy. His warm ties with US President Donald Trump may have averted worst-case scenarios in trade feuds, although little progress has been made on a territorial row with Russia and relations with South Korea are frigid.

"There is no other world leader getting along so well with Trump," said Akihisa Nagashima, a one-time opposition lawmaker who now in Abe's Liberal Democratic Party.

Abe, who served a troubled one-year term before quitting in 2007,



made a comeback in December 2012, promising a stronger military

and a revamped economy while aiming to revise Japan's post-war, pacifist constitution.

Abe has now served a total 2,886 days in office, tying the record set by Taro Katsura more than a century ago.

He has led his ruling coalition to six national election victories since returning, surviving allegations of cronyism and scandals over falsified data by bureaucrats.

Those victories were aided by a fragmented opposition and memories of the rocky 2009-2012 rule by the novice Democratic Party of Japan, which left many voters longing for stability.

"The biggest reason (for his longevity) is that he's better than the DPJ government," Seiko Noda, an LDP lawmaker and potential Abe rival, told Reuters.

But a cabinet reshuffle in

September, two ministers - both close allies of Abe - have had to resign over allegations of election campaign law violations.

Now Abe is under fire over accusations he not only favored supporters with invites to a state-funded cherry blossom viewing party but may have broken campaign laws by subsidizing backers' attendance at a reception the night before.

Abe has denied wrongdoing. A Nov 16-17 Asahi newspaper poll showed 68% were not convinced by his explanations, though his support rating was steady at 44%.

Concerns that the economy is headed for recession amid the fading impacts of his "Abenomics" policies also cloud Abe's future. Critics say his third "arrow" of structural reform never flew.

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Russia's Borna Coric serves to Croatia's Karen Khachanov during their Davis Cup tennis match in Madrid, Spain, Monday, Nov. 18, 2019. (AP Photo)

Old traditions persevere as new Davis Cup begins in Madrid

MADRID

COSTUME-WEARING fans, boisterous crowds, exciting matches.

Old traditions were preserved when the revamped Davis Cup began a new era on Monday in Madrid.

As the 18-team Davis Cup Finals got underway in its new weeklong World Cup-style format at the "Magic Box" tennis complex, fans were encouraged to provide atmosphere, and delivered.

The Croatian marching band roused the center court.

Drum-beating Canadian fans lit up Stadium 2.

Dressed-up Belgians kept the crowd going in Stadium 3.

Umpires were made to work hard at all the courts by constantly asking the fans to stay quiet before points.

"The atmosphere has been amazing," said Canadian fun Pier-Anne Lussier. "It's been really fun."

On court, two-time champion Russia, Belgium, and Canada took an early lead in round-robin play.

Russia defeated defending champion Croatia after Andrey Rublev beat Borna Gojo 6-3, 6-3 and Karen Khachanov edged Borna Coric 6-7 (4), 6-4, 6-4.

"When you play not only for yourself but your country, you need to give extra toughness and extra fight," Khachanov said. "It was a tough match. First time playing here in Madrid on hard court, opening match, extra pressure, it was important to start well."

Belgium got the best of Colombia thanks to Steve Darcis' 6-3, 6-2 win over Santiago Giraldo and David Goffin's 3-6, 6-3, 6-3 victory over Daniel Elahi Galan.

"For me it's big. I know it's going to be my last time playing for Belgium, so I'll try to do my best like always. It's going to be a great week," said the 35-year-old Darcis, who is

planning to retire next year.

Canada edged Italy after Vasek Pospisil topped Fabio Fognini 7-6 (5), 7-5 and Denis Shapovalov outlasted Matteo Berrettini 7-6 (5), 6-7 (3), 7-6 (5) after nearly three hours.

The teams are playing only two singles and a doubles in each tie, with the group winners advancing to the knockout stage later in the week.

The crowds were decent in numbers during the first matches, but the center court was mostly empty for the opening ceremony that featured an audiovisual show and performances by artists Alan Walker and Farruko. Colombian singer Shakira will perform in the closing ceremony on Sunday, all part of the modernization being promoted by the new organizers.

The new Davis Cup is the result of a 25-year partnership between the International Tennis Federation and Kosmos, a group co-founded by Barcelona soccer player Gerard Piqué, Shakira's husband.

The goal is to make the traditional team competition more attractive – and lucrative – by having all nations play at the same time and in a single venue. The change helped attract new sponsors and made it easier for top players to include the Davis Cup in their busy schedules. Prize money of nearly \$20 million in total, rivaling those awarded in Grand Slams, also helped to attract players.

Critics, including some players, complained the new format would take away from the great partisan atmospheres seen in the head-to-head confrontations that were played out over four weekends through the year, for 119 years.

But it was a good start for the new finals, and the crowd atmosphere should ramp up on Tuesday when host Spain debuts with the top-ranked Rafael Nadal.

Serbia's Novak Djokovic and Britain's Andy Murray will be playing on Wednesday.

AP

Tsitsipas ATP Finals triumph shows young guns are ready to rule

LONDON

RAFAEL Nadal will end the year as the world's top-ranked player and the "big three" retained their stranglehold on the Grand Slam titles, but when Stefanos Tsitsipas was crowned ATP Finals champion on Sunday it felt like a watershed moment.

"I believe I'm really close on being crowned a Grand Slam champion. I know these are strong words that I say, but I do feel like I belong to be there," the 21-year-old Greek boldly claimed after beating Dominic Thiem.

There have been false dawns before of course. Germany's Alexander Zverev, like Greek Tsitsipas, was also 21 last year when he beat Novak Djokovic to win the season-ender in London. Zverev could not back it up in this year's Slams, two of which were won by the 33-year-old Nadal and two by the 32-year-old Djokovic. They have 19 and 16 majors each while Roger Federer, at 38, will still believe he can add to the record 20 he has accumulated during his extraordinary career.

But for the first time, that golden trio will be having an anxious glance over their shoulders. The past week in London has revealed a new fearlessness in the generation of 20 somethings expected to fill the void when they call it a day.

Austrian Thiem, who at 26 is an established force, got the ball rolling when he beat Federer on the opening day of the ATP's exclusive year-ender.

The following day Germany's Zverev beat Nadal for the first time in his career while earlier that day Tsitsipas marked his tournament debut by beating 23-year-old Russian Daniil Medvedev, who reached this year's U.S. Open final, for the first time.

It did not stop there. Thiem then beat Djokovic and Medvedev should have beaten Nadal, losing from 5-1 up in the decider.

On Saturday, Tsitsipas silenced the Federer fan club to eclipse the six-time champion in straight sets to reach the final – beating the Swiss maestro with the kind of attacking game Federer has trademarked.

Olympic preparations need to intensify

By Correspondent Lloyd Elipokea

AS 2019 continues apace one can almost discern an imperceptible increase in the pace of the year as it unfolds ever quicker towards its climax.

Naturally, one would expect, Esteemed Reader, that you are beginning to draw-up elaborate plans which will be implemented in due time as family members from far and wide begin to converge at home which, of course, will be the focal point of the End-of-Year festivities for so many families across our great and beloved country.

Pleasingly though, despite the significance of this special period in the year, we sports buffs will doubtlessly glean a lot of hearty cheer from the fact that in the ever-dynamic sports industry, there is absolutely no rest for the wicked.

This then, brings me to the central argument of this commentary, which concerns our readiness for the quadrennial Olympic Games that will take place next year in one of the world's leading and most prominent cities, Tokyo.

Indeed, it is alarming to note that precious few words have been uttered that relate to our readiness or lack thereof for an extraordinary sporting spectacle which in some circles has been dubbed the 'Greatest Show on Earth'.

The really unsettling thing about our seemingly perpetual failure to meticulously prepare for big-time events like the Olympics and All Africa Games is that we relive or reenact this same deeply frustrating episode out of a truly nightmarish movie every four years.

Just in case, Dear Reader, you may



Tanzania's boxer Selemani Kidunda (R) throws a punch at Kenya's Edwin Owur (blue) during the men's Middleweight (75kg) category preliminary fight during the 2018 Gold Coast Commonwealth Games at Oxenford Studios venue in Gold Coast on April 6. (AFP)

need more details to sufficiently recall the infuriating episode in question, I shall endeavor to do just that.

Our modus operandi where prepping for the Olympic Games is concerned has astonishingly and unfailingly followed the same self-destructive pattern for many a year now.

Sadly, it has become our custom to dilly-dally where our preparations are concerned right up to the Eleventh Hour, which is when all of a sudden our sports administrators see the light and purposefully swing into action.

Naturally, as one would expect, last-minute preparations in any

walk of life rarely yield the desired results and this is especially true of the cutthroat realm of sports where no quarters are asked for and none given.

Indeed, our exceedingly poor preparations for events like the Olympics have meant that our athletes usually return home with no medals and egg smashed all over their faces, the heroics of Alphonse Simbu at the 2016 Rio de Janeiro Olympics notwithstanding.

However, the recurring vexatious episode does not merely end there. In the immediate aftermath of our woeful showings at Olympic Games of yesteryear, our sports officials would customarily promise us the

earth, moon and the stars where winning medals are concerned but predictably this never comes to pass.

As stated earlier, apart from Simbu's impeccable exertions, we replay this same sequence of events of leaving things until the last gasp every four years, almost as if we are inherently programmed to do so. Doubtlessly, it is a fitting example of *deja vu* if ever there was one.

Interestingly, despite the mammoth size of this problem, we are all aware of the only solution that can effectively address this major predicament.

It is just a shame that we have yet to engage in early preparations for the Olympic Games to date.

George's late 3 helps Clippers edge Thunder 90-88

LOS ANGELES

THE Clippers' offense wasn't doing much through three quarters, so they buckled down on defense and narrowly avoided getting beat by a couple of former teammates.

Paul George hit a go-ahead 3-pointer against his old team with 25 seconds left, lifting Los Angeles over the Oklahoma City Thunder 90-88 on Monday night to improve to 8-1 at home.

"It's any other game but it was fun to see familiar faces and share some laughs," George said.

With the Clippers minus Kawhi Leonard for the third straight game because of a bruised left knee, Oklahoma City tied the score at 86 on a 3 by ex-Clipper Danilo Gallinari. Chris Paul made two free throws after being fouled by George for an 88-86 lead, but George's 3 put Los Angeles back ahead 89-88.

Maurice Harkless was then called for a foul on Gallinari that was overturned following a replay challenge by Clippers coach Doc Rivers.

"I'm changing my opinion. I think the challenge is good for the game," joked Rivers, who had been critical of the new rule.

The Thunder retained possession and Terrance Ferguson inbounded to Gallinari, whose open 3-pointer missed.

"The last shot Gallo took, I cringed. I've seen that movie before," said Lou Williams, who had 11 points and nine assists. "Wide open at the top of the key, that's his shot. Luckily for us it rimmed out."

George hit a free throw with 0.3 seconds left to close it out against the team that traded him to Los Angeles last summer.

"The difference in the game was me not fighting through that screen at the end that allowed Paul George to get that final shot," said Paul, who had forced a turnover by George on the previous play.

The Thunder fell to 0-5 on the road. Montrezl Harrell had 28 points and 12 rebounds off the bench to lead the Clippers. George finished with 18 points after scoring 30-plus in his first two games of the season after rehabbing from two shoulder operations.

"Offense was spotty all night but we did a great job of making enough winning plays," Harrell said. "That is just what it comes down to, putting enough stops together and making sure that the defense does not take a lapse even when your offense isn't going for you."

Paul scored 22 points, making 10 of



Los Angeles Clippers' Montrezl Harrell (5) dunks against the Oklahoma City Thunder during the first half of an NBA basketball game, Monday, Nov. 18, 2019, in Los Angeles. (AP Photo)

11 free throws, in 29 minutes. Gallinari added 14 points and Shai Gilgeous-Alexander, another former Clipper, had 11 points despite five fouls. Gilgeous-Alexander also took a late 3 that missed.

Neither team led by more than six points all night.

Harrell scored on back-to-back dunks, with George's alley-oop pass setting up the first one, and he scored another basket before George followed with a 3-pointer to put the Clippers ahead 75-70.

The Thunder led 79-78 on a basket by Dennis Schroder before Harrell dominated the final 2:44.

Harrell scored eight straight points to give Los Angeles an 86-83 lead.

The Thunder led 59-54 on Paul's 3-pointer in the third. The Clippers revived themselves with a 12-5 run, getting back-to-back 3-pointers from Patrick Patterson and JaMychal Green, to head into the fourth leading 66-64. George was limited to a single 3 in the quarter.

Meanwhile, in Dallas, Luka Doncic grew up idolizing LeBron James, and now the young NBA prodigy has joined James in the record book.

The Dallas Mavericks needed everything Doncic delivered in a sensational performance Monday night.

Doncic scored a career-high 42 points to go with 12 assists and 11 rebounds as the Mavericks held

off the skidding San Antonio Spurs 117-110. The 20-year-old second-year guard joined James as the only players in league history younger than 21 to have a 40-point triple-double.

"It feels like every day there are stats you don't know about, stats that you read about," Doncic said. "It's great to hit."

Dallas led wire to wire but had to fend off a late Spurs rally, with Doncic hitting a 3-pointer with 26.5 seconds to play that put Dallas up 115-110 after the Spurs had rallied from 14 down at the start of the quarter.

Doncic has an NBA-leading six triple-doubles in just 13 games this season.

"This guy can do anything he wants to on a basketball court," Mavericks coach Rick Carlisle said. "He's having one of those magical runs right now. It's a phenomenal thing to watch. It's a phenomenal thing to be a part of."

Dallas also got a career-high 22 points from Dorian Finney-Smith, and Kristaps Porzingis added 18 points and 10 rebounds.

The Spurs have lost six in a row, their longest slide since 2011, and dropped eight of nine since a 4-1 start. They're off to their worst start since 1996-97, the season before they drafted former star and current assistant coach Tim Duncan.

DeMar DeRozan scored a season-

high 36 points for the Spurs, helping to lead a fourth-quarter surge after they trailed 93-79 entering the period.

"When adversity hits you can't run from it, you can't shy away from it, you can't let it get you down," DeRozan said. "Try to channel that energy and put it in the right place so we can understand why we got beat."

With Dallas up 110-107, both Bryn Forbes and Patty Mills missed potential game-tying 3s. On the ensuing possession, Porzingis lost the ball going up to shoot but Finney-Smith scooped it up and fired an off-balance 20-footer as the shot clock expired. It fell through to put Dallas up five.

"I looked at the clock, and it just bounced right to me and I threw it up," Finney-Smith said. "Exactly like we drew it up."

After Rudy Gay's 3 brought the Spurs back within two, Doncic stepped back and hit the 3 that finally finished off San Antonio.

Finney-Smith shot 8 for 10 from the field, including three 3s. All the more impressive was that the fourth-year wing, who has built a reputation with his defense, had his career game while also drawing a tough assignment in DeRozan.

"I think I owe (Carlisle) some money because I said I wouldn't go for his pump fake, and he got me one time," Finney-Smith said.

AP

Arsenal have got steadily worse under Emery, says cult hero Groves

LONDON

ARSENAL have got "steadily worse" under Unai Emery, says Perry Groves, with the early "buzz" generated by a Spanish coach having faded as nobody wants to do "the horrible stuff".

The man calling the shots at Emirates Stadium is facing uncomfortable questions regarding his future in north London.

He has spent just 18 months at the helm, with positive progress having been in short supply since succeeding the legendary Arsene Wenger.

Groves admits there is little cause for optimism at present, with the encouragement offered shortly after Emery's arrival now a distant memory for a side that lack "any philosophy".

The Arsenal cult hero told talkSPORT of Emery and the struggles he is enduring: "I think, when he first went in there, there was an intensity because it was too comfortable under Arsene Wenger and he made his stance [clear]."

"The closing down was a lot more intense - covering more ground."

"He went 22 games unbeaten over a little period and in the game against Spurs they went 2-1 down and came back. There was a real buzz about the

Emirates.

"And what has happened is he's got rid of the players he didn't want, like the Monreals, the Petr Cechs, and Aaron Ramseys but then the players that have been brought in, whether it's by him or the sporting director, they have actually got steadily worse."

"That intensity has got less and less and less with a team that he is supposed to be constructing."

"The thing from watching from the outside is there doesn't seem to be a desire to do the horrible stuff."

Groves added: "The thing with the Arsenal situation with Unai Emery is, if you watch them against Leicester, and I've been watching Arsenal a lot this year, there is no structure. There doesn't seem to be any philosophy."

"Unai Emery doesn't seem to know his best formation, he doesn't seem to know what players to play in that formation and I think the players have lost confidence in him. I don't think the players are getting him at the minute."

Arsenal's inconsistency in 2019-20 has left them sixth in the Premier League, eight points adrift of the top four as defensive failings and issues away from home continue hinder their collective efforts.

(Agencies)

Dutch boss Koeman a good fit at Barca - Abidal

BARCELONA

BARCELONA sporting director Eric Abidal has said Netherlands coach Ronald Koeman fits the criteria to coach Barcelona one day but that Ernesto Valverde retains the club's backing.

It was revealed recently that Koeman's contract with the Netherlands includes a clause that would allow him to join Barca after next summer's European Championships if the Catalan club come calling.

The pressure has been growing on Valverde in recent weeks, with sources having told ESPN FC the club are concerned about the side's performances.

There were calls for Valverde to be sacked after the losses to Liverpool and Valencia in the Champions League and Copa del Rey at the end of last season and three defeats in 12 league games this season has seen more doubt cast on his future.

"The list of potential coaches for this club is very short," Abidal told Mundo Deportivo. "The information about the Koeman clause is generally well-known now. But it's not his decision, it's the club's."

"[Koeman] meets the criteria [to coach the club], but I have not spo-

ken with anyone [about the job] because I have a lot of respect for Ernesto."

Asked who will be in charge next season, Abidal added: "It will probably be Ernesto because he has a contract [until 2021]. There are no doubts there."

Abidal also said that €120 million summer signing Antoine Griezmann has not yet found his best form since moving to Camp Nou.

The former Atletico Madrid forward has scored four goals since joining the club but has failed to find the back of the net in his last five matches and has struggled to get involved in the play from a wide left position.

"I speak with Antoine a lot," Abidal said. "He is playing a different position and he knows it's tough to adapt."

"The movements are different [at Barcelona] but he's a player that can add a lot - the coach knows that. He knows he is not at his best and that's only fixed by working hard."

Griezmann, who scored in France's win over Albania on Sunday, also said over the weekend that it's not been an easy start to life at Barca.

(Agencies)

Man United can't expect 'overnight' success - Woodward

LONDON

MANCHESTER United have a clear plan of how to bring top trophies back to Old Trafford, according to executive vice chairman Ed Woodward, but he has warned supporters not to expect success "overnight".

Manager Ole Gunnar Solskjaer has overseen a turbulent start to the season after four wins from 12 Premier League games and despite describing the campaign so far as "mixed", Woodward is confident the club is on the right track as they aim to return to the Champions League and end a six-year title drought.

"We have a clear vision in terms of football philosophy and recruitment," Woodward said as United announced first quarter revenue of £135.4 million - up £0.4m on last year on year despite missing out on Champions League broadcast payments.

"The significant investments that we have made in recent years in areas such as transfers, recruitment infrastructure, analytics and our academy are already beginning to bear fruit."

"Our ultimate goal is to win trophies, playing fast, fluid, attacking

football with a team that fuses graduates from our academy along with world-class acquisitions. We know this will not be achieved overnight, however we have made investments across the club that we believe have set us on the right path."

"Though season-to-date we have had a mixed start to our Premier League campaign, in Europe, we have qualified for the Europa League knockout stages with two games to spare. We have also progressed to the quarterfinals of the League Cup."

Solskjaer's first summer in charge saw the arrival of Harry Maguire, Daniel James and Aaron Wan-Bissaka for a combined fee of nearly £150m.

Woodward has hinted United will spend again ahead of next season while sources have told ESPN FC that the club are open to bringing in new players in January if long-term targets become available.

"Over the last few years, we have significantly invested in our recruitment infrastructure to augment our already strong and experienced team who are all working to a clear philosophy," Woodward said.

(Agencies)

Danes, Swiss through to Euro 2020 as rampant Italy hit nine

PARIS

DENMARK and Switzerland secured spots at Euro 2020 at the expense of the Republic of Ireland on Monday as Roberto Mancini's Italy completed a perfect qualifying campaign by scoring nine.

Ireland needed to beat Denmark in Dublin to clinch qualification for next year's 24-team European Championship finals, but Matt Doherty's late header was only enough to earn Mick McCarthy's men a 1-1 draw at the Aviva Stadium.

A closely-fought contest, low on technical quality, swung the visitors' way when the unmarked Martin Braithwaite stuck out a boot to divert a Henrik Dalsgaard cross into the net on 73 minutes.

However, Ireland scored a late equaliser to draw 1-1 in Copenhagen in June and they repeated the feat here as Wolverhampton Wanderers right-back Doherty headed in an Enda Stevens cross with five minutes left. Needing to win, the home side then threw everything at their opponents in the dying moments, but Denmark held on to clinch second place in Group D behind Switzerland.

"We had opportunities but I am not going to criticise the lads," McCarthy told Sky Sports.

"They have been brilliant. We lost one game out of eight. I am very proud of them. We can beat anyone in the play-offs." The Danes, European champions in 1992, can now look forward to playing at home during the finals, with Copenhagen one of the 12 host cities chosen for the tournament.

Switzerland secured top spot with a 6-1 away win against minnows Gibraltar as Cedric Itten scored twice. Skipper and Arsenal outcast Granit Xhaka netted their final goal.

Italy had already wrapped up qualification from Group J but they saved their best for last, making it 10 wins from 10 by hammering Armenia 9-1 in Palermo with seven different scorers.

Serie A top scorer Ciro Immobile and Nicolo Zaniolo both scored braces, while Nicolo Barella and Alessio Romagnoli found the net before Chelsea midfielder Jorginho converted a penalty.

Riccardo Orsolini came off the bench to score on his Italy debut and Federico Chiesa finished off the scoring after Edgar Babayan had pulled one back



Contrasting emotions: Denmark qualify for Euro 2020 while the Irish are consigned to a four-nation playoff in March. (Agencies)

for Armenia. It was an 11th straight win in all for Mancini's side, with Italy scoring nine times in a game for the first time since beating the USA 9-0 at the London Olympics in 1948. "We had the right approach to the game and you don't score nine goals by chance," Mancini purred.

"We need to improve various aspects of the game but for me it will be really difficult to leave some people at home when I select the squad for the finals. They would all deserve to be there."

Having wrapped up a historic first qualification for a major tournament three days earlier, Finland lost 2-1 to Greece in Athens

despite Norwich City striker Teemu Pukki giving them a first-half lead with his 10th goal in eight international games.

Bosnia and Herzegovina finish fourth in the group despite a 3-0 win in Liechtenstein, but they will have another chance to qualify via the play-offs next March.

- Last game for Spain coach Moreno? -

Meanwhile, Group F winners Spain rounded out their qualifying campaign with a 5-0 destruction of Romania at a barely half-full Metropolitan Stadium in Madrid. Gerard Moreno scored twice after Napoli midfielder Fabian Ruiz opened the scoring. Adrian Rus put through his own

net in first-half stoppage time and Real Sociedad striker Mikel Oyarzabal wrapped up the win amid reports the match was Robert Moreno's last as coach.

Having already qualified as runners-up in the same group, Sweden defeated the Faroe Islands 3-0, while Norway, who go into the play-offs, won 2-1 in Malta.

The final automatic qualifying berth will be decided on Tuesday as Wales host Hungary with the winner going through from Group E, while a draw in Cardiff could allow Slovakia to pip both of them by beating Azerbaijan.

AFP

Henry determined to make an Impact with Montreal

By Julien Laurens, ESPN Correspondent



Thierry Henry will be hoping his second managerial job will go better than his first, when he won just four of 20 matches with Monaco. Photo: Agencies

three months later.

Tactically, the 42-year-old tried a lot of different options, probably too many. In terms of formations, he experimented with: 4-4-2, 4-2-3-1, 4-3-3, 5-4-1, 4-1-4-1, 3-4-2-1, 3-4-1-2 and 5-3-2!

He looked lost at times, but he played mostly with a back five. His philosophy was always to play a possession game and to have a lot of movement. We didn't see much of it though, maybe because he didn't have enough time to really implement his ideas or maybe because his message was a bit confusing for the players. That said, he always encouraged his men to play, take risks and be creative.

In his defence, he had a lot of injuries during his time in Monaco, including ones to key players. He had to put a lot of faith very quickly in youth such as the Badiashile brothers (Benoit and Loic), Han-Noah Massengo, Sofiane Diop or Moussa Sylla.

For someone with such charisma and such a profile, you would have thought that man-management would be his forte. He had a strong relationship with some of his players but it was mostly difficult with most of the squad. Although he was now the manager, he still behaved like he was one of the players. Back then, sources told ESPN how Henry would tell the players how to, literally, play football at training.

Months after Henry's dismissal, Aleksandr Golovin, Monaco's midfielder, revealed more details of the Frenchman's tenure in an interview with a Russian YouTuber.

"When things were not going well at training, he became nervous and shouted a lot. He would come on the pitch and show us what to do. He would take the ball and tell us to try to get it off him! There were times when we would lose a game and he would get upset with the team and would not talk to us for a whole day! For me, he had not made the transition from player to manager. He was not ready," said Golovin.

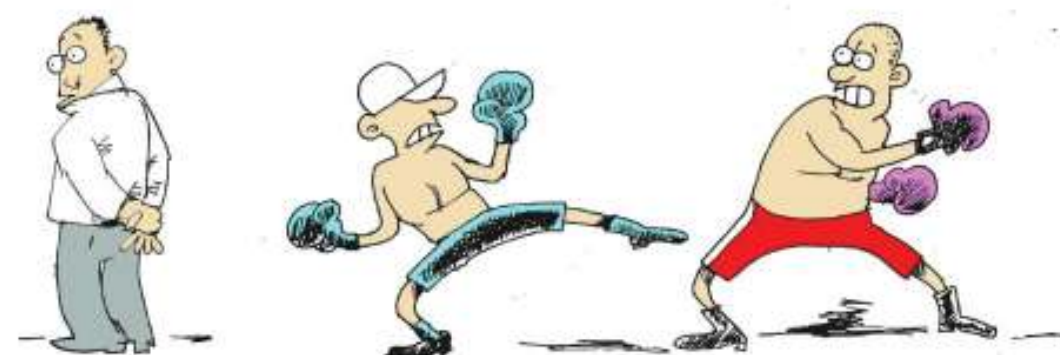
With Henry, controversy was never far either. On Dec. 11, he humiliated his 20-year-old goalkeeper, Loic Badiashile, for not properly pushing his chair back under the desk at the end of their pre-match news conference before the Borussia Dortmund game in the Champions League. In his last game in charge, he was caught on camera insulting Kenny Lala, the Strasbourg right-back. There were more incidents.

The failure was not just his fault though. There were - and still are - plenty of problems at Monaco. It was very dysfunctional context especially for a first-time manager. Someone with more experience could have dealt better with the situation, not he.

Henry should have learned a lot from his three months there and it certainly should make him a better manager. He had only been Belgium assistant coach before, so a lot that comes with being a manager was new to him. In Montreal, he will certainly be more prepared and more ready than he was in Monaco.

Editor's note: This piece also contains contributions from ESPN FC's United States and MLS correspondent Jeff Carlisle.

Gwiji by David Chikoko



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Donisia Minja, a forward for Mainland Tanzania women soccer team, Kilimanjaro Queens (C), gets the better of Burundi women team's players when the two squads met in the CECAFA Women Challenge Cup's match, which took place in Dar es Salaam on Monday. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT JUMANNE JUMA

Misbah wants pacers to hit Smith's 'blind spot'

PERTH

MISBAH-ul-Haq knows the secret to getting Steven Smith out, and calls it the batsman's "blind spot". It isn't much of a secret at all: simply hit the same spot, hitting at or near the top of the off stump, that troubles every batsman in international cricket.

The first trick, of course, is to get the ball to move off the seam from that spot to force errors. As Smith put it in England this year: "There is no doubt in my mind that the seaming ball is the hardest thing to play in the game. You don't have time to react, so you have to play the line and if it goes in, you are a chance of hitting the stumps and getting lbw, and if it goes away you are a chance of nicking it."

The other trick, even less of a trick than extracting seam movement, is simply to keep hitting that precise spot, ball after ball, over after over, hour after hour, session after session. Misbah, a past master at the pendulum-like rhythm that brings success whether batting or bowling in Test matches, has done his best to ensure that when Smith walks out to bat in the first Test, starting Thursday, Pakistan's bowlers will find a way to hit the blind spot near enough to every ball.

"As far as Steve Smith goes, there's a blind spot for every top batsman in the world; as a bowler you're always interested in pitching the ball there," Misbah said. "It's important that we bowl with consistency there. Our bowlers are executing the plans very well right now, and hopefully we'll be able to build that kind of a pressure, and stay disciplined especially early in the innings. No matter how good a batsman is batting, it's about consistency and bowling the maximum balls in those areas that build pressure and the batsman respects you, and you force him to make a mistake."

"All the batsmen you talk to, any batsman in the world, that's the area where you have to defend a ball, and that is a six-to-eight-meter spot where you have to play the top of off stump. That's the area from where if it's happening then that creates a great chance. Even if it's not happening, you have less chances to do anything with the ball."

"So it's about consistency, and top players in the world, if you miss those areas, that special length and line, then they are good enough to just cash in on that. So you have to be very, very disciplined, just keep the ball there, and if it's happening you are already in the game." Pakistan's selection choices seem to be geared to finding not only consistency but also movement, with bounce, off the pitch. Mohammad Abbas, Shaheen Afridi, Muhammad Musa and the 16-year-old Naseem Shah have the makings of one of the tougher pace-bowling attacks Australia have faced at home.

"At the moment, they are doing it, but obviously we'll see how it goes in these conditions," Misbah said, "because these pitches are hard. But I still believe if you get good pace behind the ball and just put it in the right areas, you can create chances. That's what we are looking for, and I think they can, the way Naseem is bowling at the moment, Shaheen is very important with the new ball especially, he gets some movement in the air and off the seam also. We hope that they can do it, but you need to be very, very disciplined."

AGENCIES



Caravans Cricket Club's Chairman, Adithya (L), presents man of the match prize to Jatin Darji of Saint Gobain, after the team had locked horns with Estim in this season's DRCC Caravans T20 competition in Dar es Salaam last weekend. PHOTO: COURTESY OF NIKHIL PUJARA

Saint Gobain clobber Estim in DRCC Caravans T20 tourney

By Guardian Reporter

JATIN Darji put scintillating displays with the bat to catapult Saint Gobain to 57-run win over Estim in this year's DRCC Caravans T20 competition's clash which took place in Dar es Salaam last weekend.

It was the first victory for Saint Gobain who endured a frustrating start to their campaign as they conceded defeat to Aces in the opening game.

Saint Gobain went in to bat first in the last weekend match and fully exploited the opportunity, given they recorded 129 runs for the loss of nine wickets in 20 overs.

A blistering 51 runs not out by Darji saw to it that Saint Gobain are on course for ending the innings with a convincing total.

He blasted one boundary and three sixes in what turned out to be the best innings.

Opening batsman, Kishen Kamania, was too in great form with the bat, posting 33

runs which comprised three boundaries and two sixes.

Kamania and Darji saw to it the squad's intention to amass a convincing score comes to fruition after an early dismissal of Vikram Rathore and Krishna Amarshi.

Sanjay Bom and Zaheer Patel also notched double digit scores, posting 12 runs apiece.

Estim's Jitesh Pindoria had the best bowling figure, ending his spell with three wickets, leaking 23 runs in four overs.

Bhavik Bhudia chipped in with two wickets, leaking 18 runs in four overs.

Chasing 130 runs to win turned out to be a tall order for Estim, they in response posted 72 runs all out in 18.4 overs.

They were dealt a blow during the early stages of the chase, given reliable run getters were dismissed in quick succession, leaving the rest of the batsmen with a huge task of seeing to it the outfit gets down to a successful chase.

Girdhar Varsani and Kishor Varsani were so far the batsmen with significant

contribution in the fruitless chase, notching 20 runs not out and 16 runs respectively.

Bom, Rathore and Darji mercilessly ripped Estim's batsmen apart and ultimately foiled the chase.

Bom was the most impressive bowler, given he took four wickets, leaking 11 runs in four overs, Rathore and Darji took two wickets apiece.

Darji's scintillating all-round displays, in the end, won him man of the match prize.

Saint Gobain suffered six-wicket loss to Aces in the first game, which took place a fortnight ago.

Caravans Cricket Club has hosted the tournament, which is held annually, under the auspices of Dar es Salaam Regional Cricket Committee (DRCC), targeting to promote the game at the domestic level.

This year's competition's sponsors include Petrofuel, Alliance Insurance, Grand Restaurant, Colourflex, RAS Logistics and SBC through Pepsi brand.

Bunge FC targets silverware in EA Inter-Parliamentary Games

By Correspondent Michael Sikapundwa, Dodoma

TANZANIA'S Parliament football side, known as Bunge FC, has promised to lift the top honour in the East Africa Inter-Parliamentary Games, which will be played in Uganda next month.

Bunge FC manager, Venance Mwamoto, disclosed in Dodoma last week-end the squad will go for intensive training in an effort to live up to expectations.

The squad was among outfits which battled it out in games, which were organized by Ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children, and took place in the region last week.

Prime Minister, Kassim Majaliwa, graced the games' closing ceremony.

The competition geared towards motivating Members Parliament and other government employees to cherish healthy lifestyle.

In soccer, Bunge FC drew 1-1 with Watumishi FC, a team made up of employees of The President's Office, Public Service Management and Good Governance.

It was an entertaining duel, given both teams displayed impressive showing.

Mwamoto said Bunge FC missed the services of five strikers that include Mwigulu Nchemba and others, who are nursing injuries.

The players' absence made it difficult for Bunge FC to register goals.

He disclosed he is optimistic the players will regain fitness before the next month's East Africa Inter-Parliamentary Games

"We chose to rest several players including Charles Tizeba in the second stanza in an effort to boost our defense," he disclosed.

Mwamoto pointed out the defenders had to work harder, particularly in the second stanza, as they had to occasionally push upfront to improve the squad's pursuit of goals.

He added Uganda have twice won the soccer event in the East Africa Inter-Parliamentary Games.

He however maintained Uganda will this year not win the event's trophy, given Bunge FC have already spotted weaknesses, which are evident in the hosts and other opponents, Kenya, Rwanda, and Burundi, and will fully exploit the flaws to post wins.

He said Bunge FC's wins in friendly games against Dodoma Veterans and Mazengo Warriors, which were recently held in Dodoma, reflect the team's intention to excel in the East Africa Inter-Parliamentary Games.

Bunge FC cruised to 2-0 victory over Dodoma Veterans and later on came out with 1-0 win against Mazengo Warriors, with Jamhuri Stadium hosting both matches.

"Our squad is training well, we put emphasis on discipline in and outside the venue, we will hopefully camp after the local government election," he noted.

"We will arrange two friendly games before jetting out to Kampala, one will take place in Mwanza and the other will take place in Zanzibar."

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