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By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

THE government has outlined ten factors that propelled Tanzania to lower middle income economy status as declared by the World Bank on Wednesday ahead of its own projected

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timeline-2025.

Addressing a press conference here yesterday, chief government spokesperson Dr Hassan Abbasi (pictured) said this is thanks to implementation of economic reforms in line with the Development Vision 2025.

Among other things the vision seeks to enable the country to become a middle-income country, pursue patriotism and strengthening cohesion and solidarity among the breadth of the population countrywide.

Dr Abbasi attributed this achievement to the continuous state of peace and tranquility, consistent economic development plans and solid commitment

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'Domestic tourism drive vital for sector's revival'

By Guardian Reporter



GESTURE SERVING CAUSE OF WOMEN EMPOWERMENT: National Assembly Deputy Speaker Dr Tulia Ackson Mwansasu (3rd-L) and National Economic Empowerment Council executive secretary Beng'i Issa (L) pictured in Dar es Salaam yesterday participating in a card game during the re-launch of CRDB Bank Plc's 'Malkia Account' - a window specially established to help empower women. They are with (from 2nd-L) CRDB Bank Plc CEO Abdulmajid Nsekela, chief commercial officer Dr Joseph Witts, board vice chairperson Prof Neema Mori and chief financial officer Frederick Nshakanabo. The CEO used the occasion to announce a reduction in interest rate on loans issued to women loans from 24 per cent to 14 per cent. Story in Business Section. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

A STRATEGIC drive is being pursued by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism for domestic tourism aimed at seeing more Tanzanians flock to the country's hotspots as the sector reels from the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Dr Hamisi Kigwangalla, the minister, yesterday presided over an event in Dar es Salaam, which is being implemented in collaboration with a number of private sector stakeholders.

He appealed particularly to the youth to grab opportunities afforded by the new window not only to visit for leisure but also to learn more of the country's wealth of natural resources.

The Domestic Tourism Promotion Initiative (DTPI) seeks to diversify earnings in the tourism sector by cashing in from Tanzanian tourists,

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Raila promises to be back in politics soon

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Orange Democratic Movement (ODM) leader Raila Odinga has been discharged from a hospital in the United Arab Emirates and promised a return to the political scene soon.

Odinga, while speaking in a video clip posted on Twitter by his daughter Winnie Odinga Wednesday, said he felt "very strong and rejuvenated".

And in what could suggest the former Prime Minister was preparing to embark on the rigorous politics in the country, Odinga said: "I feel really great to be out of hospital and I'll be doing my usual jigs very soon."

Odinga and President Uhuru



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Kenyatta are set to receive the final report of the Building Bridges Initiative (BBI) and embark on the process for its implementation.

The ODM leader had promised

Kenyans to brace for a referendum as the way to ensure full implementation of the report's recommendations.

In the clip, Odinga thanked Kenyans for their messages of goodwill.

"I want to thank all my friends, my supporters and all our youths who have sent me so many messages of goodwill. It has just been amazing and so wonderful and makes me recover so fast, that's why I am up and about right now," he said.

As an indication that Odinga was ready for his political assignments, his daughter Winnie said he is "back and ready for the game."

Odinga's son, Raila Junior, said his

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Joy as Tanzanian surgeons perform kidney transplant

By Guardian Correspondent

TANZANIAN surgeons at the Benjamin Mkapa Hospital (BMH) in Dodoma have performed the second kidney transplant at the facility without supervision of foreign specialists in what is seen as a feat towards the end of sending patients abroad.



Addressing journalists here yesterday, a visibly delighted BMH Executive Director Dr Alphonse Chandika (pictured) said that this successful procedure by Tanzanian experts follows the first one registered in March.

Previously, the hospital was performing the delicate surgical procedure with close

support and supervision of specialists from Tokushukay Medical Corporation of Japan, he stated.

BMH is now well equipped to serve hundreds of Tanzanians with the disease as part of ongoing government efforts to

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'Domestic tourism drive vital for sector's revival'

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as the flow of foreign arrivals is stymied with many countries still reeling from lockdown to stem infections, with the global coronavirus pandemic.

Billed with the catchphrase 'New tourism, New opportunities', the initiative is coordinated by private actors such as the Saint Augustine University of Tanzania (SAUT) and city-based Real PR Solutions.

Officials from the Tanzania Tourist Board (TTB), the Tanzania Association of Tour Operators (TATO), Tanzania Local Tour Operators (TLTO) and Tanzania National Parks (Tanapa) participated in the launching.

"We want this initiative to be owned by local investors and that is why a number of cumbersome requirements including charges have been significantly reduced," the minister noted.

The Covid-19 outbreak saw major tourist source countries move into lockdowns, compelling the ministry to seek local sources of visitors to keep conservation areas with appreciable level of activity.

There was an encouraging increase in the number of local investors in the tourism sector, as half of the 2,000 investors in the sector during 2019 were locally-based, he said.

Dr Fenella Mukangara, the initiative's chief advisor said it is among efforts meant to mitigate the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic to the economy. A number of programmes will be implemented within this initiative, including training of youths all over the country to take up opportunities in the tourism value chain, she stated.

Such fields include tour guiding, customer care in hospitality and how to start and operate tourism service businesses, she explained.

"We plan to reach over 100,000 youth all over the country to identify available opportunities and how to grab and benefit on the same," she specified.

Dr Mukangara named the regions in the first batch of youth training in the Lake Zone as Mwanza, Geita, Kagera, Simiyu, Mara and Shinyanga. This will go along with the Lake Zone Tourism and Investment Symposium set for Mwanza in the coming days.

SAUT academic official Dr Costantino Bushungwa said the institution's role is to train manpower required to serve the tourism industry with quality services.

President John Magufuli directed that schools to reopen on June 29 followed by sporting activities but with social distancing measures having to be observed to a reasonable extent.

Schools were closed mid-March over the Covid-19 threat which has infected more than 10m people worldwide and caused the deaths of over 500,000 people.

Experts say many other deaths occurring in an irregular fashion during this period are linked with Covid-19 though not officially diagnosed and so declared, a situation ravaging health sector data flows in many countries.



Vice President Samia Suluhu Hassan, who is a member of CCM's Central Committee, has an audience yesterday with members of the party's executive committee in Zanzibar's West Unguja Region, where she was on an official tour. Photo: VPO.

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cut down the number of kidney patients seeking treatment abroad.

"The move also helps to save vast sums of money that the country would have spent sending patients abroad. About 100m/- is needed for kidney transplant abroad while it suffices for four patients within the country," he said.

BMH commenced kidney transplant services in 2018 with close support of experts from Japan, he recalled.

The hospital also provides services to patients with kidney stones through a method of grinding the fatty stones into particles, draining them out of the body through urine.

"So through the service patients suffering from kidney stones will no longer have to undergo surgery. We have so far performed the procedure on 15 patients," Dr Chandika noted.

He emphasized on the need to conduct regular health checkups including on kidneys to rescue millions of shillings and

inconvenience used in treatment.

For his part, head of the kidney diseases department, Dr Kessy Shija commended President Magufuli for his efforts which have improved services in the health sector.

"Since we commenced in 2018, we have conducted kidney transplants on 13 patients from various parts of the country, two patients having been treated by local experts," he said.

Prof Ipyana Mwampagatwa hailed the doctors for bringing smiles to the treated

Tanzanians.

Kidney diseases and other non-communicable diseases increasingly account for cases of morbidity and mortality in sub-Saharan Africa.

Available data show that 6.8 percent of the Tanzanian population has kidney complications and about 800 patients need dialysis in major hospitals countrywide at present.

Statistics by the World Health Organisation (WHO) show that 4,704 Tanzanians died of kidney failure in 2014.



Natural Resources and Tourism minister Dr Hamisi Kigwangalla (L) receives a gift from Domestic Tourism Promotion Initiative chief advisor Dr Fenella Mukangara at the recent launch of the programme in Dar es Salaam. Looking on is St Augustine University of Tanzania representative Dr Costantino Bushungwa. The university is one of the major players in the initiative's implementation. Photo: Guardian Correspondent.

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father was out of hospital but was still recuperating outside the country.

"To those who have constantly been inquiring and sending messages of goodwill for Jakom, he is recovering well outside the country," he posted on his Twitter account yesterday.

Odinga's hospitalisation was first confirmed by his elder brother Dr Oburu Oginga last week, ending days of speculation on his whereabouts.

"Jakom (Raila) is out of the country for a minor surgical operation on his back. It is not a serious health issue, but just a minor one. So, he's okay," Dr Oginga said.

The East African Legislative Assembly member, revealed that Odinga, 75, was admitted at a German hospital in Dubai.

Without disclosing the name of the facility, Dr Oginga said: "The Germans have a good hospital facility in the Arabian country where he's being monitored."

Last Friday, ODM Deputy Party Leader Hassan Joho also revealed that he had spoken to Odinga and that he was progressing well after the procedure.

"... So as a people, and more importantly the fraternity of the Orange Democratic Movement, we continue to pray for him as our leader. I have no doubt that within the shortest time possible Baba will be back in Kenya," the Mombasa Governor said.

The International Patient Relations Supervisor at the Saudi German Hospital Dubai, Semira Dikbas did not, however, reveal when the surgery was conducted and when Odinga was discharged from hospital.

"Due to the high confidentiality we cannot give any reply," Dikbas told the PRESS.

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to implement those plans.

"President John Magufuli, just like the father of the nation, Mwalimu Nyerere, set and implemented a number of strategies that yield a lot in the development process and going beyond expectations," he declared.

Dr Abbasi who is also Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Information, said President Magufuli was described as an authoritarian by his critics but he has managed to bring serious changes in the country.

Citing improved leadership ethics and credible decision making, he said major investments on development projects and self-reliance are key factors in achieving

higher levels of national per capita income.

Gross misuse of public funds, corruption, public protests by mainly opposition politicians and economic sabotage had limited the country's speed towards attaining the middle-income status, he pointed out.

"It is the bold leadership by the fifth phase government that has made Tanzania to be recognized by the World Bank, classifying it in the new status," he said, insisting that it is an achievement every Tanzanian should be proud of.

The government's commitment to reduce donor dependence has helped increase monthly revenue collections from 850bn/- to an average of 1.3trn/- in the past five years, he stated.

Other factors include increased discipline in public spending that has seen vast erosion of entitlement to foreign trips like overseas medical referrals as well meetings and training sessions, he stated.

In the past the country's economy was in the hands of just a few people, but the government has been able to reduce the gap between 'haves' and 'have nots' with a greatly reduced show of those with money in the society, he said.

The government has also invested much in human development by improving access to social services, education, water, transportation, health and electricity, he stated.

It has implemented strategic projects that are helping create more jobs such as the Julius Nyerere Hydropower Project

and the central line Standard Gauge Railway, both employing more than 10,000 people.

The chief spokesman also maintained that the government is paying keen attention to the private sector, adopting a business blueprint that helps the sector improve economic and social wellbeing of the people in various communities.

The World Bank's declaration on Wednesday that Tanzania has attained the status of a lower-middle income economy has spurred a wave of discussion and enthusiasm across the country.

The global lender, the last resort in development statistics, has issued its update making Tanzania and Kenya the only East African countries categorized as lower-middle income economies.



Zanzibar's Electoral Commission Chairman, former Zanzibar Chief Justice Hamid Mahmoud Hamid (R), briefs journalists yesterday on the newly made demarcation of electoral constituencies in the Isles. Photo: Rahma Suleiman

Zanzibar delimiting four constituencies over irregularities, says ZEC chairman

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

THE Zanzibar Electoral Commission has delimited four constituencies over irregularities. ZEC is responsible for managing Zanzibar's elections.

Speaking to journalists here yesterday, ZEC chairman Judge Hamid Mahmoud said that a review conducted by the commission found a number of challenges with stakeholders complaining on the legality of the constituencies.

He said the move reduced the total number of constituencies to 50 in the 2020 general elections from 54 constituencies in 2015.

Judge Mahmoud named the revoked constituencies as Kiwengwa, Mtopepo, Kijitupele and Chukwani whereby the West B District will remain with five constituencies out of seven and the North B district will remain with three constituencies instead of four. In West A district, there will be five

constituencies.

He said the election stakeholders had raised concern over the existence of a huge difference in the number of voters between one province/constituency and another.

"In a bid to ensure that this year's election goes smoothly, ZEC decided to boost efforts to address various challenges, we embarked on an intensive investigation and found that there were some constituencies which needed to be revoked," he said.

He said that in the investigation, ZEC looked into the number of people in the constituencies and the appropriate representation required in big cities and rural areas where the population is small.

"There has been an increase in population in some areas due to migration of people. There has been an increased pace of people migrating to farm towns due to various social and economic factors. We also looked on the major transporta-

tion ways as well as administrative boundaries," he added. Judge Mahmoud further said that the commission also looked at the criteria of major transit routes in the constituencies as well as administrative boundaries so as to avoid confusing citizens over their election areas.

In Zanzibar, the delimitation of constituencies is under the Zanzibar Constitution of 1984, Section 120(1), which requires that not less than 40 and not more than 55 constituencies are created during an election.

Each constituency should have approximately equal numbers of voters, although this is not a binding requirement, as the Zanzibar Electoral Commission can determine any suitable figure for a particular constituency after considering the following factors such as population explosion; means of communication and administrative boundaries.

Calls for digital health investment in the EAC

By Correspondent Marc Nkwame, Arusha

A digital health platform has been launched to serve residents of East Africa during the pandemic.

The eastern Africa national networks of AIDS and health service organisations (EANNASO) has launched East Africa digital health platform (AFYA) at an online event as travel and large gatherings are still not possible in most EAC partner states.

AFYA is an online digital platform mapping health service centres along EAC borders.

Residents and travellers can now easily view on their mobile phones or laptops health facilities within reach. The service starts by mapping the services along the border of Tanzania and Kenya, but will be extended to other EAC partner states later.

The health platform is part of the incubator for integration and development in Eastern Africa (IIDEA), an innovative instrument developed by the EAC Secretariat with support from German government development cooperation through GIZ. IIDEA promotes integration in the EAC region through innovative initiatives that showcase the engagement of citizens in the implementation of the EAC Common Market Protocol.

The EANNASO executive director, Olive Mumba said that the platform comes at an opportune time when the world is reeling from the effects of COVID-19 and the use of digital platforms is becoming the 'new normal' in many settings.

"The AFYA platform provides a unique opportunity for communities during this COVID-19 pandemic as it provides accurate up to date information on COVID-19 and ongoing efforts by EAC partner states to combat the pandemic," she added.

Mumba urged AFYA platform stakeholders to promote timely identification and access to health and other key related services within their reach which will minimise loss of time in seeking health care services.

EAC countries are easing down travel restrictions, travellers could rely on the platform for useful alerts on COVID-19 pre-

ventive requirements adopted by different partner states to enable travellers avoid hefty penalties as they cross borders.

Joyce Kevin Abalo, GIZ senior advisor IIDEA, emphasised that in a pandemic, factual information is crucial to public health, safety and wellbeing. "I commend EANNASO for taking up the COVID-19 challenge and adapting its health platform to include the COVID-19 treatment centres. This is very useful information for East African citizens who travel across the region", she said.

She lauded the eannaso team and the eac health department for their great work and urged East African citizens to use the platform timely to their advantage and share the information on services to their networks, so that as many East Africans as possible could enjoy the services of the platform.

The Eastern Africa national networks of AIDS and health service organisations (EANNASO) is a regional umbrella body bringing together civil society voices to inform policies and improve programming on HIV, malaria and TB. Its aim is to have a regional response that contributes to effective reversal of the trends of the AIDS epidemics as well as other health related issues.



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Over forty school girls impregnated in Bunda District, says DC Bupilipili

By Guardian Correspondent, Bunda

AUTHORITIES in Bunda District, Mara Region has embarked on a hunt for all those who are allegedly accused of raping and impregnated more than 40 schoolgirls.

Authorities in Bunda discovered that the girls were impregnated after testing was conducted to all primary and secondary school girls when the schools reopened on Monday. Students started reporting to schools starting this week after long absence due to Covid-19 pandemic.

Bunda district commissioner Lydia Bupilipili made the remarks when receiving the implementation report of the ruling party's election manifesto, adding that the number could be much higher.

She said from January to June this year 26 primary and secondary school students were impregnated while 19

other cases of rape were reported in the district.

"The government has embarked on a hunt for those who in one way or another were responsible for these acts of humiliation, including parents who are allegedly have married off their daughters and received bride price," said DC Bupilipili.

She said in the last five years projects valued at 80bn/- have been implemented in the district including education, health, roads and water sectors.

Civil society organisations in the district said the causes for the increase of gender based violence include traditional beliefs.

The director of Kivulini, a non governmental organization (NGO) Yassin Ally said in Bunda last week that his organisation has sponsored the education up to university level, of a girl who was allegedly raped by his biological father.

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Dodoma mayor Prof David Mwamfupe (R) pictured yesterday receiving day-old chicks worth 3m/- from Dr Felix Nandonde (L), a director in the Livestock and Fisheries ministry, for supporting youth groups in the nation's capital. Others are Dodoma city livestock officer Dr Gratian Mwesiga (2nd-L) and community development department head Sharifa Nabalang'anya. Photo: Correspondent Ibrahim Joseph

ZEC calls upon political parties to support participation of special groups in elections

By Guardian Reporter

THE Zanzibar Electoral Commission (ZEC) director, Thabit Faina has called on political parties to encourage and support the participation of special groups in elections so as to have great representation of the group in various positions.

Speaking yesterday when he

met with leaders of the Tanzania Constitution Forum (TCF) Fauna said that it was not ZEC's responsibility to encourage people vie for political positions.

He also wanted Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) to inspire, motivate, mobilise and facilitate women to participate in political issues by giving them confidence as well as supporting them finan-

cially to vie in constituencies.

According to him, ZEC does not have the capacity to create an environment for the participation of special groups within political parties but it is the parties themselves that are responsible for appointing women, youth and people with disabilities to vie various positions.

He said that women also have legal rights to vie for any leader-

ship position from grassroots to national level, what is needed is for them to decide and be ready to contest.

He noted that political parties are the major gatekeepers in determining which candidates have qualifications to vie for election. They play a critical role in enabling or blocking women's participation in decision-making pro-

cesses, so they must ensure they increase the number of women in those positions.

"In the forthcoming general election, we want you (political parties) to help women in terms of skills and knowledge as well as financial support. It is better to have a special Fund that will help them raise money for campaigns, many of them are not economi-

cally viable to compete in elections," he added.

He said without doing so, the percentage of women's representation in parliament, council of representatives and councilors will remain low.

Speaking during the meeting Deus Kibamba said that TCF under the coordination of Ushiriki Tanzania is working to ensure that

there is good representation of special groups in political positions.

"Although there are constitutional clauses and regulations, which prohibit the discrimination of special groups, the implementation has been poor. ZEC has the potential to influence the participation of the groups in the forthcoming general elections," he said.



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Govt allocates 20bn/- for installation of runway lights at Songwe Airport

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

THE government has allocated 20bn/- for expansion work including installation of landing lights on the runway at Songwe International Airport (SIA) to enable long flight planes to land all the time.

This was revealed by the Mbeya Regional Commissioner, Albert Chalamila when speaking to the people of Mbeya District when briefing them on various undertakings by the government.

Chalamila said SIA, even though completed still lacks several things including runway lights for night landing, the deficit that makes some people fail to fully utilise it while conducting their economic activities.

"Among strategies of the government is to ensure improvement of airports to international standards to allow big planes, including cargo planes to land and take-off through the day," RC Chalamila said noting installation of the landing lights will enable busi-

ness people to easily transport their goods to foreign countries.

Some farmers in Mbeya Region including Lupakisyo Mwakitalu said expansion of the airport will provide solution to delayed crops transportation.

Farmers in Mbeya use the air transport service to transport crops such as pyrethrum, beans and maize.

He said from government's efforts in the purchase of planes, as now air transport costs are more bearable compared to the previous year when most of them could not afford to transport agricultural products by planes.

Mwakitalu said they are now using less time for conducting business activities as they can easily travel to various regions across the country.

Southern Highlands regions, including Mbeya region are famous for good climate and fertile land which is suitable for the production of horticultural crops hence the availability of the international airport is a boon for transportation of these products.



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Eunice Chiume, NMB Bank Plc's head of corporate affairs and communications, has a word with journalists at the bank's pavilion in the just-opened 44th edition of the Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair yesterday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Z'bar govt promises to provide agricultural inputs on time

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

THE Zanzibar government has said it will continue to timely provide agricultural inputs to farmers to improve rice farming for the benefit of the nation.

The deputy minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries Dr Makame Ali Ussi said the main

target of the government was to help farmers by providing them with inputs so that they harvest more.

He made the remarks when witnessing a rice harvesting exercise at Upenja in the Unguja North Region.

The minister further said the government takes agriculture se-

riously and that it is committed towards improving the welfare of farmers.

Speaking further on the exercise, the deputy minister hailed farmers for the bumper harvests in this season saying despite the bad weather farmers dedicated their minds and efforts to ensure they harvest enough for food and

business.

The minister asked the farmers not to lose hope especially when there are climate changes instead they should continue working hard to maintain bumper harvest.

"Agriculture pays the best thing is for farmers to work hard and follow advice from experts on how best to go," he said.

Dr Makame advised farmers to listen and follow advice given by agricultural officers so that the sector continues to improve.

"If we work together, Zanzibar will be food sufficient on all kinds of food including rice," he added.

He called upon extension officers to closely work with farmers as well as advising them on modern

agriculture practices so that they reap a good profit.

Meanwhile, the farmers said despite the season being bad due to weather changes, most of them got enough yields.

One of the farmers, Amour Saleh Furaha requested the government to continue providing inputs on time to match with the

agriculture season. He said delayed distribution of agricultural inputs was among the reasons for poor harvests.

Furaha noted that with improved irrigation infrastructures and timely distribution of inputs, farmers are likely to harvest more and benefit from their sweat.



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Scope of work:

Supply and Delivery of various Capital Items and Services

The primary purpose of the scope is to provide Supply and Delivery of various Goods and Services for Capital Procurement comprising:

S/N	Reference Number	Projects Description
1	GGME0847	Provision of fire detection system and Parts Supply
2	GGME0859	Provision of Quality Assurance & Quality Control-BORETRACK
3	GGME0860	Supply and Delivery Condition Monitoring Equipment
4	GGME0861	1. Provision of services for Service Bay 2. Provision of supply and delivery of Fire Pumps
5	GGME0862	Provision of supply and delivery of Fire and Diesel Pumps and service Arrangement with Pipeline and Tank at Star and Comet Camp
6	GGME0863	Supply and Delivery of Wastewater and Sewage System (Process Plant and Village)

II. SPECIAL INFORMATION REQUIRED FOR CAPITAL ITEMS

The below information forms the minimum requirements in order to conclude the prequalification evaluation set out:

- Authorized dealer
- Technical Capability
- Warranty
- Technical support services
- Previous records on the same Supply/Services
- Relevant Insurance & Liabilities
- Performance bond in case selected

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IV. PREQUALIFICATION EVALUATION CONSIDERATIONS

In evaluating the interested bidder, GGML will consider the following:

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Govt hands over Igofi water source to Kitulo

By Guardian Correspondent, Makete

MAKETE District authorities in Njombe Region has handed over Igofi water source at Kinyika ward to the management of Kitulo National Park in order to control environmental destruction through human activities.

It has also instructed the people who cultivate and graze in areas surrounding the water source to be forcibly evacuated and called on park wardens to supervise removal of unfriendly vegetation at the water source.

The directives were given by the Makete District Commissioner Veronica Kessy when launching a beekeeping project of people living with HIV/Aids in Kinyika village by Tanzania National Parks (TANAPA) through Kitulo National Park.

She said in addition to removing

the unfriendly vegetation at the water source, they should also supervise the planting of trees that are friendly to the water source to make it last long.

"You have invited me to launch this project, but I also have legal authority to issue directives - from today I want this water source be managed by Kitulo National Park management," she said.

She congratulated the park's management for its good neighbouring in assisting the beekeepers group as the hives will assist them in income generation, without destroying the environment.

Acting Kitulo National Park Conservator, Suzan Tesha said the beehives and other items donated cost 16.5m/-.

She said the aim is to assist the communities living around the park area to continue engaging themselves in

protecting the area from people seeking to unlawfully reap its natural resources.

Various Kinyika Ward officials pledged to implement the DC's instructions by actions to protect the water source as it was in danger of drying up.

Acting Kinyika Ward secretary Asifwe Mwaitege said they will work together with the Kitulo National Park management to protect the water source.

In May 2018, the government approved 25 new wild animals to be introduced to the Kitulo National Park.

The then Deputy minister for natural Resources and Tourism, Japhet Hasunga told the National Assembly that all the process including the legal requirements have been followed to release the wild animals.



Mbeya Regional Police Commander Ulrich Matei shows journalists in Mbeya yesterday 20m/- which he said police seized from a Mwakaleli primary school teacher who had allegedly fraudulently withdrawn it from the bank account of a friend of his identified as retired teacher Gideon Mwakalujobo. Photo: Correspondent Grace Mwakalinga

Lukuvi warns govt officials involved in land grabbing

By Guardian Correspondent

LANDS, Housing and Human Settlements Development minister William Lukuvi has registered his displeasure over the habit among some government officials of grabbing people's land saying the solution to the problem had been found.

Lukuvi (pictured), said such habits will no longer continue following the transfer of land officials from the parent ministry and the establishment of regional land offices.

The minister was speaking during the opening of Katavi Regional land office in Mpanda Region on Wednesday as part of the exercise to open land offices in various regions in the country.

He said there are regional and district officials who are part to many land disputes as they use their positions to grab and sell people's lands. He said the habit infuriates President John Magufuli.

Lukuvi said the establishment of regional land offices and transferring land officers from the Ministry of Regional Administration and Local Government (RALG) to the Ministry of Lands was meant to strengthen officers in land sector to stand by the laws and caution government official against involving themselves in land grabbing.

On the issue of land survey in Katavi Region Lukuvi directed that by the end of this year all villages in the region should be surveyed and owners thereof given customary land title deeds, as well as the 15,000 who are yet to receive the title deeds due to bureaucracy.

The minister issued the directive after he was briefed by the Katavi Region Assistant Commissioner for Lands Siyabumi Mwaipopo



that out of 172 villages in the region only three have been surveyed and owners thereof given land customary title deeds.

"This year should mark the end of land conflicts in the country because all resolution machineries are available, including surveying equipment, and I call upon regional and district officials not to be part of these conflicts," Lukuvi added.

After thanking the minister for establishing land office in Katavi Region, Regional Commissioner, Juma Homera called upon the people in the region to use the regional land office to have their land plots surveyed and added that he will start a special operation in the whole region for that exercise.

The inauguration of Katavi Regional Land Office went in tandem with the handing over of various items including survey equipment valued at 150m/- to Mpanda District Council aimed to simplify operations in the council's land sector.

TNBC task force discusses value addition to agricultural, fisheries and livestock products

By Guardian Reporter

THE Tanzania National Business Council's task force on agriculture, fisheries and livestock development yesterday reviewed progress made in adding value to farm, fisheries and livestock products with the aim of making Tanzania get unfurling foreign and local markets.

Briefing reporters after the meeting, the chairman of the task force, Gerald Kusaya, said adding value to products in the three sectors was important in producing quality produce within the country and in getting reliable local and foreign markets.

Kusaya, who is also permanent secretary in the ministry of agriculture, said the task force would meet private sector stakeholders in the agricultural sector in order to create good environment that would promote reforms in the sector. He said the task force had to ensure rightful and strong involvement of the private sector in agricultural production as Tanzania moved towards becoming a middle-income industrial nation by 2025.

"There have been serious challenges relating to storage after harvests, quality seeds and pesticides. We have resolved to eliminate these challenges in order to add value to agricultural produce and increase farmers' income," he said.

The chairman said task force had interest in knowing the impact made by the empowerment money sent to districts to promote grassroots entrepreneurial projects run by youths and women.

The government, he explained, for years has given district councils money to give to youths and women groups in soft loans to enable the groups to engage in viable economic agricultural ventures.

The TNBC Executive Secretary, Dr Godwill Wanga said TNBC was committed to ensuring the public sector and the private sector worked closely together in order to build an inclusive and empowering national economy that would speed up development.

He also said the government was cooperating with the private sector in creating an enabling environment that was friendly to business and investment, adding that the government had built good reliable roads to facilitate quick movement of agricultural inputs and crops to local and external markets.

Dr Wanga said there was need to establish cold rooms at airports and harbours to preserve farmers' horticultural produce awaiting export.

At the moment, he said, farmers suffered big losses because a lot of horticultural products went bad for lack of cold stores.

The Tanzania Mercantile Exchange (TMX) Chief Executive, Godfrey Malekano, said would continue to create good and open environment in the crop marketing processes with the aim of ensuring the farmer got real revenue from his investment. He also pledged that the TMX would ensure farmers get reliable markets.

The reports of the task forces are sent to the TNBC secretariat for processing and are later submitted to the meeting of the national council that is chaired by the president of the united republic.

Other TNBC task forces oversee development of tourism, industry, business environment and forestry.


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PROVISION OF VARIOUS SERVICES FOR GEITA GOLD MINING LIMITED (GGML) TANZANIA.
I. INTRODUCTION

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The purpose of the EOI/ RFI is to explore the supply market for competent Service providers with the requisite technical skills and Knowledge and financial capacity to undertake the provision of various Works/services to Geita Gold Mine in accordance with the tender documents.

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Scope of work:
Provision of various Works/Services

The primary purpose of the scope is to provide various Works/Services comprising:

S/N	Reference Number	Projects Description
1	GGME0779	Provision of Accommodation, Meals, Drinks & Conference Services in Dodoma for GGML Employees & Visitors
2	GGME0778	Provision of Accommodation, Meals, Drinks & Conference Services in Mwanza for GGML Employees & Visitors
3	GGME0794	Supply, Transport and Installation of prefabricated quick movers/Flatpack for Geita
4	GGME0805	Provision of hygiene services at Geita gold Mining Limited
5	GGME0803	Maintenance and repair of Centre Medical oxygen System.
6	GGME0884	Provision for ICT Maintenance and Support for GGML Dar Es Salaam Office
7	GGME0885	Provision of Training, Assessment and Certification Of 29 Riggers
8	GGME0886	Provision for Calibration and Servicing of Various Medical Lab Equipment's
9	GGME0882	Supply and Install Optic Fiber Cable to Orica Explosion Storage Area (Magazine)
10	GGME0888	Provision for Building and Civil Works
11	GGME0855	Provision for Structural Inspection and Maintenance Management (SIMM) audit of the metallurgical plant, 2 x ROM tips and associated overland conveyors and civil work, infrastructure and housing (Civil/Structural Assets) and HME working facilities
12	GGME0890	Provision for Manufacturing, Supply, Transportation and Installation of Prefab Quick Movers/ Flatpack And Container Conversions
13	GGME0891	Provision for Training Services/Syllabus for Cranes and Lifting Personnel to NTA Level 6/NVQ Level 3 Diploma In Moving Loads And Rigging Service

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The Supply & delivery of various Strategic goods shall be performed at AngloGold Ashanti - Geita Gold Mining Limited ("GGML").

The purpose of the EOI/ RFI is to explore the supply market for competent Suppliers with the requisite technical skills and Knowledge and financial capacity to undertake the Supply and Delivery of Various Strategic Goods at Geita Gold Mine in accordance with the RFI documents.

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Scope of work:

Below is the list of various potential tenders to SUPPLY AND DELIVER STRATEGIC GOODS and or SERVICES that this Expression of Interest (EOI) is based on with the aim to prequalify the applications prior to issuing of tender invites for the specific tenders.

S/N	Reference Number	Projects Description
1	GGME0813	Supply and Delivery of Stationary
2	GGME0853	Supply and Delivery of Small Tyres & Accessories
3	GGME0868	Supply and Delivery of Heavy Machines Equipment's
4	GGME0869	Supply and Delivery of Valves Actuators
5	GGME0876	Supply and Delivery of Building Materials
6	GGME0878	Supply and Delivery of Welding consumable
7	GGME0880	Supply and Delivery of Motor Gears
8	GGME0881	Supply and Delivery of Various Chemical Cleaners
9	GGME0824	Supply & Delivery of Pump Spares & Accessories
10	GGME0854	Supply and Delivery of Sealant & Adhesive
11	GGME0865	Supply and Delivery of Medical & Industrial Gas
12	GGME0866	Supply and Delivery of Personal Protective Gears (PPE)
13	GGME0871	Supply and Delivery of Electrical & General Consumables Items
14	GGME0875	Supply and Delivery of Alloy & General Steel
15	GGME0877	Supply and Delivery of Bearing & Accessories
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Taking A New Look
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Congratulations, MCT, on occasion of Silver Jubilee

STAKEHOLDERS and officials of the Media Council of Tanzania (MCT) were on Tuesday on upbeat mood, looking at achievements of the council in the 25 years since it was launched. One area highlighted was increased compliance rates of arbitration decisions reached in its Ethics Committee in particular. This level of influence in media practices is a record achievement, with 90 per cent rate of compliance indicated.

This datum was part of an appraisal to coincide with attaining 25 years since it was inaugurated on June 30, 1995.

Compliance with council rulings is the very test of its ability to take on that role, as otherwise it would be an auxiliary institution helping with training those on the job, building editorial capacity and playing liaisons with external stakeholders. It has done vastly more than that, despite this being a vital sphere of its action.

Arbitration of complaints is a core function of media self-regulatory mechanisms, when one considers that among the beneficiaries of this pertinent service were cabinet ministers and other top functionaries. Regional and district commissioners and other officials have continued to seek MCT intervention when feeling wronged by the media, helping to cement solidarity, not rivalry.

This helped to vastly cut down libel cases, fines, ruin in the media industry, as an improperly written story can spell the end of a media organ.

Thus arbitration, self regulation is essential although in the few number of cases MCT failed to bring the contending parties to amicable agreement on the issues. MCT never expected it would be 100 per cent successful, in which case the 90per cent deserves big plaudits from all of us.

Arbitration cannot be done alone

as if in a court of law or specialized tribunal but has accompanied other branches of MCT preoccupations. This effort was tied to spearheading the demand for good governance, via transparency, accountability in the context of independent and investigative journalism. Not only was MCT working with contending parties and institutions but took self regulation to newsrooms by giving expert support to media houses. They helped them to draft in-house self regulatory and peer oversight mechanisms such as style books, internal codes of conduct, and editorial policies.

When one reads or listens, watches various media outlets one shall be at pains to believe or imagine they are working from similar copybooks designed by the MCT, among other sources.

They may indeed have different styles and levels of audacity but in the final analysis they have limits, they observe certain ethics which are scarcely ever visibly crossed. There are problems in that sphere as the media is part of society and thus participates in its yearnings and even misdirected expectations, but that is all.

MCT work is to channel such anxiety in an ethical, professional manner, with utmost good faith if each of us can indeed assure the public to be able to conduct himself or herself that way.

At 25 years of MCT work, that is perhaps what we need to promise ourselves as a profession, so that the future is even better than the relatively humble beginnings, and rather ambitious regulatory yearnings in various sections.

Without real intent to make the self-regulatory mechanism a success, a vacuum is created which administrators will be glad to fill, as they have usually done when they find the right excuses for the same.

East African Community woes: Trading of blame waste of time

CRISIS is brewing in operations of the various organs and institutions of the East African Community as a tug of war seems to be engaged between the East African Legislative Assembly (EALA) and the EAC Secretariat. EALA members, upon suggestion of its Committee on General Purposes refused to approve 68bn/- (USD 29.4m) for the first quarter of the 2020/21 financial year as proposed by the East African Community (EAC) Council of Ministers.

Reports from Arusha say EALA members were 'furious' with the failure by EAC ministers to table annual budget estimates, citing EAC Treaty provisions and asserting that this failure constitutes a breach of obligations. The legislators wanted estimates to be tabled first before emergency vote proceedings for the first quarter are intimated, not without such estimates. They said it would be like moving in the dark, taking the first step in an unknown direction, so they refused to approve the quarterly budget measure via a 'vote on account' motion the chairman of the Council of Ministers tabled.

As EALA members unanimously stayed the request to support EAC operations, the crisis intimated as of July 1 is likely to spiral as officials and staff of those institutions start getting rattled and inconvenienced in their work.

The EALA has effectively postponed the budget session for EAC institutions to await the tabling of actual estimates, which the Council of Ministers chairman was at pains even to give a date as to when the ministers would meet and agree on a budget outline. As it is often the case with how EAC affairs are run, it will take an initiative at the summit, that is, among the six presidents, to set

in motion a rapid mechanism to sort out the situation.

For one thing, discussion among EALA members tended to focus more on the legal formalities than the fiscal substance involved, for instance in refusing to cooperate about the 'Vote on Account' while other issues were being taken up. So far the EALA Speaker has extended the period for consideration of the EAC Budget for Fiscal Year 2020/2021 by invoking section 12 of the EAC Budget Act of 2008.

Where the shoe pinches, all the same, is that EALA members see the fault lies with the Secretary General, and via his office the Council of Ministers, reminding them to "always comply with the provisions of the Treaty and the EAC Budget in regard to the preparation and presentation of the budget to the assembly." The members could be understood to say there are no valid reasons this situation came about, which is in the least, fairly inaccurate.

EAC officials say the Vote on Account request was in line with Article 6 of the EAC Budget Act 2008, as a stop-gap measure to allow for continuity of EAC activities. The Council of Ministers via the chairman explained that it had not been possible to bring the budget estimates in good time (by 30th April) within the financial year. Under normal circumstances, this should have been done but the Covid-19 pandemic, among other reasons, led to the delay in agreeing upon and tabling budget estimates.

So long as there is a mechanism to ensure that EAC activities do not grind to a halt it is good that it is taken up and put into use. It is the least EALA members are expected to do, to facilitate that opening.

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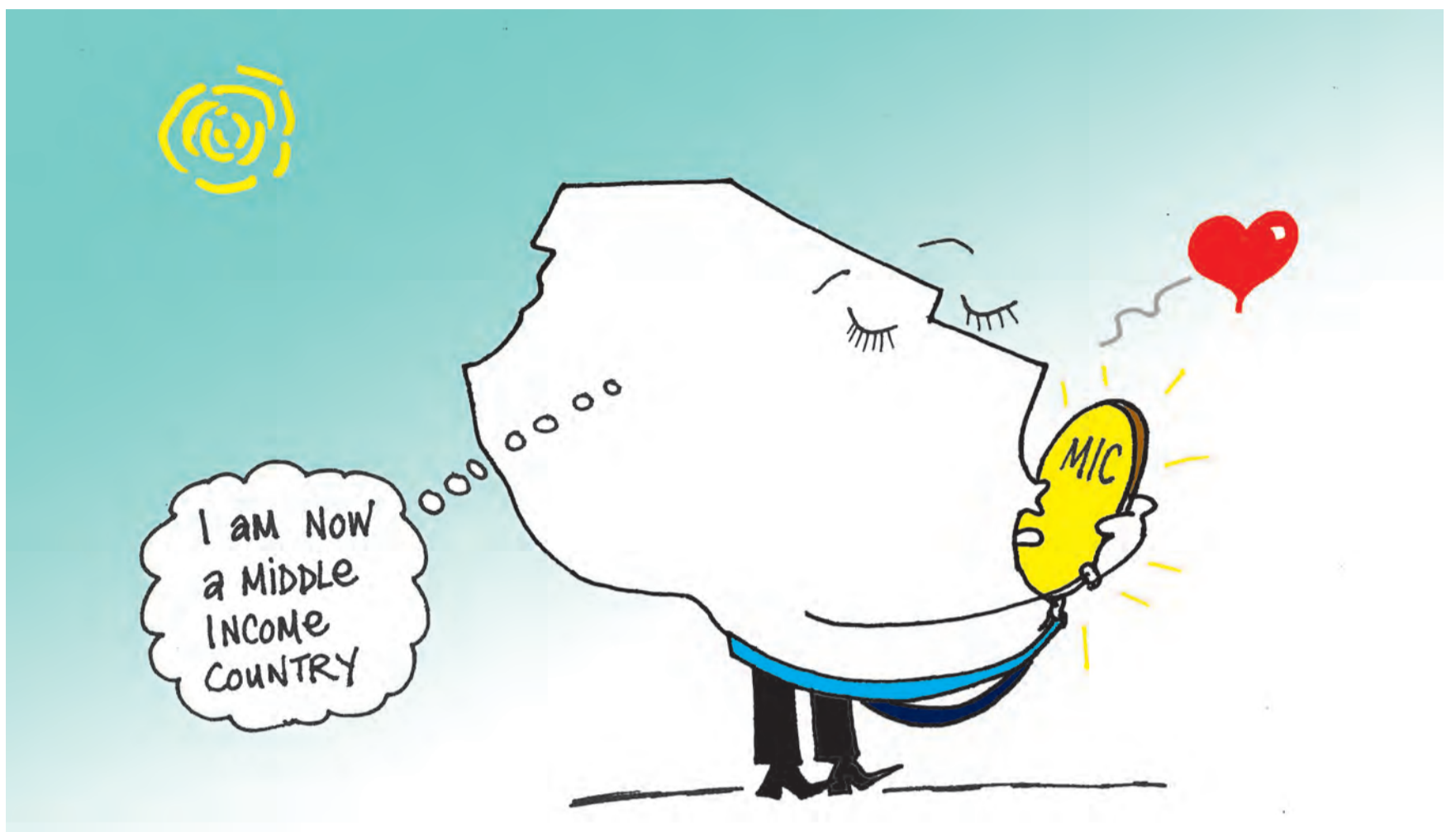
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Electoral Act changes will not crucially alter South Africa's political landscape

B Jordan Griffiths

THE Constitutional Court judgment on the Electoral Act and independent Parliamentary candidates is unlikely to have a major effect on our politics, contrary to some analyses of the ruling.

The Constitutional Court recently ruled that Parliament was to change the Electoral Act to include provisions that allow independent candidates to compete in national elections. The decision was welcomed by many who believe that it will strengthen South Africa's democracy.

Indeed, competition in any democracy is important as it is the space in which ideas should be tested and debated. Creating an enabling environment where individuals can independently put themselves forward would surely add value. Those who are frustrated with the nature of party politics may choose this as their avenue to contest in the election, a critical right which has now been asserted by the Constitution.

However, one must really engage on whether it will significantly alter or radically change South Africa's electoral landscape or the composition of Parliament. The reality is that the review of the Electoral Act is unlikely to do this.

First, what many have overlooked in praising the Constitutional Court judgment is that at local government there already exists a system whereby independent candidates can compete for seats as councillors.

In metropolitan areas, the council composition is divided between proportional representative councillors and ward councillors. At district municipalities, it is a little more complicated where only 40% of the council seats are allocated on the proportional representative vote. Any qualifying South African can register to be an independent ward candidate. The process is clearly articulated on the IEC website – it is relatively simple and requires a deposit fee of R1,000.

This system has characterised all the country's local government elections and yet while hundreds of independent candidates sign up to contest ward elections, the overall representation of independent councillors in councils across the country is less than 1%.

One of the leading drivers be-



hind the rise of independents is often that they have left a political party over a disagreement or conflict. This took place in the Great Kei municipality when a number of ANC ward councillors resigned in support of their mayor or who was recalled by the ANC provincial structures. All those former ward councillors ran as independents in the by-elections for their wards, only for them to lose to the new ANC candidates.

This is ultimately the challenge for any independent candidate in that no matter what system is in place, they will ultimately have to contest for a political seat against a candidate who has the backing and support of a political party. Generally in politics, we see that brand trumps personality. On occasion, a candidate will emerge with a strong and established personality and often partner with a political party which gives them an even stronger platform. However, very rarely do you see an independent candidate without a political party's backing achieve significant political success.

The vital change is more in the fact that in amending the Electoral Act, South African voters will now for the first time have a better idea of which MP is representing their specific area, town or municipality in Parliament.

Take for example one of the most famous political independents, Bernie Sanders in the US. When Sanders ran to be a senator in 2007 he was endorsed by Chuck Schumer, the then chairperson of the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee, a decision which essentially

prevented any Democrats running against him. Barack Obama even campaigned for him during 2006. Despite winning the Democratic Party's primary in Vermont in both 2006 and 2012, Sanders did not register as a Democrat and refused the party's formal nomination so that he could still register as an independent, even though he basically publicly aligned himself with the party.

In 2016, Sanders could have chosen to run for president as an independent, yet he chose to contest for the nomination of the Democratic Party against Hillary Clinton. In 2019 he made the same choice to contest for the party's 2020 presidential nomination. Sanders understood that the only way he stood a credible chance of becoming the president of the US was to do so through a political party.

Equally interesting is the United Kingdom where their electoral system allows for independent candidates to compete to be members of parliament. Out of the 650 members of the House of Commons, not a single candidate was successfully elected as an independent in the 2019 general election. In Canada, out of 338 parliamentarians, there are two who are independent – 0.6%. In Germany, the Bundestag has 709 seats of which six are held by independents – 0.8%. This list could go on to compare other democracies around the world, but the general trend is the same – the overall representation of independents in national parliaments is usually below 1%.

Coming back to South Africa and examining results in the 2019 elections provides some valuable insights into electoral choices in the country. There were 48 political parties on the ballot, a record number. Out of this, 14 achieved representation in Parliament. In this election, to achieve representation in Parliament, a party needed more than 30,000 votes to garner a single seat. This seems like a low number, yet 24 organisations with teams of volunteers failed to achieve this requirement.

Political parties, despite their flaws, hold immense value for democracy. They provide a mechanism through which teams of individuals can collaborate around particular values and ideas which they feel are critical for the country's development.

Despite changes to the Electoral Act to allow independents to compete in the national election, it is unlikely that South Africa will witness a fundamental shake-up in the composition of Parliament. While some individual voices may be elected to the National Assembly, the country's Parliament will still be dominated by political parties.

The vital change is more in the fact that in amending the Electoral Act, South African voters will now for the first time have a better idea of which MP is representing their specific area, town or municipality in Parliament. This is of course if a mixed system of constituency-based elections and proportional representation is chosen, as it exists now with local government elections. This holds immense value for citizens who want to engage directly with their MPs and assess their effectiveness.

In this way, it may also force political parties to choose candidates who are personally known in their area and have a localised presence to build concrete support with their constituents. It may equally force candidates of political parties in South Africa to engage in internal primaries to compete with one another to secure the candidacy for a particular area.

All of this will strengthen the democratic process and create more transparency in how candidate selection may work.

However, the notion that there will be a sweeping wave of independent candidates coming into Parliament is simply misguided.

Political parties, despite their flaws, hold immense value for democracy. They provide a mechanism through which teams of individuals can collaborate around particular values and ideas which they feel are critical for the country's development. Organisationally they pull in a variety of individuals with a range of skills to work together around shared goals in what they feel is best for the country. They will always have their role to play in South African politics, as will independent candidates.

Epidemiologist: We are all 'sitting ducks' for the next pandemic

By Katie Couric

WITH new Covid-19 cases on the rise, states across the US are grappling with how to safely and effectively reopen the economy - but this has proven to be no easy task.

Many of the first states to loosen restrictions, including Texas and Florida, have rolled back their reopening plans to deal with the rise in hospitalisations. On top of this public health crisis, there is the economic fallout that could cost the world economy \$82 trillion over the next five years - and a reckoning over racial injustice, sparked by the killing of George Floyd in police custody.

Dr Sandro Galea, an epidemiologist and dean of Boston University's School of Public Health, warns that the United States must deal with all three traumas head-on or risk facing another pandemic. This includes everything from addressing racial disparities in healthcare to investing in public health infrastructure.

The disease expert, co-author of PAINED Uncomfortable Conversations About the Public's Health, also settles a question that has come up a lot as more and more Americans plan their summers - is it safer to travel by airplane or car?

Wake-Up Call question to the expert: What are the best ways to prevent an infection?

Dr Sandro Galea: Fundamentally being away from people inside - distancing from people when you're inside. That means staying physically away and protecting yourself from people coughing on you. Like the infection has spread to person to person, so if you keep your distance from other people you're less

likely to get an infection. And principally inside, the evidence is that outside transmission is actually quite unusual.

How effective are face masks?

Face masks protect mostly other people from you, so it is a bit of a social good to wearing face masks. By wearing face masks, we are reducing the likelihood of transmitting it to each other.

Are certain vitamins - like D3 or zinc supplements - effective in lowering the risk and help fight Covid-19?

No evidence. In general, being healthy is good for you. It means that you are less likely to get Covid-19 and be sick from Covid-19, but there's no evidence that certain vitamins make a difference.

What do you make of these coronavirus surges in states like California and Texas? Do you think it will take another complete shutdown to get the number of cases under control?

I don't know if there's going to have to be another complete shutdown. I really don't. I think that as long as we are responsible about how we distance; as long as we are responsible around reducing physical contact, I think you can reopen with caution around people being in the same place at the same time inside.

When do you see a return to normal?

What's normal? I think it's 2021.

Do you think it will vary? Obviously, New York was really hit bad. Now it's one of the safer places to be. Do you think it's going to be a region to region thing?



I do. I wouldn't be surprised if it varies from region to region, but I think in terms of us being normal, meaning that there's unfettered travel between New York and Florida; New York and California; Boston, Massachusetts, and California. I think that's going to take until the coming year.

What kinds of questions are your own loved ones asking these days?

There's anxiety around how these things are transmitted and anxiety around what we should be doing and shouldn't be doing - the fact that the risk of transmission is harder when you're outside. I think that should give people a sense that all hope is

not lost, that we can reopen judiciously.

The New York Times recently surveyed more than 500 epidemiologists to see when normal activities like getting a haircut or giving a hug will be safe again. What is your opinion on stories where experts rank activities in terms of risk?

I'm not sure whether people understand this notion that there's this mistake in thinking that we cannot tolerate any risk. It's not true. We tolerate risk all the time. We draw lines about what risks we're willing to accept and risks we're not willing to accept all the time. So, in some respects, there's nothing different about this. We are drawing a line. We're saying these are risks we're willing to take; these are not willing to take.

I would like people to understand that you don't want to be foolish about it. Now that we understand better the dynamics of disease transmission, we should be willing to accept the fact that there is some risk, but we can mitigate that risk by minimising people being close to one another.

This is a question I have been asking myself - which is safer in terms of risk: travelling by car or plane?

Well, probably by car by yourself is safer from the point of view of getting Covid-19. It's not safe from the point of view of the risk of dying in a car, which we know as much riskier than it is being in a plane. So you are balancing risks now that being in a plane poses: Is it an acceptable risk? Is a tolerable risk? Probably. I wouldn't do it 'just because'. But if there are compelling reasons to travel, I think it's okay to travel and to wear a mask and to wash your hands.

You wrote your book PAINED... before the pandemic broke out. What are some difficult subjects you tackled in the book that are playing out right now, particularly concerning health disparities?

These disparities are exactly what has been underlying, what has happened with Covid-19. This is what has brought about the massive negative consequences that are Covid-19. These disparities have been what has characterised the greater risk of

Covid-19 among minority populations, people of colour, and low-income people. They're also what has created our incapacity to deal with Covid-19 - because it's not just them, it's everybody. I'm using the word "them" intentionally - it is everybody.

If some of us are at greater risk of Covid-19, all of us are at greater risk of Covid-19. And I hope that what this moment has shown us is that an us-versus-them mentality doesn't serve us well at all.

What are some silver linings from this pandemic - not only from a health standpoint but also from a racial and policy standpoint?

The moment we're in is three different traumas in one, right? One is the pandemic, another is the economic shock. And another one is a resurfacing - or surfacing - of deeply-seated racial injustices that have been with us for centuries. So, all three are important, and I think it would be a mistake for us to ignore any of them.

These issues of systemic racism are not new - people have been writing about these for decades and centuries. So, it should be a moment where we actually do have a reckoning and say: Okay, what are the issues, and what should we do to address them? Unless we address that and unless we address the forces that have allowed the pandemic to spread - the lack of investment in public health infrastructure, the underlying poor health of the country - we are sitting ducks for the next pandemic.

This interview, which first appeared in Katie Couric's Wake-Up Call newsletter, has been edited and condensed by Tess Bonn.

As jobs crisis deepens, ILO warns of uncertain and incomplete labour market recovery

By Guardian Correspondent

THE International Labour Organisation's latest analysis of the labour market impact of COVID-19 finds its impact on the world-of-work was more severe than previously estimated, and offers three scenarios for the second half of 2020.

The number of working hours lost across the world in the first half of 2020 was significantly worse than previously estimated, while the highly uncertain recovery in the second half of the year will not be enough to go back to pre-pandemic levels, even in the best scenario, and risks seeing continuing large scale job losses, warns the International Labour Organisation (ILO).

According to the ILO Monitor: COVID-19 and the world of work: 5th Edition, there was a 14 per cent drop in global working hours during the second quarter of 2020, equivalent to the loss of 400 million full-time jobs (based on a 48-hour working week).

This is a sharp increase on the previous monitor's estimate (issued on May 27), of a 10.7 per cent drop (305 million jobs).

The new figures reflect the worsening situation in many regions over the past weeks, especially in developing economies. Regionally, working time losses for the second quarter were: Americas (18.3 per cent), Europe and Central Asia (13.9 per cent), Asia and the Pacific (13.5 per cent), Arab States (13.2 per cent), and Africa (12.1 per cent).

The vast majority of the world's workers (93 per cent) continue to live in countries with some sort of workplace closures, with the Americas experiencing the greatest restrictions.



ILO Director-General Guy Ryder. File photo

Second half of 2020

The new monitor presents three scenarios for recovery in the second half of 2020: baseline, pessimistic and optimistic. It stresses that the long-term outcome will depend on the future trajectory of the pandemic and government policy choices.

The baseline model - which assumes a rebound in economic activity in line with existing forecasts, the lifting of workplace restrictions and a recovery in consumption and investment-projects a decrease in working hours of 4.9 per cent (equivalent to 140 million full-time jobs) compared to Q4 2019.

The pessimistic scenario assumes a second

pandemic wave and the return of restrictions that would significantly slow recovery. The consequence would be a fall in working hours of 11.9 per cent (340 million full-time jobs).

The optimistic scenario assumes that workers' activities resume quickly, significantly boosting aggregate demand and job creation. With this exceptionally fast recovery, the global

loss of working hours would fall to 1.2 per cent (34 million full-time jobs).

Impact on women

The monitor also finds that women workers have been disproportionately affected by the pandemic, creating a risk that some of the modest progress on gender equality made in recent

decades will be lost, and that work-related gender inequalities will be exacerbated.

The severe impact of COVID-19 on women workers relates to their over-representation in some of the economic sectors worst affected by the crisis, such as accommodation, food, sales and manufacturing.

Globally, almost 510 million or 40 per cent of all employed women work in the four most affected sectors, compared to 36.6 per cent of men.

Women also dominate in the domestic work and health and social care work sectors, where they are at greater risk of losing their income and of infection and transmission, and are also less likely to have social protection.

The pre-pandemic unequal distribution of unpaid care work has also worsened during the crisis, exacerbated by the closure of schools and care services.

Key challenges ahead

While countries have adopted policy measures with unprecedented speed and scope, the monitor highlights some key challenges ahead: Finding the right balance and sequencing of health, economic and social and policy interventions to produce optimal sustainable labour market outcomes.

Implementing and sustaining policy interventions at the necessary scale when resources are likely to be increasingly constrained.

Protecting and promoting the conditions of vulnerable, disadvantaged and hard-hit groups to make labour markets fairer and more equitable.

Securing international solidarity and support, especially for emerging and developing countries.

Strengthening social dialogue and respect for rights. "The decisions we adopt now will echo in the years to come and beyond 2030. Although countries are at different stages of the pandemic and a lot has been done, we need to redouble our efforts if we want to come out of this crisis in a better shape than when it started," said ILO Director-General Guy Ryder.

"Next week the ILO is convening a high-level, virtual, Global Summit on COVID-19 and the World of Work. I hope that governments, workers and employers will use this opportunity to present and listen to innovative ideas, discuss lessons learned and come up with concrete plans to work together to implement a recovery that is job-rich, inclusive, equitable and sustainable. We must all step up to the challenge of building a better future of work," he concluded.

Disappearing public newspaper firms were a thriving group not so long ago

By Rick Edmonds

REMEMBER when there were 14 publicly traded newspaper companies, independent or family-controlled, a number run by journalists? I do. That's how many I encountered at my first New York City media investors conference in December 2001.

A short stroll down memory lane seems in order this week because two of the remaining public companies - with 40 metro and regional dailies between them - could as well have effectively passed into private hedge fund control by this Wednesday.

As I wrote recently, Wednesday (July 1) is when Alden Global Capital, freed from a standstill agreement, can add to its one-third holding and acquire a controlling share of Tribune Publishing stock. It is also the date when bids are due in federal bankruptcy court for McClatchy. Chatham Asset Management holds most of the company's secured debt and thus has the inside track to taking ownership.

Those scenarios are likely to play out over weeks or even months but, if completed, will leave just four public newspaper companies: the financially robust New York Times Company, along with Gannett, Lee Enterprises and A.H. Belo, the latter three with stock trading for less than \$2.

The line-up 18-and-a-half years ago at the Plaza Hotel - also prospering at the time - represented a substantial majority of the industry as measured either by revenue or by circulation. Stocks were doing fine. Many companies had strong local broadcast divisions. Except for the beginning of killer competition from online classified services like Monster and Craigslist, digital was a non-

factor.

These were the companies, along with a brief sketch of each then and now:

The New York Times Company: The chairman was Arthur Sulzberger Jr., ebullient about the paper's own-the-story coverage of 9/11 and its aftermath. The Times Co. owned The Boston Globe (later sold to John Henry) and a group of regional papers, mostly in the South, that later went through several owners and are now part of Gannett.

Dow Jones & Company: It consisted of The Wall Street Journal and a cluster of financial information services. The CEO was former reporter and editor Peter Kann. The Bancroft family, whose class of family voting stock gave them control, sold the company to Rupert Murdoch's News Corp for \$5 billion in 2007.

The Washington Post: Don Graham, groomed since his teenage years to take over the family business including a stretch as a reporter and editor, was CEO. The company had small but very profitable local broadcast and cable divisions and included the fast-growing Kaplan education business.

Graham and his niece, Post publisher Katharine Weymouth, decided to sell the Post to Amazon founder Jeff Bezos in 2013, thinking that he was better positioned than they were to invest in digital transformation.

Gannett: Then, as now, it owned the most newspapers. Al Neuharth, who founded USA Today and built Gannett into the biggest newspaper company in the country, was still an influence but had passed the CEO mantle to his chief financial executive, Doug McCorkindale. Gannett's TV division, later spun off as Tegna, was becoming the bigger part of the company.

Tribune Publishing: It was a juggernaut after its purchase the previous year of the Times Mirror Company - the Los Angeles Times and related broadcast properties - for \$8.3 billion. Jack Fuller, the former editor of the Chicago Tribune, was CEO of its publishing arm.

The CEO was financial executive John Madigan, to be succeeded in a few years by TV executive Dennis FitzSimons. A controlling share of the company was later sold to real estate investor Sam Zell and then to Chicago entrepreneur Michael Ferro.

Knight Ridder: Neither the namesake Knights nor the Riders had voting control of the company, though family member Tony Ridder later became CEO. As at Tribune and Gannett, there was only one type of stock - all shares had equal voting rights.

Knight Ridder was one of the first companies to experience friction with its editors over downsizing. Three investment groups accumulated over one-third of the company's stock and pressed for a sale. The company was sold to McClatchy in 2006.

The E.W. Scripps Company: It was another family-controlled company that had started in newspapers then branched into television. Alone among the group, it had developed a successful cable production business, launching the Food Network and several other lifestyle channels. Those and the local broadcast division were eventually spun off. The rest of the company sold to Gannett in 2015.

The McClatchy Company: It has owned newspapers only and was the most prominent of a tier of smaller companies. It had aspirations to grow from its California roots and had ac-



quired papers in Raleigh, North Carolina and Minneapolis before plunging in to buy the much larger Knight Ridder in 2006. Debt from that transaction was a drag for more than a decade. The company sought bankruptcy reorganisation earlier this year, relinquishing 163 years of family control.

Media General: It was a collection of newspaper and broadcast properties based in Richmond, Virginia. Nearly all the newspapers were sold to Warren Buffett's BH Media in 2012. After Buffett lost faith in newspaper prospects, BH Media was sold in turn to Lee Enterprises early in 2020.

Lee Enterprises: It's a collection of smaller papers, based in Davenport, Iowa, known for its proficient sales organisation. It's a survivor; most papers are in the Midwest or West.

Pulitzer, Inc.: It was controlled by the family for whom the prizes are named. Besides the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, the company's only other big holding was the Arizona Daily Star of Tucson. The company was sold to Lee in 2005.

A.H. Belo Corporation: It owns The Dallas Morning News and once owned a strong television division and papers in Providence, Rhode Island, and Riverside, California. It was controlled by heirs of

founder A.H. Belo. Everything but the Morning News has been spun off or sold.

Journal Communications: Later known as Journal Media Group, its TV holdings grew and soon outpaced its one metro newspaper, the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel. The Journal Sentinel was sold to Scripps, which sold its newspapers soon after to Gannett.

Journal Register: Another collection of small newspaper clusters, it was a forerunner of Alden's MediaNews Group chain and proudly a cheapskate even back then. The CEO once bragged to Forbes about the practice of checking reporters' odometers to make sure they were not padding expenses.

As this short history suggests, many of the companies split in half when their growing and highly profitable broadcast holdings were being dragged down in stock market value by stagnant newspaper divisions.

A few diversified private media companies - Hearst and Advance Local spring to mind - continue to maintain substantial newspaper/digital divisions. But others, like the Morris or Cox chains, have vanished or been pared back.

Last week brought a detailed update of Penny Abernathy's work, detailing the disappearance of 2,100

newspapers so far since 2004, most of them weeklies. Concurrently, "news deserts" and "ghost newspapers" have proliferated. That is one important dimension of the financial crisis in local news. Maybe my metro roots are showing, but I am just as alarmed when large and mid-sized dailies become "a shadow of their former selves", as the phrase goes.

The Chicago Tribune, Miami Herald and the 38 others are probably not going to be slashed overnight even further than they have been. It will be another sad tipping point, however, if they pass on to the tender mercies of hedge fund owners.

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- Ensure that the telephone, fax, photocopier machines and printers are in a state of good repair. Immediately report any faults and liaise with service providers to ensure that PCI receives quality services
- Compose and type letters directed by management
- Develop and distribute meeting notices, minutes and follow up items
- Support the Admin Officer on various administrative functions.

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS:

- Diploma or certificate in, Business Administration, Office Management or other relevant field
- 3 to 5 years of relevant professional experience.

HOW TO APPLY:

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COVID-19: Multilateral development banks step up support to key imports and exports

GENEVA

THE Covid-19 pandemic has provoked the deepest economic downturn of our lifetimes. In addition to the ongoing shocks to supply and demand, international trade has been affected by a reduction in the supply of trade finance.

Risk perceptions about non-payment in international trade are at the highest levels in a decade; banks are increasingly reluctant to take on payment risks in many countries where economic conditions are deteriorating.

Insufficiency of trade finance threatens to compromise otherwise viable trade transactions. Multilateral development banks share the concerns being expressed in markets, and have committed to working within their respective remit to make trade finance available through this difficult period, just as they did during the global financial crisis of 2008-2010.

In many developing countries, particularly the poorest, shortages of trade financing can prevent commercial imports of essential goods like foods, drugs and medical equipment - on the import side.

On the export side, lack of trade finance can prevent the sale abroad of crops and other products that provide livelihoods for the poor and are a key source of foreign exchange. The scarcity disproportionately affects micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs), which account for the bulk of employment.

Since the beginning of the Covid-19 outbreak, multilateral development banks have stepped up trade finance programmes to support essential imports and key exports, as international correspondent banks have cut lending across many developing country regions.

Facilitating trade in medical supplies has been a significant part of these support packages.

More support will almost certainly be necessary in the weeks and months ahead, as the steep decline in the real economy starts to impact the financial

system through loan defaults and corporate bankruptcies.

Many developing countries were experiencing significant trade finance gaps even before the Covid-19 crisis; they face even tighter access to trade credit.

A further decline in trade finance supply would, in the short term, make it harder for imports of food and medical equipment to reach economies where they are urgently needed. In the medium-term, it would impede the ability of trade to help drive economic recovery.

Accordingly, the World Trade Organisation (WTO), International Finance Corporation (IFC, World Bank Group), European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), Asian Development Bank (ADB), African Development Bank Group (AfDB), International Islamic Trade Finance Corporation (ITFC, part of the Islamic Development Bank Group), and the InterAmerican Development Corporation (IDB Invest, part of the Inter-American Development Bank Group) have committed to continuing to assess market developments as needs evolve and each of us will act within our respective mandates to reduce trade finance gaps that emerge during this crisis.

They prioritise their support to areas in the world where such support is needed most, particularly the poorest countries.

They also call on other relevant financial institutions to support essential trade finance transactions.

It is noted that international correspondent banks have cut lending in many countries in Africa, Latin America, Eastern Europe and the CIS (Commonwealth of Independent States), the Middle East, the Southern and Eastern Mediterranean region, and developing Asia.

Facilitating trade in medical supplies has been a significant part of these support packages, which include the following:

- As part of the World Bank Group's \$14 billion Covid-19 crisis response facility, the International Finance Corporation (IFC) launched a \$6 billion

trade and working capital finance initiative which comprises \$2 billion from each of the Global Trade Liquidity Programme/Critical Commodities Finance Programme and the Working Capital Solutions Programme, as well as an allocation of \$2 billion from the existing \$5 billion Global Trade Finance Programme.

- On April 13, the Asian Development Bank (ADB) launched a \$20 billion comprehensive support package to assist its developing member countries in their fight against COVID-19 through measures such as quick disbursing budgetary support with affordable terms and conditions.

As part of this \$20 billion package, ADB ramped up its \$2.45 billion trade and supply chain programmes. Over an eleven-week period from April 1 onwards, ADB supported 1,700 transactions valued at \$1.2 billion, addressing shortages and expanding the supply of essential goods, including Covid test kits, medicines and personal protective equipment, through its trade and supply chain programmes.

- Responding to the coronavirus pandemic, the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) launched two Solidarity Packages which include a massive increase in trade finance support. In the first five months of 2020 alone, the EBRD has provided amplified financing for trade with a record Euro 1.5 billion.

- With the approval of its \$10 billion Covid-19 Rapid Response Facility (CRF) in April 2020, the African Development Bank (AfDB) is providing up to \$1 billion in trade finance liquidity and risk mitigation support to local banks in all 54 eligible African member countries.

- The International Islamic Trade Finance Corporation (ITFC) launched a US\$850 million intervention, part of the Islamic Development Bank (IsDB) Group's US\$2.3 billion 3Rs (Respond, Restore, and Restart) COVID-19 Economic Recovery Programme. The ITFC Response combines financing and technical assistance for governments, financial institutions and SMEs.

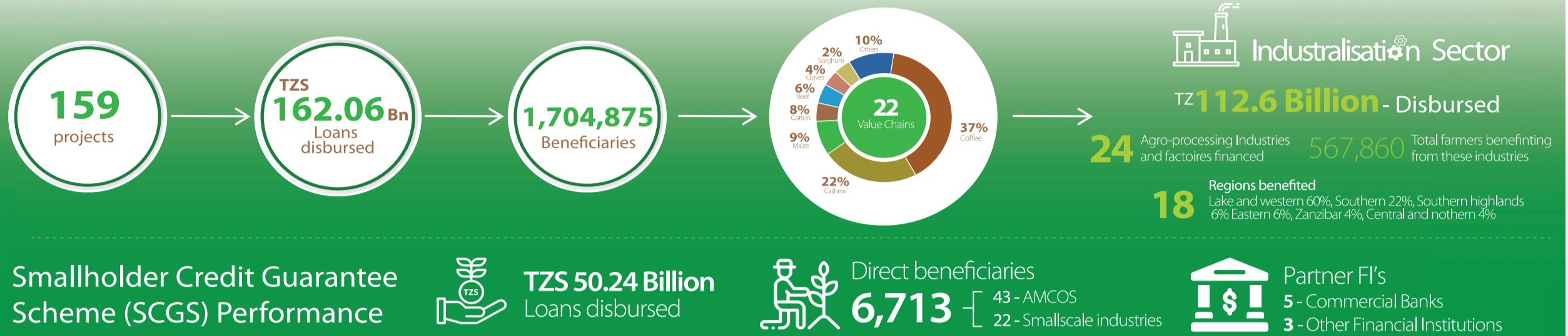
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TADB PERFORMANCE HIGHLIGHTS UP TO END OF Q1-2020



CONDENSED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31ST MARCH 2020

DETAILS	Current Quarter 31-03-2020	Previous Quarter 31-12-2019
1 Cash		
2 Balance with Bank of Tanzania	94	172
3 Investment in government securities	-	2,949
4 Balance with other banks and financial institutions	94,527	89,125
5 Cheques and items for clearing		
6 Interbranch float items		
7 Bills Negotiated		
8 Customers' liabilities for acceptances		
9 Interbank loans receivables	139,757	132,314
10 Investments in other securities		
11 Loans, advances and overdrafts (Net of Allowance for Probable Losses)	732,365	732,301
12 Other Assets	1,955	1,967
13 Equity Investments	-	-
14 Underwriting accounts	-	-
15 Property, Plant and Equipment	3,282	3,586
16 TOTAL ASSETS	971,979	959,464
B. LIABILITIES		
17 Deposits from other banks and financial institution		
18 Customer deposits		
19 Cash letters of credit		
20 Special deposits	690,168	680,147
21 Payment orders / transfers payable		
22 Bankers' cheques and draft issued		
23 Accrued taxes and expenses payable	434	-
24 Acceptances outstanding		
25 Interbranch float items		
26 Unearned income and other deferred charges		
27 Other Liabilities	1,779	1,704
28 Borrowings	208,900	208,512
29 TOTAL LIABILITIES	901,281	890,364
30 NET ASSETS/(LIABILITIES) (16 minus 29)	70,698	69,101
C. CAPITAL AND RESERVES		
31 Paid up share capital	60,000	60,000
32 Share Premium	-	-
33 Retained earnings	8,034	4,977
34 Profit / (loss) account	1,869	3,123
35 Other capital accounts	796	1,000
36 Minority interest	-	-
37 TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS	70,698	69,100
38 Contingent liabilities	-	-
39 Non Performing Loans & Advances	3,365	1,903
40 Allowances for Probable Losses	4,687	4,099
41 Other Non Performing Assets	-	-
D. SELECTED FINANCIAL CONDITION INDICATORS		
(i) Shareholders funds to total assets	20.67%	20.97%
(ii) Non performing loans to total gross loans	3.30%	1.79%
(iii) Gross loans and advances to total deposits	0.00%	0.00%
(iv) Loans and Advances to total assets	29.93%	31.05%
(v) Earning assets to total assets	98.44%	98.26%
(vi) Deposit growth	0.00%	0.00%
(vii) Assets growth	3.80%	64.77%

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY AS AT 31ST MARCH 2020.

	Share Capital	Share Premium	Retained Earning	Regulatory Reserve	Others	Total
Balance as at the beginning of the year	60,000	-	8,037	-	1,000	69,037
Profit for the Quarter			1,869			1,869
Other Comprehensive Income						
Transactions with the Owners						
Dividend Paid			(300)			(300)
Regulatory Reserve						
General Provision Reserve						
Others					208	208
Balance as at the End of the Current Period	60,000	-	9,905	-	793	70,698
Previous Year 31 December 2018						
Balance as at the beginning of the year	60,000	-	5,277	-	1,818	67,095
Profit for the year			3,060			3,060
Other Comprehensive Income						
Transactions with the Owners						
Dividend Paid						
Regulatory Reserve						
General Provision Reserve						
Others					818	818
Balance as at the End of the Previous Period	60,000	-	8,037	-	1,000	69,037

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31ST MARCH 2020

	Current Quarter 31-03-2020	Comparative Quarter (Previous Year) 31-03-2019	Current Year Cumulative 31-03-2020	Comparative Year Cumulative (Previous Year) 30.03.2019
1. Interest Income	6,201	3,283	6,201	3,283
2. Interest Expense	(466)	(331)	(466)	(331)
3. Net Interest Income (1 minus 2)	5,735	2,952	5,735	2,952
4. Bad Debts Written Off	-	-	-	-
5. Impairment losses on loans and advances	562	350	562	350
6. Non-Interest Income	345	1,466	345	1,466
6.1 Foreign currency dealings and translation gains/loss	43	140	43	140
6.2 Fees and commissions	98	1,122	98	1,122
6.3 Other operating income	204	204	204	204
7. Non Interest Expenses:	(2,849)	(3,091)	(2,849)	(3,091)
7.1 Salaries and benefits	(1,816)	(1,703)	(1,816)	(1,703)
7.2 Fees and commissions	-	-	-	-
7.3 Other operating expenses	(1,033)	(1,388)	(1,033)	(1,388)
8. Operating Income / (Loss)	2,670	977	2,670	977
9. Income tax provision	(801)	(293)	(801)	(293)
10. Net Income (Loss) After Income Tax	1,869	684	1,869	684
11. Number of employees	75	73	75	73
12. Basic Earnings per share	-	-	-	-
13. Diluted earnings per share	-	-	-	-
14. Number of branches/zonal offices	4	3	4	3
SELECTED PERFORMANCE INDICATORS				
(i) Return on average total assets	0.77%	1.38%	0.77%	1.38%
(ii) Return on average shareholders' fund	10.64%	4.01%	10.64%	4.01%
(iii) Non interest expense to gross income	46.85%	69.97%	46.85%	69.97%
(iv) Net interest income to average earning assets	6.96%	1.82%	6.96%	1.82%

Average figures shall be computed by assuming up the end balances for respective month in the period divided by number of months in the period

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 31ST MARCH 2020

	Current Quarter 31-03-2020	Previous Quarter 31-12-2019	Current Quarter 31-03-2020	Previous Quarter 31-03-2019
CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:				
Operating Income (loss) before tax:	2,670	1,445	868	977
Adjustment for:				
- Adjustment for depreciation	373	232	234	330
- Impairment Loans and Advances	562	628	562	350
- Amortization of capital grants	(204)	(204)	-	(204)
- Net change in loans and Advances	(945)	3,768	(491)	(351,307)
- Gain / Loss on Sales of Assets	-	-	-	-
- Net Change in statutory minimum reserve	-	-	-	-
- Net Change in Deposits	20	23,730	20	-
- Net Change in Short Term Negotiable securities	-	-	-	-
- Net change in Loans, Advances and Overdrafts	-	-	-	-
- Net change of Placements with maturities over three months	-	-	-	-
- Net Change in Other Liabilities	509	508	354	803
- Net Change in Other Assets	12	(661)	2,587	(869)
- Tax Paid	(541)	(890)	(54)	(151)
- Others (Amortization from Grant)	-	-	-	-
Net Cash Provided (Used) By Operating Activities	2,455	27,540	(3,517)	(350,071)
CASH FLOW FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:				
Dividend Received	-	300	-	-
Purchase of Fixed Assets	(69)	(232)	(69)	(672)
Proceeds From Sale of Fixed Assets	-	-	-	-
Purchase of Non-Dealing Securities	-	-	-	-
Proceeds From Sale Non-Dealing Securities	-	-	-	-
Others (Special deposits)	-	-	-	-
Net Cash Provided (Used) By Investing Activities	(69)	(532)	(69)	(672)
CASH FLOW FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:				
Borrowings	-	-	-	-
Repayment of Long-Term Debt	-	-	-	-
Proceeds From RIF Project	-	683	-	-
Current portion amortisation on Grants	-	-	-	-
Proceed from PSCP on Purchase of ICT Systems	-	104,429	-	-
Net Change in Other Borrowings	10,000	-	10,000	350,000
Net Cash Provided (Used) By Financing Activities:	10,000	103,746	10,000	350,000
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS:				
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents	12,386	130,754	(13,448)	742
Cash and Cash Equivalents at the Beginning of the Quarter	221,992	91,238	221,992	124,942
Cash and Cash Equivalents at the End of the Quarter	234,378	221,992	235,440	124,200

SELECTED EXPLANATORY NOTES FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 31ST MARCH 2020

In preparation of the quarterly financial statements, consistent accounting policies have been used as those applicable to the previous year audited financial statements (if there were changes during the quarter, the changes be explained as per IAS 34 & IAS 8)

W, the undersigned non-executive members of the Board of directors, attest to the faithful representation of the above statements. We declare that the statements have been examined by us, and to the best of our knowledge and belief have been prepared in compliance with the International Financial Reporting Standards and the requirement of the Banking and Financial institutions Act, 2006 and they present a true and fair view.

Signed by: Name Signature Date
 Managing Director: Japhet Justine
 Director of Finance: Derick Lugemala
 Head of Internal Audit: Joyce Maduhu

Signed by: Name Signature
 Chairperson: Doto M. James John
 Director: [Signature]

MINIMUM DISCLOSURE OF BANK CHARGES AND FEES	DAR ES SALAAM HEADOFFICE	DODOMA ZONAL OFFICE	MWANZA ZONAL OFFICE	MBEYA ZONAL OFFICE	KICOMA ZONAL OFFICE
Lending rates	8%- 15%	PSPF Dodoma Plaza	TBA Building	Plot No. 28 Block E	Ushirika Building
Appraisal fees	1%	5th Floor Plot 2&4 NCC Link Area,	Ground Floor Ex. TRA Office,	Jacaranda Street,	Shede Street & Bangwe Road,
Guarantee fees	1%	Benjamini Mkapa Road,	Postal Road,	P.O.Box 2581 Mbeya, Tanzania.	Kigoma
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**JAMHURI YA MUUNGANO WA TANZANIA
MAMLAKA YA MAWASILIANO TANZANIA
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TAARIFA KWA VYOMBO VYA HABARI

**UAMUZI WA SHAURI LA UKIUKAJI WA KANUNI ZA
UTANGAZAJI DHIDI YA VITUO VYA CLOUDS ENTERTAINMENT
FM RADIO, EAST AFRICA RADIO, DUMA TV, GLOBAL TV,
SIBUKA TV NA STAR TELEVISION**

1.0 Utangulizi

Kamati ya Maudhui ya Mamlaka ya Mawasiliano leo imetoa uamuzi dhidi ya vituo vya utangazaji vya **CLOUDS ENTERTAINMENT FM RADIO, DUMA TV, EAST AFRICA RADIO, GLOBAL TV, SIBUKA TV NA STAR TELEVISION** kwa kukiuka Kanuni za Mawasiliano ya Kielektroniki na Posta (Maudhui ya Mitandaoni), 2018 na Kanuni za Mawasiliano ya Kielektroniki na Posta (Maudhui ya Utangazaji wa Redio na Televisheni) 2018.

2.0 Uamuzi

2.1 Clouds Entertainment FM Radio

Kituo cha Clouds Entertainment FM Radio cha Dar es Salaam kimepatikana na hatia ya kukiuka Sheria, Kanuni na Maadili ya Utangazaji kwa kurusha maudhui yenye kuhamasisha ufanyaji wa vitendo vya ngono na utumiaji wa supu ya pweza katika kuimarisha tendo la ndoa katika muda ambao wasikilizaji wanaweza kuwa watoto. Kituo kimekiuka Kanuni Na. 11 (c); 12(1) (a), (d), na 14 (a), (b) na (c) za Mawasiliano ya Kielektroniki na Posta (Maudhui ya Utangazaji wa Redio na Televisheni), 2018

Kamati ya maudhui imetoa Uamuzi wake dhidi ya Clouds Entertainment kama ifuatavyo:-

- Wanapewa Onyo Kali pamoja na kutahadharishwa kuwa hatua kali zaidi za kisheria zinaweza kuchukuliwa dhidi yao ipawo hawatajirekebisha na kurudia makosa kama hayo;
- Wanatozwa faini ya **Shilingi Milioni Tano (TZS. 5,000,000.00)** tu itakayolipwa kwa Mamlaka ya Mawasiliano Tanzania (TCRA);

2.2 Duma TV

Kituo cha Duma TV cha Dar es Salaam kupitia ukurasa wake wa mtandao wa kijamii wa Instagram, kimepatikana na hatia ya kukiuka Kanuni kwa kuchapisha na kutangaza maudhui yenye lugha isiyo na staha na yenye udhalilishaji wa kijinsia kwa wanaume na wanawake. Aidha, kupitia mtandao wao wa Instagram Duma TV waliongea maneno yasiyo na staha kwamba Waislamu wengi wanapenda wanawake wenye mashapu (maumibile) na kuwafananiha wanaume wenye udhaifu katika matamano kwamba ni sawa na maiti. Hii ni kinyume na Kanuni Na. 7(1) (a) na (b) na 12 (k) (i) (ii) za Mawasiliano ya Kielektroniki na Posta (Maudhui ya Mtandaoni), 2018.

Kamati ya Maudhui imetoa Uamuzi wake dhidi ya Duma TV kama ifuatavyo:-

- Wanapewa Onyo Kali;
- Wamefungiwa kuchapisha maudhui kwa muda wa mwezi mmoja ili wajipange na kuzifahamu vizuri Kanuni na kuzingatia weledi na maadili ya utangazaji.
- Wanatozwa faini ya **Shilingi Milioni Saba (TZS. 7,000,000.00)** tu, itakayolipwa kwa Mamlaka ya Mawasiliano Tanzania (TCRA)

2.3 East Africa Radio

Kituo cha East Africa Radio kimepatikana na hatia ya kukiuka Sheria, Kanuni na Maadili ya utangazaji kwa kurusha maudhui yenye kukashifu utendaji wa Serikali katika uteuzi wa Mdhibili na Mkaguzi Mkuu wa Hesabu za Serikali, vilevile kutumia lugha ya kashifa dhidi ya Mdhibili na Mkaguzi Mkuu wa Serikali kwamba hana meno katika utendaji wake wa kazi Kinyume na Kanuni Na. 17 (1); 24 (a), (b), (c), na 29 (b) za Mawasiliano ya Kielektroniki na Posta (Maudhui ya Utangazaji wa Redio na Televisheni) 2018;

Uamuzi dhidi ya Kituo cha East Africa Radio ni kama ifuatavyo:-

- Wanapewa Onyo Kali;
- Wanatozwa faini ya **Shilingi Milioni Tatu (TZS. 3,000,000.00)** tu itakayolipwa kwa Mamlaka ya Mawasiliano Tanzania (TCRA);

2.4 Global TV

Kituo cha Global Online TV cha Dar es Salaam kupitia chaneli yake ya Youtube kimepatikana na hatia ya kuchapisha picha za mnato na kutangaza maudhui yasiyo na lugha ya staha na yenye kushabikia vitendo vya mahusiano ya kimapanzi ya jinsia moja. Vile vile Maudhui yanayoweza kuwaumiza na kuwakwaza waumini wa dhehebu la Anglikana na jamii ya Kitanzania kwa ujumla, jambo ambalo ni kinyume na Sheria, Kanuni na Maadili ya Utangazaji. Global Online TV wamekiuka Kanuni Na. 5(1) (a) na (b), 7(1) (a) na (b) na 12 (b) za Mawasiliano ya Kielektroniki na Posta (Maudhui ya Mtandaoni), 2018.

Kamati ya Maudhui imetoa Uamuzi wake dhidi ya Global Online TV kama ifuatavyo:-

- Wanapewa Onyo Kali;
- Wanatozwa faini ya **Shilingi Milioni Saba (TZS. 7,000,000.00)** tu itakayolipwa kwa Mamlaka ya Mawasiliano Tanzania (TCRA);

2.5 Sibuka Television

Kituo cha Sibuka Television cha Dar es Salaam kimepatikana na hatia ya kukiuka Sheria, Kanuni na Maadili ya Utangazaji kwa kurusha maudhui yasiyo na staha na yenye kushabikia vitendo vya mauaji ya kutisha katika muda ambao watoto wanaweza kuwa sehemu kubwa ya watazamaji na hivyo maudhui hayo yanaweza kusababisha adhali za akili kutokana na hofu na woga wanaoweza kupata kwa kutazama maudhui hayo ya kutisha. Hii ni kinyume na Kanuni Na. 5 (f) (g); 11(2) (c); 12(1) (a), (b), (d); 13(a) (b) (i) (ii) (iii) (iv) (ix); 14 (a) (b) na 38 (1)(2) (3) (c) (d); 38 (4) (a) (b) za Mawasiliano ya Kielektroniki na Posta (Maudhui ya Utangazaji wa Redio na Televisheni) 2018.

Kamati ya Maudhui imetoa Uamuzi wake dhidi ya Sibuka Television kama ifuatavyo:-

- Wanapewa Onyo,
- Wanatozwa faini ya **Shilingi Milioni Tatu (TZS. 3,000,000.00)** tu itakayolipwa kwa Mamlaka ya Mawasiliano Tanzania (TCRA);

2.6 Star Television

Kituo cha Star Television cha Mwanza kimepatikana na hatia ya kukiuka Kanuni na Maadili ya Utangazaji kwa kurusha maudhui ya kukashifu viongozi wa Wilaya ya Kisarawe na Waziri wa Nchi, Ofisi ya Rais, Tawala za Mikoa na Serikali za Mitaa (Tamisemi), Mhe. Selemani Jafo (MB) kinyume na Kanuni Na. 11 (1)(f), 15(2)(b), 15(2)(c) na 16 za Kanuni za Mawasiliano ya Kielektroniki na Posta (Maudhui ya Utangazaji wa Redio na Televisheni) 2018.

Kamati ya Maudhui imetoa Uamuzi wake dhidi ya Star Television kama ifuatavyo:-

- Wanapewa Onyo Kali;
- Wanatakiwa kuomba radhi kwa siku tatu (3) mfululizo kwa wasikilizaji wao ambao waliathirika na maudhui yao, kupitia kipindi kilichotumika kutendea makosa.
- Wanatozwa faini ya **Shilingi Milioni Tano (TZS. 5,000,000.00)** tu itakayolipwa kwa Mamlaka ya Mawasiliano Tanzania (TCRA);

Taarifa hii imetolewa na:
Mwenyekiti
Kamati ya Maudhui
01/Julai/2020



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PUBLIC NOTICE

**CLARIFICATION ON THE PROCEDURES FOR
OWNING MORE THAN THE SPECIFIED SIM
CARDS IN THE REGULATIONS.**

1.0 INTRODUCTION

The Electronic and Postal Communications (SIM Card Registration) Regulations, 2020", stipulate in Regulation 18 that:

- (1) A person intending to own and use SIM Card, built-in SIM Card mobile telephone or SIM-enabled mobile communication equipment or device shall be allowed to register-
 - In the case of an individual-
 - Not more than one SIM Card from each licensed mobile network operator for use on voice, short message and data services;
 - Not more than four SIM Cards from each licensed mobile network operator for use on machine to machine communication; and
 - In the case of a company or an institution-
 - Not more than thirty SIM Cards from each mobile network operator for use on voice, short messaging and data services;
 - Not more than fifty SIM Cards from each mobile network operator for use on machine to machine communication.
- (2) The SIM Cards registered for the purposes provided under sub-regulation (1) (a) shall not be used interchangeably.
- (3) Notwithstanding sub-regulation (1), an individual, a company or an institution may be allowed to register and own more than the specified SIM Cards upon submission of written application and approval from the Authority.
- (4) Any person who contravenes this regulation, commits a criminal offence.

The Tanzania Communications Regulatory Authority would like to inform the general public that the process of applying for additional SIM cards under one mobile network is ongoing. We advise SIM card owners to continue verifying the status of the SIM cards in their possession.

2.0 VERIFICATION OF NUMBER OF SIM CARDS REGISTERED UNDER A SUBSCRIBER'S NATIONAL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (NIN) ISSUED BY NIDA.

2.1 Subscribers are required to dial ***106#** to verify the Mobile Numbers registered against their National Identification Number (NIN) or ID issued by NIDA.

They should notify their service providers of any discrepancies including unfamiliar numbers registered using their NIN for immediate deactivation to prevent misuse and consequent inconveniences and liabilities to the authentic bearers of the abused NIN or ID Cards.

2.2 Subscribers who own more than one SIM card under one network should validating their registration status by **31 July, 2020.**

2.3 Applications for ownership of more than one SIM card under one network is ongoing through the service provider's offices or agents where all applications shall be processed electronically. The service provider shall submit subscribers' applications for additional SIM cards to TCRA for its approval and the feedback is received within five minutes at the latest.

3.0 FORMALIZATION OF VERIFIED SIM CARDS

3.1 The formalization of the ownership of additional SIM cards under one network can now be processed in service providers' offices or their agents where all applications shall be submitted electronically to TCRA for approval to register additional SIM cards, and the feedback shall be received within five minutes at the latest; or

3.2 By dialing ***106#** for interactive instructions on how to apply to TCRA through your mobile phone for approval to own additional SIM cards. Applications and approvals through mobile phones will commence on **1st August 2020.**

Issued by:

**Director-General,
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1 July 2020.

TANZANIA PORTLAND CEMENT SAYS SLIGHT RISE IN PRICE UNAVOIDABLE

By Property Watch Reporter

AN increase in retail cement prices in the country by some cement companies is in line with falling oil prices, fluctuation of the shilling and inflation, among other factors.

Tanzania Portland Cement Company Limited's Head of Marketing, Yves Mataigne, said in Dar es Salaam this week that his company was compelled to increase prices which its major distributors pay owing to rise in production costs.

"We have not increased any prices since last year and the latest increase of about three percent affects our major distributors only who are already making better margins because of falling oil market prices," said Mataigne.

He dismissed talk of TPCC whose brand name is Twiga in the market, colluding with Dangote Cement Tanzania Limited and Nyati Cement Tanzania Limited to impose the 590/- per 50 kilograms bags increase as untrue.

"Twiga Cement is a market leader and so when we increase the price to cover our own costs, others will soon follow," he said while stressing that fair market rules have not been violated because other major cement producers such as Tanga Cement Plc have not increased their products.

He pointed out that the Wazo Hill based company has invested heavily this year to expand its capacity to meet the growing domestic demand pointing out that such investment comes with increased costs through maintenance and borrowing of cash from banks.

"Because of fluctuations of the shilling



Twiga Cement's factory at Wazo Hill in Dar es Salaam.

and increased inflation, we have been forced to increase prices marginally," he added noting that natural gas prices have also increased during the past one year.

Retail cement prices in the local market have increased by between 500/- and 590/- per bag of 50 kilograms starting last weekend, consumers who are currently building strictures

have said. Members of the public said the product's prices in some parts of the city such as Mbagala, Kigamboni, Gongo la Mboto, Mwenge, Kimara and Tegeta have increased from an average of 11,500/- per bag to between 12,000/- and 12,200/-.

"We are selling at increased prices because wholesale prices from our major dealers have also gone up since last week," said

Juma Idrissa from Mbagara Rangi Tatu who added that the product is also in short supply.

"We don't know why the product is not readily available since last week," said Tatu Adam, a large scale dealer for cement and other construction materials. She said they have been asking manufacturers reasons behind the scarcity but many of them have blamed growing demand

due to government's ongoing major infrastructure projects.

A survey by The Guardian across major suburbs of Mbagala, Kigamboni, Mwenge, Kimara and Tegeta found out that not all cement companies have increased prices although major producers such as Dangote, Twiga and Nyati have their products with increased prices.

Hoteliers plead insurance payouts after interruption of work by Covid

DURBAN

Battle lines have been drawn in a David and Goliath clash between distressed tourism and hospitality businesses and insurance giants over the non-payment of Covid-19 business interruption insurance claims.

But, on Wednesday, the owners of two hard-hit accommodation establishments brought home the "on the ground" impact of the issue during a webinar hosted by Insurance Claims Africa (ICA) together with the Tourism Business Council of South Africa (TBCSA).

Business interrupted, but insurers don't want to pay

They made an emotional appeal to short-term insurance companies such as Santam, Guardrisk, Hollard, Bryte and Old Mutual to pay out. They warned that if a resolution or settlement is not reached, their businesses and possibly hundreds of others will close permanently and lead to massive job losses. "We're asking the insurers to please step up and do the right thing," said William van der Riet, owner of the landmark Cathedral Peak Hotel in KwaZulu-Natal's northern Drakensberg.

The hotel, which was established by his father 81 years ago, currently employs some 200 people. But he said it is now in a "dire financial position" in the wake of the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic, which has seen the hotel not being operational for just over three months.

"We took to social media at the end of last week to tell our story ... We've been given the run-around for the last three months, with our insurers looking at every way [possible] not to pay. We have been paying them for all these years, and now, they've just slammed the door in our face," he added.

"Why shouldn't insurers also feel the pain ... In times like these, this is where they should be standing up. If we treated our clients in this manner, we would not have a business," said Van der Riet.

His hotel is covered by HIC (which is part of the Guardrisk and Momentum stables) and the property has extended business interruption insurance cover, which included infectious and contagious diseases. He said that the hotel's monthly overheads are between R800 000 to R1 million. Following the Covid-19 outbreak and restrictions, the business is facing a growing debt pile of more than R7 million.

Van der Riet said Cathedral Peak Hotel may only "survive for the next few weeks" considering its precarious pandemic-induced financial position. "But it goes beyond the bottom line ... Many jobs and livelihoods are at risk, not just at the hotel, but within the broader community."

An emotional Meg Fargher, co-owner of Budmarsh Country Lodge in the Magaliesberg, shared similar sentiments to Van der Riet during the webinar. At times she fought off tears as she told of her frustrations in getting her insurance claim settled by Santam. The 5-star boutique hotel was established in 2000 and today employs around 30 staff. However, Fargher said the property had a broader economic impact on the local community, supporting several small businesses.

"While Santam has reneged [on paying out business interruption insurance], we have instances of tiny companies, such as our laundry service, coming to us and saying 'pay us when you can' ... These smaller suppliers have come to the party and are reaching out in a time of crisis," she said.

"This is in stark contrast to how the big insurance companies are behaving ... Santam has a lot to answer for," she lamented, adding that she opted to take out the policy with Santam due to it being South Africa's largest short-term insurance group.

Kenya mortgage financier admits IFC, Shelter Afrique

NAIROBI

State-backed home loans financier Kenya Mortgage Refinance Company (KMRC) has admitted International Finance Corporation and Shelter Afrique as shareholders.

The firm also announced it was good to go after picking directors and crafting a financing strategy. KMRC has so far raised Sh2 billion as capital from shareholders among them National Treasury, 20 primary mortgage lenders, eight banks, one micro-finance bank and 11 savings and credit co-operatives.

A further commitment of Sh35 billion from development partners would fund KMRC's operations. During a first virtual AGM, World Bank private sector arm, IFC and pan-African mass housing development funder Shelter Afrique were admitted as shareholders of KMRC after each contributed Sh200 million.

Acting KMRC chief executive Johnstone Olteia said the firm has a fully constituted board now tasked with offering long-term finance to local lenders that will, in turn, oversee the disbursement of mortgages to Kenyans on low-interest terms.

"With the facilitation and support of the board, we are now properly and fully equipped to play our role in revolutionising the home loans market in Kenya, while making homes affordable for as many of wananchi as possible," he said.

Speaking during the meeting, Mr Olteia said the financier has applied for a licence to offer mortgage refinance services. "From an operational standpoint, I can confirm that everything is now in place for us to start providing long-term finance to participating financial institutions, for onward lending to home loan borrowers at affordable rates when KMRC obtains a licence," he said. Acting chairman Haron Sirima said the financier had formulated an effective mechanism to roll out financial products that enable local banks to dish out cheaper house loans.

The bank shareholders include KCB Group, Cooperative Bank, DTB, HF Group, NCBA, Absa Kenya, Stanbic and Credit Bank, Kenya Women Micro-finance Bank and saccos including Kenya Police, Mwalimu, Safaricom, Ukulima, Bingwa, Imarisha, Unaitas, Imarika, Tower, Stima and Harambee.



New CRDB Bank headquarters building under construction in Dar es Salaam.

Deputy Speaker salutes CRDB's for lowering interest on Malkia Account

By Property Watch Reporter

THE lowering of interest rates charged on loans acquired by Malkia Account business women will help ease the burden of repayment and enable women to actively participate in big investments including owning industries.

Dr Tulia Ackson, Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly, said this in Dar es Salaam this week while re-launching the account which is exclusively targeted at women that hiked interest rates have for long time discouraged women from borrowing and taking part in big business investments.

"Reduction of interest rate from 24 percent to 14 percent is an important milestone in empowering women through bank borrowing," Dr Ackson said while commending CRDB Bank Plc's management for innovating the women targeted account.

"reducing interest rates means reducing a big burden of repayment to women which allows them to invest more in their businesses and grow bigger," she noted while stressing that women remain marginalised in participation in the running of the country's economy with only 60 percent accessing formal financial services.

She said Malkia Account is an important product for businesswomen hence urged them to open the account en-mass so that they exploit opportunities that come with it. "I am one of the first women to have opened the Malkia Account when it was started in 2009, I am happy to see that CRDB is today introducing improvements that will empower and liberate women economically," the Deputy Speaker noted.

Briefing the House Speaker before the launch, CRDB's Managing Director, Abdulmajid Nsekela said the Malkia Account is aimed at recognising and giving women opportunities to

reach their targets in growing their businesses.

"Until March this year, the bank had already disbursed loans worth 600bn/- to more than 55 women," Nsekela said while unveiling that more than 30,000 women and holders of the exclusive account.

He said apart from lowering the interest rate, the bank has also streamlined the process of acquiring loans under the account. "As a local bank we felt compelled to find solutions to women's financial need through this innovative account," the CRDB Bank Plc's CEO noted while urging women to seize opportunities being provided by the exclusive account.

DR MPANGO DOUBTS BUHIGWE HOSPITAL QUALITY AFTER 2.4BN/- CONSTRUCTION BILL

By Property Watch Reporter

THE quality of Buhigwe District Hospital in Kigoma Region which has already choked up 2.4bn/- has forced Finance Minister, Dr Philip Mpango to order regional authorities to audit the project.

Dr Mpango who was on a field visit in Buhigwe said last week that value for money has not been well accounted for hence the need to closely supervise the contractor to ensure that the district hospital building is modern and durable.

"Quality of the buildings is not worth our expectations, this is supposed to be an ultra-modern district hospital therefore you need to strictly supervise the contractor. I will come back here in August and tell the contractor that the minister was not impressed by your work," the Finance Minister noted.

He said the hospital which is incomplete but is already serving the public since June this year, will be audited to ensure that taxpayers money was properly spent. He warned the contractor and public officials involved in the project to be careful because misuse of public funds will not be tolerated.

Briefing the Minister, Buhigwe District Commissioner, Colonel Michael



Buhigwe District Hospital building which is still under construction

Ngayalina promised to implement Dr Mpango's order and requested him to assist with resource mobilization to ensure that the project is completed. "I thank you for regular-

ly visiting our district to follow up on projects being funded by the government," Ngayalina said while promising to make sure that all public monies are well spent in the district.

Acting District Medical Officer for Buhigwe, Fredrick Kanyondwi, so far 2.7bn/- has been received by the district to finance the hospital which is already operating. "This hospital

has been built using a force account and so far 2.4bn/- has been spent," said Kanyondwi while revealing that there is a deficit of 200m/- to complete the project.

Rustenburg gets another chance to solve valuation mess

CAPE TOWN

Following a public outcry over property valuations that increased by up to 500% in a declining market, the Rustenburg local council took the unusual step of objecting to its own new property valuation roll that was supposed to take effect on July 1.

North West MEC for cooperative governance, human settlements and traditional affairs Mothibedi Kegakilwe subsequently extended the validity of the previous valuation for another year – but under strict conditions.

The council on Tuesday decided to terminate its agreement with the municipal valuer who has already received payment of R3.3 million and appoint a new municipal valuer before the end of the month.

The validity period of the Rustenburg general valuation roll was from July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2030. The council appointed Bobby Motau from the firm Optiprop to compile a new valuation roll that was supposed to take effect on July 1 this year.

This new roll was published earlier this year, but the public participation process was disrupted by the Covid-19 lockdown imposed on the country late in March. According to Johan van Wyk, a professional valuer who works in Rustenburg, the values on some properties increased by as much as 500% compared to the roll that was due to lapse at the end of June. This roll was, as prescribed by the Local Government Municipal Property Rates Act, based on market value.

New roll 'completely skewed'

Van Wyk says the new roll was as a whole completely skewed and any notion that property values in Rustenburg had increased since 2014 was "simply not true." Frans Rootman from the consultancy Munsolv says he is aware of business premises that saw its valuation increase from R6 million to R166 million. If the latter value is implemented, the monthly property rates would amount to R322 000. "The owner doesn't even earn as much in rent", says Rootman.

An analysis by the council showed the valuation of: 5 948 properties increased by between 80% and 100%; 12 783 properties increase by between 50% and 79%; 8 346 properties increased by between 30% and 49%; and 7 649 properties increased by between 10% and 29%.

To add insult to injury, 3 748 properties that were on the previous roll are not on the new one, which means the council would not be able to bill them for property rates. On June 10, with less than a month to go before the new roll would take effect, Mayor Mpho Khunou wrote to the MEC to request such an extension.

He motivated that implementation of the roll would open the floodgates for objections and litigation that would exhaust the municipality's resources. He further stated the effect of the inflated valuations was to increase the value of the municipality's budget from R41 billion to R71 billion. That would have a devastating effect on the community, he said.

"To attempt to use the new valuation roll will have a ripple effect of destabilising the economy of Rustenburg and cause internal financial turmoil in dealing with numerous adjustments to the budget structure" Khunou wrote.

Relief as Egypt reopening after a month of high Covid death toll

CAIRO

Egyptians are relieved to put June behind them after the month brought the worst coronavirus death toll so far.

But July brings new fears after the government removed most of the measures to contain the pandemic. Restrictions were further eased on Wednesday, when Egypt's airports opened for the first time since March.

EgyptAir, the country's national carrier, had 14 scheduled flights on Wednesday in addition to the start of a 33-flight operation with other airlines to bring home 5,225 Egyptians stranded abroad. Several tourist sites also reopened for visitors on Wednesday, including the Giza pyramids and the Egyptian museum.

But Egyptians are approaching the coming weeks with trepidation after June brought more cases and deaths caused by Covid-19 than the previous four months combined. With the month's statistics making for harrowing reading, there are concerns that the government may have acted in haste when it lifted most restrictions on June 27.

The government said that, with a vaccine yet to be developed, Egyptians must learn to live with Covid-19 while adhering to preventive measures and embracing strict hygiene practices. But some Egyptians are wistfully looking back at the perceived peace and quiet that replaced their hectic city lives during three months of lockdown.

It included a night-time curfew, closed restaurants and cafes, shops shutting at 5pm and the cancellation of cinema and theatre shows. Public beaches and parks remain closed. "So many people are out on the streets now, cars blow their horns late at night and the roar of muscle motorbikes shatter the quiet of the night," lamented a woman, 58, who lives in a leafy suburb south of Cairo. "Life was so much better under the curfew."

The latest relaxation of the lockdown has allowed public transport to operate until midnight and tea houses, where millions of Egyptians gather to drink tea and coffee or play backgammon and dominoes, are permitted to open until 10pm.

Shisha pipes remain banned for now and government departments are operating with a skeleton staff to avoid the spread of the disease. But some Egyptians are taking a more casual approach. Many do not wear masks in tea houses or on public transport, and there is a general failure to enforce social distancing in public spaces.

The government disagrees with critics of reopening the country, saying a sustained lockdown would cause an economic meltdown. That would wipe out hard-won gains made during years of austerity policies to overhaul an economy battered by the turmoil that followed a popular 2011 uprising.

Chinese cement firm buys Tanga's Maweni Limestone

By Property Watch Reporter

CHINESE based Huaxin Cement buys bought a controlling stake of Maweni Limestone from Kenya based ARM Cement in a US\$116 million deal last month.

The Chinese cement producer will invest the US\$116 million into Maweni Limestone to settle its liabilities while another US\$30 million will be used to complete plant construction and an upgrade. ARM Cement operates an integrated plant at Tanga and a grinding plant at Dar es Salaam.

The agreement dates back to September 2019 when it was publicly announced, well before the current health scare that the deal is in the pipeline. The acquisition is part of the Chinese expansion plan in Sub-Saharan Africa which started in 2013.

ARM Cement has seriously suffered financial constraints since 2017 when cement demand fell in Kenya, a coal import ban in Tanzania caused production issues at its Tanga plant and increased competition hit both countries.

It entered administration in the summer of 2018 and previous owner PricewaterhouseCoopers' attempts to sell the business to local rival National Cement in Kenya. In some respects the timing of this deal may also be bad for Huaxin Cement given that it's just suffered a 36 percent year-on-year drop in sales revenue to



Tanga's Maweni Limestone mine.

US\$542m in the first quarter of 2020, due to the coronavirus outbreak. If the company can't absorb this through the rest of the year then it might have a problem.

The real trend here in Chinese expansion strategy by its cement sector is a move from imports, building plants and co-financing projects to outright asset acquisition. This isn't the first example either. West China Cement completed its purchase of a majority stake in Schwenk Namibia for US\$104m in January 2020.

This gave it control of Ohorongo Cement. Other recent Chinese moves in Sub-Saharan Africa include the supply of a modular grinding mill in Guinea by Sinoma and the competition of construction of a 1Mt/yr integrated plant in Lubudi Territory in Democratic Republic of Congo by another CNBM subsidiary, Tianjin Cement Industry Design and Research Institute.

An outlier from the more traditional Chinese routes of either supplying equipment and/or co-financing cement

plants in Africa has been the CNBM/Sinoma plan to build a 7Mt/yr 'mega' plant in Tanzania. Once completed it will nearly double local clinker production. Unsurprisingly, when it was first announced it was pitched towards the export market. Together with the Huaxin Cement purchase, once the CNBM project completes, Chinese companies will own the majority of cement production capacity in Tanzania.



A mine in Rustenburg.

CONSTRUCTION

DUBAI JUDGE SAYS THAT TENANTS CAN END RENT CONTRACT EARLY IF HIT BY FINANCIAL HARDSHIP

DUBAI

Dubai tenants can break their rental contract without financial penalty if they can prove they were affected by 'exceptional circumstances', a senior judge said. The loss of a job or reduction of income may mean residents could move during a 12 month lease without losing two or three months' rent.

Judge Abdulqader Musa, director of the Rental Disputes Centre, said he was aware of the hardship some people had found themselves in due to the impact of the coronavirus outbreak. Tenants in disputes with their landlords can claim 'force majeure' as a legal defence to end a contract without penalty. The phrase relates to unexpected, external circumstances that do not allow a person to meet their obligations.

"During these exceptional times, tenants are indeed able to request for early termination of a contract with a landlord due to force majeure, whereby they would not have any viable alternative," Judge Musa told The National.

"Such circumstances are being handled on a case-by-case scenario by the RDC to, among others, confirm the integrity of the termination and validate the tenant's reasons for doing so." The centre, which is the judicial arm of the Dubai Land Department, said it has settled several cases in favour of tenants recently.

The judge called for compassion from property owners, who are typically able to charge two months' rent if a tenant leaves early. In the UAE, most residential contracts are paid a year in advance, using pre-written cheques that are cashed over



Apartment blocks for rent in Dubai.

12 months.

"During such unprecedented times, it is the responsibility of all respective parties to adhere to co-operate and support one another, taking account their circumstances and being prepared to waive some of their

rights until this exceptional global crisis subsides," Judge Musa said.

A total of 563 disputes were filed between January and the end of May, with 278 settled to date. "We have continuously supported tenants through their challenges, especially during such trying

times," Judge Musa said.

In a case reported by The National last week, a small business owner took the landlord of his commercial premises in Al Sufouh, near Dubai Marina, to the dispute centre. The tenant, who ran a company that cares

for elderly residents in their own homes, said his firm could not pay due to the disruption caused by the outbreak. A judge ruled this was justified and allowed him to break his tenancy contract early without paying a penalty and ordered the landlord to return

two rent cheques uncashed.

Real estate experts said they appreciated the flexibility shown by judges - but warned landlords could also find themselves in trouble if they cannot make their own payments. "This is the right thing to do but we must remember that it should not just be one-way traffic," said Mario Volpi, sales and leasing manager at Engel & Volkers in Dubai and a property columnist for The National.

"It cannot be just what the tenant wants. What is really important is that tenants do not think that they have a carte blanche on this. "The tenant will clearly have to prove hardship; has to prove salary has been cut or that a job has been lost to stop him or her from being able to pay.

"Both parties need to understand that these are unprecedented circumstances." Mr Volpi said force majeure, which does not have to be written into a contract to be brought up as a defence, was difficult to prove. "What is better is the clause of 'unforeseen circumstances'.

"Under normal circumstances if a tenant loses his job and everybody else in the world is fine, then he would be expected to get another job. "When it affects everybody in a 'public loss' like this, that is where the unforeseen circumstances clause can come into play."

Before resorting to litigation, the best option for the tenant was to talk to the landlord to defer rent or pay a token amount. "This is about human-to-human negotiating," Mr Volpi said. "Things will change as we start to get move back to some sort of normality."

UK's Schroders buys majority stake in Hong Kong fund manager Pamfleet

HONG KONG

Real estate fund manager Pamfleet is about to become part of a £421.4 billion (\$522.2 billion) global asset management giant after the Hong Kong-headquartered firm signed a deal this week to sell a majority stake of its business to London's Schroders PLC.

Under the terms of the agreement, the value-add real specialist will soon become known as Schroder Pamfleet, with Andrew Moore set to stay on as chief executive, running the UK firm's real estate investment business in the region.

"We're thrilled - very happy," Moore told Mintiandi in a call this evening, adding that, "The staff are very excited and very committed." The former Jardine Fleming executive described the sale as being partly about succession and partly about growth for the business that he started 20 years ago after leading a management buyout of Jardine's real estate



Pamfleet's Infinitus Plaza in Hong Kong.

estate investment business in the city.

Noting that the 19-person Pamfleet team will now become part of the new Schroder Pamfleet entity, Moore said, "I'm committed, and committed to the growth," adding that some existing Schroders' staff in the region will be joining the newly enlarged operation.

"Pamfleet is a high-quality business with a clear investment thesis and an experienced team of investment professionals," Duncan Owen,

Global Head of Schroder Real Estate said in a statement. "Since it was founded in 2000, it has had an excellent performance track record in some of the highest value and most dynamic real estate markets in the world. These markets are attractive to many of our partners and clients."

Owen went on to note that Pamfleet's strength in executing value-add investments in Asia complements Schroders' existing real estate and private asset strategies to provide

new options for investors.

Schroders made clear that there will be no changes to the management of Pamfleet's existing funds, while the newly expanded company will have access to the broader investment capabilities and distribution network of Schroders' global business.

Following the acquisition, the Schroder Pamfleet board will comprise Moore and Singuz Lo, alongside Owen, Schroders chief oper-

ating officer for real estate Melinda Knatchbull and Amy Cho, chief executive officer of Schroders Hong Kong.

Pamfleet managing directors Allan Lee and Kelvin Wong will continue to lead teams based in Hong Kong, Shanghai and Singapore and will be joined by Canon Yau, who will lead the business's institutional investor relationships.

Just last year Pamfleet expanded its assets under management to \$1.1 billion when it reached a \$450 million final close on its third Hong Kong-Singapore value-add vehicle. In May of 2019 the company wrapped up \$100 million in funding for its second real estate investment fund focused on mainland China.

While it is best-known for sprucing up aging office towers in Hong Kong, the company has also managed residential and retail investments in Hong Kong, Singapore and Shanghai. "We will continue to focus our attention on our existing funds and existing assets," Moore said, adding that the company will develop new growth strategies in the future.

Schroders' investment in Pamfleet comes just over a year after its UK rival, Aberdeen Standard Investments, acquired its own on-the-ground real estate fund management presence in Asia by purchasing Hong Kong-based Orion Partners for an undisclosed amount.

Saudi Arabia's Qiddiya to award 10bn riyals of contracts for Riyadh mega project

RIYADH

Saudi Arabia's Qiddiya Investment Company, backed by the kingdom's sovereign wealth fund, plans to award at least 10 billion riyals (\$2.66bn) worth of contracts to various companies this year to speed up the construction of a mega entertainment and sports project in the capital Riyadh.

"We've awarded well over 1bn riyals contracts so far and that figure is going to jump, may be 10 times to 10bn riyals, which will all be construction related contracts," Michael Reininger, its chief executive told The National.

The Qiddiya project includes a number of facilities for sports, arts and entertainment activities. It is being constructed on a 334 square-kilometre site close to Riyadh and part of the Saudi Vision 2030 programme that aims to diversify the economy away from oil.

"We just awarded one of the major road contracts and are receiving major contract bids for the entirety of our utility system," Mr Reininger said. "We have strings of things that are coming up between now and the end of the year."

In total, the project, which includes American theme park Six Flags, will be home to more than 300 recreational and educational facilities. They are centred around five major themes including parks and attractions, sports and wellness, nature and the environment, arts and culture, as well as motion and mobility.

Despite the coronavirus pandemic, construction at the site and work is ongoing. "[The] schedule is still on, which is why you see this rapid escalation in the actual contracts being awarded. We are hoping to finish the project by 2023," Mr Reininger said.

The project is being funded by the Public Investment Fund, the kingdom's sovereign wealth fund, as well as by the government. The company plans to raise additional money through a bond or sukuk offering. The exact size of the bond offering is not disclosed.

"Ultimately there is going to be a combination of additional equity capital that is going to come from third party investors, both regional and international," Mr Reininger said. "There will also be debt that will come from the foreign debt market as well as local and regional markets that will support the overall capital."

Bangladesh sends out to China a \$6.4bn infrastructure wishlist

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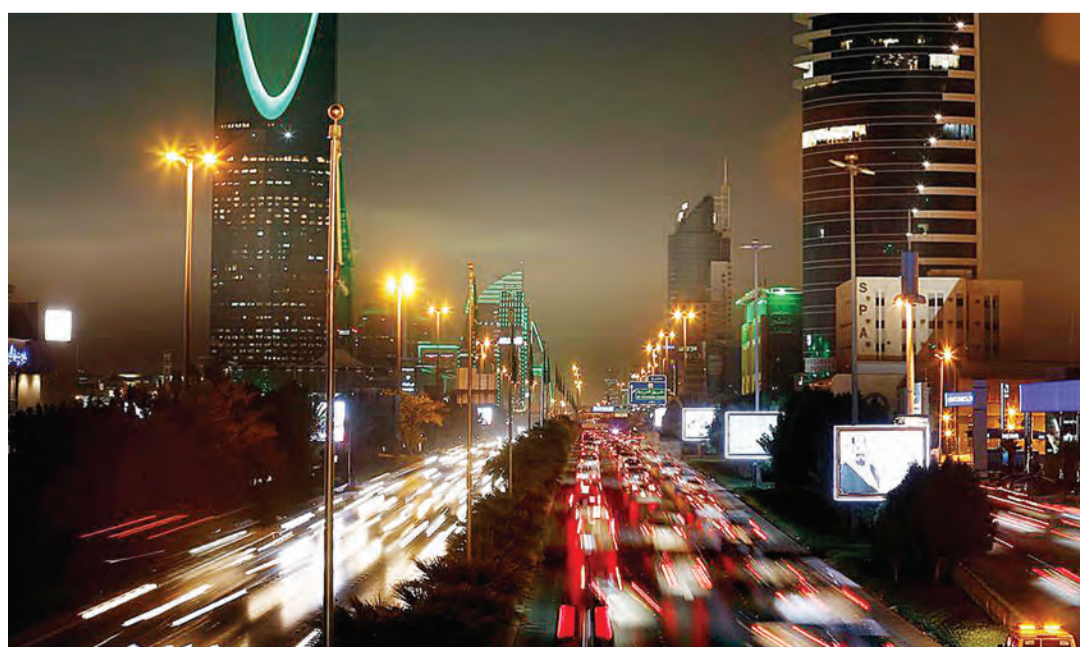
Bangladesh has asked the Chinese government for \$6.4bn for nine infrastructure projects, including an ambitious port project and the country's longest bridge, Dhaka's Financial Express reports.

The Economic Relations Division, which made the request in a letter to the Chinese government, is hoping to elicit \$1.6bn to expand Payra seaport and \$1.2bn for a 10km-long bridge between the city of Barisal and the suburb of Bhola, across two rivers in the Ganges delta.

The Payra project, the first phase of which was completed in 2016, is eventually expected to cost up to \$15bn.

So far, the China Harbour Engineering Company and China State Engineering and Construction Corp have been awarded contracts worth \$600m, and the Jan De Nul Group, headquartered in Luxembourg, has secured a 10-year contract for the dredging work.

The port will require at least \$1bn in dredging work to create a navigable channel to the Bay of Bengal, involving the shifting of 100 million cubic metres of material. Other projects on the shopping list include \$850m for a project to manage the Teesta river, \$800m to improve electricity transmission and distribution, a technology park, an upgrade of Barisal-Kuakata highway to four lanes and the construction of sewerage in Dhaka.



The Qiddiya project coming up in Riyadh is expected to boost tourism potential of Saudi Arabia.

WORLD

Africa, Asia lead digital financial inclusion - IMF

WASHINGTON

DIGITALIZATION increased financial inclusion between 2014 and 2017, with Africa and Asia leading the way, a new study released by the International Monetary Fund (IMF) showed.

Technology is changing the landscape of the financial sector, increasing access to financial services in profound ways, according to the study, authored by Ratna Sahay, Ulric Eriksson von Allmen and others.

According to the study, Ghana, Kenya, and Uganda are front-runners in Africa. In comparison, the Middle East

and Latin America tend to use digital financial services more moderately.

In most countries, digital payments services are evolving into digital lending, as companies accumulate user data and develop new ways to use it for credit worthiness analysis, according to a related IMF blog, which noted that marketplace lending, which uses digital platforms to directly connect lenders to borrowers, doubled in value from 2015 to 2017.

While so far concentrated in China, Britain, and the United States, it appears to be growing in other parts of the world, such as Kenya and India, ac-



International Monetary Fund (IMF) Managing Director Kristalina Georgieva

ording to the blog.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, technology has created new opportunities for digital financial services to accelerate and enhance financial inclusion amid social distancing and containment measures, the authors said, noting that low-income households and small firms can benefit greatly from advances in mobile money, fintech services and online banking.

While the pandemic is set to increase use of

these services, it has also posed challenges for the growth of the industry's smaller players and highlighted unequal access to digital infrastructure, they argued.

To tap the high potential of digital financial services in the post-COVID era, many factors need to fall into place, including equal access to digital infrastructure, greater financial and digital literacy, and the avoidance of data biases, they said.

Xinhua

UN resolution on pandemic 'victory of multilateralism'

UNITED NATIONS

THE adoption of a UN Security Council resolution on COVID-19 is a victory of multilateralism, said a Chinese envoy on Wednesday.

At this critical moment of a global fight against COVID-19, the Security Council is duty-bound to take action to tackle the negative impact of the disease on international peace and security.

The adoption of Resolution 2532 shows the council's ability to act and its leadership, and represents a victory of multilateralism, said Zhang Jun, China's permanent representative to the United Nations, in his explanation of vote.

The resolution has not come easily. A certain council mem-

ber has insisted on a unilateral stance, ignoring the call of the international community. This country went back on its words and broke its promise, delaying the process of consultations again and again, said Zhang (pictured).

As a result, the Security Council was hampered from taking action. This country has also refused to lift unilateral sanctions against relevant countries, turning a blind eye to the call of the secretary-general and countries around the world. This has worsened the suffering of innocent civilians and the humanitarian crisis in some countries and regions amid COVID-19, said Zhang.

From the very beginning, China has been supportive of the secretary-general's appeal for



a global cease-fire and the UN Global Humanitarian Response Plan, both of which are endorsed by the resolution, said Zhang.

China has been constructively engaged in the consultations for the resolution, worked tirelessly with most of the council members to build widest possible consensus, and showed maximum flexibility. As a result, the council has managed to overcome all ob-

stacles and sent a positive message of solidarity and cooperation at this difficult time, he said.

Resolution 2532, which won the unanimous support of the 15 members of the council, demands a general and immediate cessation of hostilities in all situations on the Security Council's agenda. It calls on all parties to armed conflicts to engage immediately in a humanitarian pause for at least 90 consecutive days, in order to enable the delivery of humanitarian assistance, provisions of related services, and medical evacuations.

China calls on the international community to seize the opportunity of the adoption of the resolution to encourage parties to conflicts to respond to the secretary-general's appeal for a global cease-fire, immediately cease

hostilities, work together to combat COVID-19, save lives, commit to resolving disputes peacefully, ensure the delivery of humanitarian assistance and strengthen the safety and security of peacekeepers, said Zhang.

China welcomes the inclusion in the resolution of the concept of putting people at the center, which reflects the demands and concerns of developing countries and is conducive to addressing the root causes of conflict, he said.

China appreciates that the Security Council Resolution refers to GA Resolution 74/270, which reflects member states' full recognition of the central role played by the United Nations and the World Health Organization in the global fight against COVID-19, he said.

Xinhua

Military deployed in Ethiopian capital after more than 80 killed

ADDIS ABABA

THE military was deployed in the Ethiopian capital on Wednesday, as armed gangs roamed neighborhoods in a second day of unrest that has claimed more than 80 lives and deepened political divisions in Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed's political heartland.

The protests were sparked by the assassination of popular musician Haacaaluu Hundeesaa on Monday night and spread from Addis Ababa to the surrounding Oromiya region.

The killing tapped into grievances fuelled by decades of government repression and what the Oromo, Ethiopia's biggest ethnic group, describe as their historic exclusion from political power.

"I am angry. It's eating me inside," protester Ishetu Alemu told Reuters as tires smouldered in the street behind him.

Gunshots echoed through many neighbourhoods and gangs armed with machetes and sticks roamed the streets. Six witnesses described

a situation pitting youths of Oromo origin against some of the city's other ethnic groups, and where both sides skirmished with police.

"We had a meeting with the community, and we were told to arm ourselves with anything we have, including machetes and sticks. We no longer trust the police to protect us, so we have to prepare ourselves," said one Addis Ababa resident, who like others interviewed asked not to be named for fear of reprisal.

An Oromo family said an armed gang had tried to break into their compound. Police had responded, but said they couldn't stay - they were getting too many other calls.

The military had been deployed in some areas, three witnesses said. One described a street littered with rocks that anti-Oromo protesters had thrown at police.

FUNERAL FLASHPOINT

Many residents feared Haacaaluu's funeral - scheduled for Thursday in his home town of Ambo - could ignite more violence.

"Security forces have invaded our



People walk along Lexington Avenue after exiting off westbound Interstate 94 on Wednesday in St. Paul, Minn. Protesters apparently outraged by the killing of Hachalu Hundessa, a popular singer in Ethiopia, stopped traffic on the interstate during the evening rush hour. (AP)

town, we can't go out to mourn. No vehicles are moving around except security patrols with machine-guns," 27-year-old student Chala Hundu told Reuters by phone from Ambo, about 100 km (60 miles) west of Addis. "The security forces

are putting a finger in our wound."

A tussle over whether to bury Haacaaluu in Ambo or Addis laid bare the political tensions fanning the protests, said Professor Awol Allo at Britain's Keele University.

"It's very contentious. Oromos

claim the city (Addis) to be theirs, as it lies fully within the Oromo regional state," he said. But the capital is under federal, not regional control.

The state broadcaster reported the arrest of prominent journalist and activist Eskinder Nega, a former political prisoner who runs a pressure group opposed to what it describes as Oromo attempts to dominate the capital.

The dispute over Addis triggered three years of bloody street demonstrations that led to the resignation of the previous prime minister and Abiy's appointment in the post in 2018. Haacaaluu's music was the soundtrack to a generation of young Oromos who spearheaded the protests.

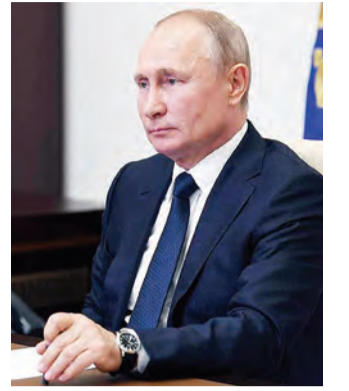
More than 80 people were killed in the clashes in Oromiya on Tuesday, including protesters and members of the security forces, regional police commissioner Bedassa Merdassa told state-run Ethiopian Broadcasting Corporation on Wednesday.

Agencies

Putin thanks Russians for support and trust

NOVO-OGARYOVO

RUSSIAN President Vladimir Putin has thanked the country's citizens for approving constitutional amendments. "I would like to extend my gratitude to Russian citizens and say thank you for your support and trust," the head of state said, opening a meeting of the Pobeda (or Victory) organizing committee.



Putin said that he understands those who voted against amendments to the Russian constitution.

"I understand those our fellow countrymen who voted against," Putin said. "We still have a lot of unresolved problems, this is true, people often face injustice, callousness, indifference.

Many still live hard lives, while we, the country's leadership, often think that we are doing our best," the president noted.

"But no, life shows a different picture, life shows that we often underperform, while we must act quicker, more exactly, in a more organized manner and more efficiently," the president stressed.

Kenyans take up running to boost health amid COVID-19 pandemic

NAIROBI

AS Joseph Owino sprinted in the last stretch of his run. He wiped off beads of sweat on his face, gave his watch a glance and lifted his hands to signal victory.

According to Owino, timely completion of his morning run was a milestone worth celebrating.

The young fitness enthusiast has been running in the morning regularly for three months mainly to escape the confinement of his house that has been occasioned by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Owino has been engaging in early morning jogging along the winding feeder roads in the middle-income Buru Buru suburb located on the eastern edges of the Kenyan capital, Nairobi.

"I run with some of my long-term friends for five kilometers every day. The camaraderie offers motivation for arduous challenges we undertake as well as safety. We pour into the street at dawn while the darkness of the night is still dense," Owino told Xinhua during an interview on Tuesday.

The ardent jogger provides a snapshot of how Kenyans have taken up running to beat claustrophobia linked to hunkering down at home in order to control the spread of COVID-19.

For a nation that has earned global fame in the field of long-distance running, the practice does not come as a surprise.

"My friends and I have an unspoken pact, that when we start running we do not stop unless one of us gets hurt. It is a concept we drew from celebrated athletes like Eluid Kipchoge who completes all his races," said Owino.

The World Health Organization (WHO) recommends that adults aged 18 to 64 years should do about 150 minutes of moderate-intensity aerobic physical or at least 75 minutes of vigorous-intensity aerobic physical activity per week to boost physical, mental and emotional wellness.

According to WHO, the benefits of regular exercises include the ability of the body to ward off non-communicable diseases such as diabetes and cancers.

Owino believed that running coupled with home workouts has significantly boosted his immunity hence his odds of contracting the coronavirus are reduced drastically.

Nonetheless, evidence has shown that fitness is not a guarantee against the contracting COVID-19 as some recognized athletes have become victims.

Owino remains convinced that physical exercise has optimized his overall well-being.

"I feel healthy and exercising has been able to take my head off all the losses my car bazaar is currently making due to the pandemic," said Owino.

Ugandan President Yoweri Museveni recently implored citizens to exercise even when they are confined at home. Museveni electrified the nation when he released a video that showcased his prowess in jogging and push-ups amid a quest to improve physical health during the COVID-19 confinement period.

Stanley Nambita, a physical fitness enthusiast and personal gym instructor prefers walking in the evening for at least one hour to rejuvenate his body.

"When I am not walking I am doing sit-ups or push-ups at home, my fitness training job has been rendered redundant by the COVID-19 pandemic," said Nambita.

South China's Guangzhou rejuvenates historical street through 'mini-transformation'

YONGQING Fang, a historical street in Guangzhou, capital of South China's Guangdong Province, has taken on a brand new look and is increasingly popular among young people, thanks to the "mini-transformation" program implemented by the local government to upgrade and renovate old city.

Bruce Lee's ancestral home near Yongqing Fang, which was built by Lee's father Li Haiquan in the 1940s, was renovated by the program.

While its previous architectural features were restored, the renovated residence is now a tourist attraction where visitors

can get a close contact of the ancestral home of the Kung Fu master, watch clips of Lee's movies, and experience orthopedics treatment of traditional Chinese medicine in a newly-built martial art health center.

Enning Road centering around Yongqing Fang is a historical and cultural block covering an area of 120,000 square meters. Boasting the most well-preserved Qilou buildings, or arcade-style buildings in Guangzhou, the block had witnessed the convergence and prospering of traditional culture and many folk handicrafts.

However, as the center of the

city has moved eastward, buildings of the block were long neglected and fell into disrepair. Surface of the roads were damaged, and the cables and underground sewage network also became aged.

Even the once flourishing traditional culture and folk handicrafts faded, and most young people started to leave the place for the outside world.

In 2016, Guangzhou put forward an idea of "mini-transformation", which aimed to renew and repair old buildings while maintaining the original structure and exterior of them.

Modern architectural ele-

ments were adopted to better the space structure and transform the interior of the buildings, so that they can better meet the needs of modern activities.

The phase one transformation of Yongqing Fang was completed in October 2016, when the roads had been newly paved with granite stones; the cables, once interweaving with each other overhead, had been buried underground; and meadows and public spaces were also planned in between of buildings.

The ancillary facilities, including community health service centers, drainage, illumination,

fire extinguishing and communication systems had also been drastically upgraded.

Li Yuqiong's and her brother's families have lived in the houses inherited from their parents for six decades on No.20 Yongqing street. In the past, the street was troubled by poor road condition and frequent traffic congestion.

Water gathered easily near their doors in rainy days, Li disclosed, adding that they had lasting safety concern about the cables under the eaves whenever there was a thunder.

After the "mini-transformation" program was implemented, tourists started to visit the

block in droves. Therefore Li gave up the idea of moving out, and even started a stall outside her home to sell traditional local snacks, such as beef offal with turnips and pig trotters stewed with ginger. Sometimes she can make several hundred yuan a day.

What's more, a once dilapidated residence across the way of Li's house has been turned into a fashionable café.

"It was more difficult to renovate such a building than to replace it with a new one," a member of the renovation team from China Vanke Co., Ltd., told the People's Daily, disclosing

that the bricks in the walls were tailored to match the original color, and those with color difference from the original ones were not used.

A carp-shaped outfalls on the roofs were restored, too, said the member, adding "They are the characteristics of architectures in South China, though they are not necessarily functional now."

The "mini-transformation" program was designed to remove the dilapidated parts and keep people's memories of the old buildings, for which meticulous efforts are required.

People's Daily

Law and order dawns in Hong Kong as new law takes effect

HONG KONG

HONG KONG reached a significant turning point on the 23rd anniversary of its return to the motherland as a law on safeguarding national security came into force.

Celebrations were held across Hong Kong Wednesday morning. Helicopters flew the national and regional flags over Victoria Harbor, and a fireboat sprayed a water-column salute. Choruses of residents sang the national anthem at multiple landmarks.

The festive mood stood in sharp contrast to the scenes a year ago when large groups of rioters stormed the Legislative Council complex of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) and wreaked havoc inside. It was one of the most atrocious violent incidents during months of social unrest last year.

On Tuesday, the Law of the People's Republic of China on Safeguarding National Security in the HKSAR was passed unanimously by the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress. It took effect at 11:00 p.m. local time the same day upon its promulgation by the HKSAR government in the Gazette.

TURNING POINT

At a reception held Wednesday morning, Chief Executive of the HKSAR Carrie

Lam stressed the significance of the anniversary and said the new law would help restore stability in Hong Kong.

The national security law seeks to prevent, curb and punish crimes seriously endangering national security, namely secession, subversion, terrorist activities, and collusion with a foreign country or external elements to endanger national security.

Lam called the enactment of the law a "turning point" to take Hong Kong out of the current impasse and to restore stability and order from the chaos.

The legislation follows the prolonged social disturbances that have gripped Hong Kong since June last year. Intensified violent incidents and riots trampled on order and the rule of law, threatened people's safety, and endangered national security.

The unrest exposed the tremendous risks Hong Kong faces in safeguarding national security and posed a grave challenge to "one country, two systems," Luo Huining, director of the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the HKSAR, said Wednesday at an opening ceremony of the activities to celebrate the 23rd anniversary of Hong Kong's return.

Echoing Lam's words, Luo said the promulgation of the law marks a significant turning point for Hong Kong to move from turmoil to stability, and a major milestone for the practice of "one



A flag-raising ceremony is held by the government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region to celebrate the 23rd anniversary of Hong Kong's return to the motherland at the Golden Bauhinia Square in Hong Kong, south China, on Wednesday. (Xinhua)

country, two systems" in Hong Kong.

In Victoria Harbor, 150 fishing vessels, festooned with banners and the national flag, sailed in a procession to celebrate the anniversary and the passage of the new law. Joyful Hong Kong residents warmly greeted the boats on the harbor front.

The captain of the lead boat, surnamed Leung, has participated in every such parade since 1997. Leung, 68, said the lives of fishermen had become better and better since Hong Kong returned to the motherland. "Only when our country is prosperous, can Hong Kong be prosperous," he said.

END TO TURMOIL

"If it were not for the national security legislation, I would decide to leave Hong Kong at once," Angelo Giuliani said. The Swiss expatriate, 50, was looking for opportunities in the financial consultancy field in Hong Kong three years ago, attracted by its stable environment and business opportunities, but found himself unexpectedly dragged into the chaos last year and faced real threats to his safety.

When Giuliani was trying to help clear a street blocked by debris, rioters hurled stones at him and his friends. After attending assemblies to protest the violence, his private information, along with that of his family, was leaked online.

Numerous ordinary Hong Kong residents echoed Giuliani's personal experience and feelings about the new law.

Violence used to be a common occurrence during the social unrest. Rioters besieged government and legislative buildings, trashed metro stations, banks and shops, and assaulted innocent residents. Their actions plunged Hong Kong into chaos and a deep economic recession, and posed a significant and increasing threat to national security.

Xinhua



Biden and allies collect more cash than Trump for a second straight month

WASHINGTON

DEMOCRAT Joe Biden edged out Republican Donald Trump in fundraising for a second straight month in June, data from the rival U.S. presidential campaigns showed on Wednesday.

Biden and allied Democratic groups raked in over \$141 million during the month, while President Trump and closely tied groups hauled \$131 million.

In each case, the figures were new monthly records this year for campaigns that are expected to mount the most expensive U.S. election in history.

Biden, who waged his successful primary battle against a historically large field of Democrats on a shoestring budget, is trying to erase a fundraising gap ahead of his Nov. 3 election with Trump.

The president, who started his re-election bid shortly after he moved into the White House, has been a prodigious fundraiser and built an early war chest for his re-election battle against Democrats.

Yet Biden's fundraising has picked up since becoming the nominee and staking a lead in national polls after the coronavirus crisis and protests over police brutality against Black Americans.

Both campaigns are proving they can stockpile significant sums despite the ongoing pandemic that is hobbling the economy and squeezing wealthy donors. The funds finance television and internet advertisements as well as staff and travel to key battleground states.

Trump raised \$14 million online during a campaign celebrating his birthday last month. Biden, meanwhile, raised more than \$11 million last week at one event featuring former U.S. President Barack Obama, which included a portion for people who contributed as little as they wished and another, more private event for high-rollers. **Agencies**

African students well protected in NE China's Liaoning during COVID-19

AFRICAN college students in northeast China's Liaoning province have been well protected amid COVID-19 by the province's strict control measures, and the universities and colleges in the province have also won great reputation from the overseas students in return.

"I'm grateful to my teachers for their loving care. I regard Liaoning as my second hometown and will recommend Liaoning University to more African students," said Azmina, a Tanzanian student studying in Liaoning, in fluent Chinese.

Azmina from Liaoning University was stranded by the COVID-19 outbreak in Wuhan, capital of central China's Hubei province when she was on vacation there.

"We kept close contact with her to learn her health conditions and assist her with online courses," said Wang Qi, a teacher of Azmina, adding that the student's understanding and cooperation

were quite reassuring.

There are a total of 6,659 African college students in Liaoning, accounting for 46.19 percent of the total foreign students in the province. They study at 43 colleges and universities in Liaoning, and 3,370 of them currently stay in the province.

Multiple measures have been taken by Liaoning's universities and colleges to protect the safety of these students, who also showed great appreciation and understanding and supported China's epidemic response with concrete actions in return.

A volunteer group was established in Liaoning University for epidemic prevention and control by African students, and Ma Le from Zambia is one of them.

According to him, the volunteers took body temperatures of the students every day, and also sent students' everyday shopping list to the university's logistics department.



Ma Le, a Zambian student studying in Liaoning University, takes a walk at the campus during the COVID-19 epidemic.

"We are very grateful to the teachers who worked all day round to ensure our safety, and I also wanted to assist them and the students as a volunteer," he said.

Shenyang University of Chemical Technology in Shenyang, capital of Liaoning province, set up a small self-service library to encourage international students to stay studious during the COVID-19 progress, and Liaoning Shihua University in Fushun, Liaoning promoted scientific knowledge about epidemic prevention and control among African students, to help them protect themselves from the COVID-19 epidemic.

Shenyang Aerospace University had 213 African students on campus during the epidemic, and the university adopted an opinion soliciting mechanism to help them solve the problems they met in terms of online courses.

China has taken science-based and effective measures to prevent and control the epidemic, said a Ghanaian student from the Shenyang Aerospace University, adding "our university attaches great importance to international students' health and safety. We will continue cooperating as always with the work of our teachers to repay their hard work."

A Kenyan student who names himself Li Benshan in Chinese has lived in China for six years. He obtained a work visa last year and is now teaching at the Shenyang Aerospace University. Li has made active efforts to help others during the epidemic prevention and control in China.

The Chinese government has taken powerful measures to prevent the epidemic, which brought us a sense of security, Li said, stressing "Epidemic knows no boundaries. We must unite as one to overcome difficulties."

People's Daily

Turkish court hears case on turning Hagia Sophia into a mosque

ANKARA

A Turkish court yesterday heard a case aimed at converting Istanbul's sixth century Hagia Sophia back into a mosque and will announce its verdict within 15 days, a lawyer said, on an issue which has drawn international expressions of concern.

President Tayyip Erdogan has proposed restoring the mosque status of the UNESCO World Heritage Site, a building at the heart of both Christian Byzantine and Muslim Ottoman empires and today one of Turkey's most visited monuments.

The government decision to turn the mosque into a museum was made in 1934 in the early years of the modern secular Turkish state founded by Mustafa Kemal Ataturk. The court case disputes the legality of that conversion.

US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo on Wednesday urged Turkey to let Hagia Sophia remain a museum, while the spiritual head of the world's Orthodox Christians warned its conversion to a mosque would sow division.



This aerial picture taken on June 28, 2020 in Istanbul shows Hagia Sophia museum in Istanbul. (AFP)

Hagia Sophia was the foremost church in Christendom for 900 years and then one of Islam's greatest mosques for 500 years after the Ottoman conquest of Istanbul.

Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, the spiritual head of some 300 million Orthodox

Christians worldwide and based in Istanbul, said converting it to a mosque would disappoint Christians and would "fracture" East and West.

Turkish groups have campaigned for years for Hagia Sophia's conversion into a mosque and Erdogan, a pious Muslim,

backed their call ahead of local elections last year.

Many Turks argue that mosque status would better reflect the identity of Turkey as an overwhelmingly Muslim country, and recent polls have shown that most Turks support a change.

Agencies

Tourism returns as second half of 2020 begins

BEIJING

THE second half of 2020 began on Wednesday, as tourism returned with further opening of economies.

International travel has resumed as airports reopened months after strict aviation restrictions were imposed to stem the spread of COVID-19. Close to 300 tourists on board two flights from Ukraine on Wednesday landed in Egypt's Red Sea resort cities of Hurghada and Sharm el-Sheikh.

Upon arrival at Hurghada Airport, the passengers were greeted with flowers, souvenirs, and folk music and dancing. Egypt reported on Wednesday 1,503 new cases of COVID-19, taking its total tally since mid-February to 69,814, with 3,034 deaths.

Meanwhile, Lebanon's Beirut airport also resumed operation after four months of being closed, with measures taken to

detect suspected infections in place.

At Istanbul Airport, Turkey's largest airport, the first COVID-19 test center for international passengers was opened, with test results to be delivered within two hours at a cost of around 16 U.S. dollars.

The Turkish government has been gradually relaxing COVID-19 restrictions, with internet cafes and gaming halls across the country reopening alongside precautionary measures, such as regular regular disinfection, mandatory wearing of masks, and social distancing measures.

On Wednesday, Turkey reported 1,192 new cases and 19 more deaths, taking its total infections and deaths to 201,098 and 5,150, respectively. In Europe, the first tourist train from the Czech Republic in months arrived in Croatia's coastal city of Rijeka on Wednesday morning.

The 550 passengers were greeted by Croatian Tourism Minister Gari Capelli and Rijeka Mayor Vojko Obersnel. Other European countries in which the coronavirus pandemic has slowed down are also expected to see a rebound in tourism.

In Italy, a government policy intended to revive tourism took effect on Wednesday.

According to a promotional program put in place until the end of this year, low- and medium-income households, couples, and individuals who spend holidays at Italian tourist facilities can benefit from a financial bonus of up to 500 euros (560 U.S. dollars).

In Finland, a large-scale open-air market and dining area located on Helsinki's iconic 3,000-square-meter Senate Square opened to the public on Wednesday, in a move to encourage the catering and tourism industries.

Xinhua

Coronavirus uptick may hurt Trump as US elections 4 months ahead

WASHINGTON

U.S. media in recent days have reported a surge in COVID-19 cases in some southern U.S. states, development that could bode ill for U.S. President Donald Trump as he seeks re-election, experts said.

The U.S. state of Florida on Saturday reported 9,585 new cases. South Carolina, Texas, Nevada and Georgia also reported record or near-record numbers of cases over the weekend, although this

could be a reflection of increased testing. Experts said the spike could impact Trump's chances of re-election. "It keeps the issue live and probably makes people question the federal response to date. If it leads to another round of shutdowns, I think people get angry and wonder why they did the first round if they're doing it all over again now. Angry voters are rarely good for an incumbent," Christopher Galdieri, assistant professor at Saint Anselm College,

told Xinhua. "Second, many of the southern and southwestern states experiencing surges are ones that did not have many cases when everything started in March. So after feeling like they were spared the worst of it, they're now finding themselves getting clobbered. I suspect the psychological impact of that is, again, not good for an incumbent," Galdieri said.

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wrongly -- to the public blaming Trump for the spike in the virus cases. "The more who die, the more difficult it will be for him to persuade voters he deserves a second term," Brookings Institution senior fellow Darrell West told Xinhua. U.S. presidents often get poor poll results when the economy is in the doldrums. "The economy remains weak, which also helps to explain why (Democratic candidate Joe) Biden has such a major lead right now,"

West said, referring to polls that put Trump far behind his rival.

The nation's massive jobless rate -- the highest since the Great Depression -- was caused by the government's unprecedented lockdown, which took place even in states where coronavirus cases were not high. "A large number of voters lack confidence in Trump and it is hard to see what is going to change those perceptions over the next few months," West said. Republican Strategist and TV

news personality Ford O'Connell told Xinhua that virus spikes come and go, and it is tough to know what that means for November."

The triple whammy of the virus, the pandemic-induced weakened economy and the recent social unrest have hurt Trump's standing in the polls. But it is certainly recoverable for Trump with a little more than four months to go," O'Connell said.

Xinhua



LeBron James

LeBron James' group touts sports venues as mega-voting sites

ATLANTA

IF basketball icon LeBron James gets his way, NBA arenas and other sports venues around the country will be mega polling sites for the November general election.

James and his voting rights group, formed this spring with other black athletes and entertainers, are joining with other professional basketball leaders and Michigan's top elections official to push for mega voting sites to accommodate in-person balloting amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

More Than A Vote, the James organization dedicated to maximizing Black turnout in November, shared its plans with The Associated Press on Wednesday after the Detroit Pistons became the second NBA franchise to announce plans to use its arena for voting later this year. In Georgia, Fulton County elections officials this week approved the Atlanta Hawks' proposal to use State Farm Arena as a polling site. Plans call for the arena to serve as a countywide early voting site ahead of Election Day.

The idea, which comes after Kentucky used large facilities in its June 23 primary, is to use large spaces that allow for in-person voting while still enforcing social distancing guidelines. It also underscores the attention on the mechanics of voting amid the pandemic, with the intensity already reflected in both President Donald Trump and Democratic challenger Joe Biden warning that state and local officials have the power to "corrupt" the election.

Michigan Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson called her "partnership" with the Pistons an "blueprint for other teams and leagues seeking to advance our common goal of protecting access to the vote for all."

Lloyd Pierce, head coach of the Atlanta Hawks, said the arrangement in his city ensures "high turnout" in a safe environment. Benson, Pierce and David Fizdale, former New York Knicks head coach, will advise NBA franchises and arena management entities around the country on how to replicate the existing deals.

The Milwaukee Bucks also confirmed they are willing to use their home arena as a voting site in the most populous city in the

key battleground of Wisconsin.

The coordinated push is a turnabout, of sorts, in the often-partisan jousting over voting procedures.

Some Democrats panned Kentucky elections officials for limiting in-person June primary voting in the state's two most populous counties to Louisville's Exposition Center and the University of Kentucky football stadium in Lexington. Voting rights advocates argued in federal court that the plan, part of culling voting sites statewide amid coronavirus concerns, would harm minority voters.

A federal judge rejected their claims, and voting proceeded without the melee that some advocates had forecast.

Now, Benson, a Democrat, is pushing the arena model not as an example of potential voter suppression, but a way to fight it. "One of our greatest challenges in protecting voters' access to democracy this November is identifying accessible locations where citizens can safely vote in person," she said.

Amid COVID, that could outweigh potential logistical difficulties of large sites. Lines for such venues can still be long – just as with normal polling locations – as was seen in Lexington at some points on primary day. Voters also could face traffic jams or public transit hiccups given the number of people involved. General elections also have considerably larger turnout than primaries.

Nonetheless, there's a growing bipartisan push for large-venue voting. NFL executive Scott Pioli last week presented the National Association of Secretaries of State a plan for widespread use of professional and college sports facilities.

James' group is officially nonpartisan. But the NBA star has been open about its emphasis on the Black community, where Trump faces intense opposition for his white identity politics. James has not endorsed Biden, but he endorsed Hillary Clinton over Trump in 2016.

In Milwaukee, meanwhile, the Bucks owners, the Lasry family, are major Democratic Party donors. Bucks executive Alex Lasry helped lead the effort that landed the Democratic National Convention in the city. AP

No Wimbledon, jumbled season and 'Big 4' legacies

BY HOWARD FENDRICH

It's a complete guessing game, but it's still fun to discuss: Will the legacies of the four most prominent and successful tennis players of today – and maybe ever – be affected by the coronavirus-interrupted 2020 season?

And how will Roger Federer, Rafael Nadal and Novak Djokovic – known as the Big Three of the men's game – along with Serena Williams, fare whenever they do return to competition? (Federer is out until 2021 after twice needing arthroscopic knee surgery.)

Call them the Big Four. They rule their sport, on and off the court, and have done so to such an extent that no matter how many wins and losses might come the rest of the way, their places in history are secure. Williams owns 23 Grand Slam singles titles, the most in the professional era. Federer has a men's-record 20, Nadal 19 and Djokovic 17; no other man has more than 14.

They drive interest among tennis fans and non-fans, alike.

Let's be honest: What happens with them matters more than with other players, particularly when Williams is trying to equal Margaret Court's all-era mark of 24 majors, and when Nadal and Djokovic are closing in on Federer.

Also intriguing: Their ages. Federer and Williams turn 39 soon; Nadal is 34, Djokovic 33.

"It could be like, 'Huh, I really enjoy spending time at home.' They're not in the rat race. There's no momentum. So emotionally and mentally, they could think, 'Ugh, do I really want to do this again? Do I really want to start up with training? Can I really, 100%, be focused?'" said Chris Evert, an 18-time major champion. "Or, on the other side



In this Jan. 30, 2020, file photo, Switzerland's Roger Federer, right, congratulates Serbia's Novak Djokovic on winning their semifinal match at the Australian Open tennis championship in Melbourne, Australia. (AP Photo)

of the coin, they could have a sense of urgency and think, 'OK, I really need to appreciate my tennis for another year or so and I need to achieve my goals now. I'm not getting any younger.'"

Wimbledon should have been happening right now but was called off for the first time since 1945 because of the COVID-19 outbreak. Sanctioned tennis has been suspended since March and, as of now, is scheduled to resume in August; the U.S. Open begins the last day of that month. The French Open, postponed in May, is now slated to start Sept. 27, two weeks after the U.S. Open ends.

"It's much easier to (get) a body ready (that is) 21 years old, than a body that is 34 years old. That is 100 percent. But at the same time, a 34-year-old body and mind have much more experience than a body and mind of 21 years old. So I don't

know what's going to happen," Nadal said.

"In general terms, it's better for a young guy, because all this period of time that we lost, a young guy has plenty of time to recover. An older guy, in terms of 'timing,'" Nadal said, using his fingers to signal quotation marks, "we lost the same amount of time, (but) in terms of perspective, it's different. Because losing a year at 34 or 36 or 33, is not the same as losing a year at 20, when you have all your career in front of you."

Perhaps Nadal skips the hard courts of New York, where he's the defending champion, to be better rested and prepared for the red clay of Paris, where he could match Federer's 20 Slam triumphs with No. 13 at Roland Garros. Maybe Djokovic opts to go to the U.S. Open after sounding negative about it, figuring an absent Nadal ups his

own chances.

Federer's best shot to add to his total probably would be at Wimbledon, where he's won eight times. Hard to say how many more attempts he'll get.

Williams, meanwhile, made it to the finals at four of the past seven Grand Slam tournaments, going 0-4. And even if she surprisingly bowed out in the third round at the Australian Open in January, there's little reason to believe she couldn't make another run, especially at the U.S. Open, where she is a six-time champion and was the runner-up in 2018 and 2019.

As for the prolonged break, Williams said: "I felt like my body needed it, even though I didn't want it. And now I'm feeling better than ever. I'm feeling more relaxed, more fit. Now I'm just like: Now I can go out and play real tennis."

AP



Dar es Salaam's U-19 basketball players, who are attending a camp at Spiders Club's court in the city, listen to national junior team's coach Bahati Mzungu (standing, 2nd R) at the drills held recently. The camp, dubbed '25/8 boys' basketball camp, targets promotion of the sport at the domestic level. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

Asterisk on the NBA title? Coaches, players say not a chance

BY TIM REYNOLDS

THE 2020 NBA champion, if one is crowned, will have emerged as the ultimate winner from a season that lasted more than a full year from start to finish. A season that saw political unrest between the NBA and China, the deaths of David Stern and Kobe Bryant, racial issues across the nation and, if that wasn't enough, a pandemic.

It is a season like none other.

So, an asterisk-bearing champion? Not a chance.

To the teams in the NBA, this championship might be the toughest one ever claimed. It'll come after more than three months of living in a quasi-bubble at the Disney complex near Orlando, Florida, after an entire postseason is played without fans,

with most if not all that time spent away from friends and family. And only one of the 22 teams headed to Disney will be able to say it was absolutely worth the trouble.

"I've heard a lot of people say that there's going to be, like, a star next to this championship," Milwaukee forward and reigning NBA MVP Giannis Antetokounmpo said. "I feel like at the end of the day this is going to be like the toughest championship you could ever win because the circumstances are really, really tough right now. So, whoever wants it more is going to be able to go out there and take it."

He's not alone in feeling that way. Most of the 22 teams that will be headed to the Disney campus next week – the first arrivals are scheduled for July 7 – spent Wednesday

beginning Phase 3 of the NBA's restart process. Workouts are still individual, but now mandatory. No team can practice or play 5-on-5 until arriving at Disney. Teams won't be back together, all at once, in person, until getting to Central Florida.

"I think this might be certainly the most worthy of all world championships in the NBA because of all the things that every team is going to have to navigate and overcome to be able to be crowned a champion," Miami coach Erik Spoelstra said.

The season has been daunting and won't get any easier. That's why Los Angeles Lakers coach Frank Vogel – whose team was in China when the political issues hit this fall, took the enormous emotional blow that followed Bryant's death, has championed societal change during

these troubled times in the country and has had players infected with the coronavirus – wholeheartedly agrees with Antetokounmpo's stance.

"Our team has been through a lot this year," Vogel said. "And we've endured, and we've come out strong each time we've faced adversity. I don't know about other teams but if we were able to come through all of this and achieve the ultimate prize, I do think it deserves a harder-than-ordinary asterisk. If you're going to put an asterisk on it, I don't think it weakens it at all."

There are elements of the restart that are not easy for anyone involved, such as the isolation from the outside world, the daily testing, and the highly restrictive rules that the NBA put in place after consultation with health officials.

Denver coach Michael Malone said that will prove someone's championship mettle.

"If you're able to go into a bubble to be isolated from your friends and family, to have no home court advantage, to have a league interruption of four months, and you're able to spend 90 days and come out of there a champion, I think this will be the toughest championship ever won," Malone said. "There's no asterisk. You win an NBA championship anytime, it's a hell of an accomplishment. But in these circumstances, these unprecedented times, with everything going on ... I think it will be a remarkable accomplishment."

Some may argue otherwise, but the 1999 championship by San Antonio after a 50-game regular season and

the 2012 championship by Miami after a 66-game season – both shortened because of labor strife in the league – come with no formal asterisk attached. This NBA season will see the 22 remaining teams all play between 71 and 75 games before the playoffs, and the league's plan is for a full four-round, best-of-seven-throughout postseason.

No one is being gifted a title this season.

"I saw (Houston guard) Austin Rivers said today, you know that the idea of an asterisk next to this championship, I think he said it exactly right," Boston coach Brad Stevens said Wednesday. "This is going to be a super unique situation and whoever wins it is going to really earn it."

AP

West Ham defeat shows long way to go for Chelsea, admits Lampard

LONDON

FRANK Lampard said Chelsea's capitulation to lose 3-2 at relegation threatened West Ham on Wednesday is a sign of how much work he still has to do to make the Blues title contenders once more.

Chelsea were on course to move third in the Premier League when Willian's penalty gave them the lead in the first half at the London Stadium.

But the visitors did not learn from the reprieve they received from VAR when Tomas Soucek had a goal ruled out for offside as the Czech rose highest to level from another corner.

Michail Antonio then put West Ham in front early in the second half before Willian's free-kick brought Chelsea level once more.

Lampard's men then looked the more likely to claim all three points in the closing stages, but were caught on the counter-attack when Andriy Yarmolenko fired home a huge winner for West Ham's chances of avoiding the drop.

A 10th league defeat of the season leaves Chelsea just two points clear of Manchester United and Wolves in the race for a place in the top four and next season's Champions League.

"I wouldn't say it is the story of our season because it's been a good season, but there have been so many of these moments," said Lampard, whose side had won all three of their previous matches since returning from English football's three-month shutdown due to coronavirus.

"The players in those moments have to show an extra mentality to see a game through like this when you have a lot of domination."

After a 2-1 victory over Manchester City last week that sealed the title for Liverpool and the signings of Timo Werner and Hakim Ziyech, Chelsea have been touted as title contenders to City and Liverpool next season.

However, Lampard believes his side have to be far more consistent than they have shown during his first season in charge.

"I've seen us play great games, but I also have seen opportunities to close a gap or move into third wasted. That's the difference at the minute and shows how much work we've got to do."

Pep: Sancho won't replace Sane at Manchester City

LONDON

MANCHESTER City manager Pep Guardiola has ruled out a move for Jadon Sancho as a replacement for Leroy Sane.

Sane flew to Germany on Wednesday ahead of a proposed €50 million move to Bayern Munich. He is set to sign a five-year contract with the Bundesliga champions and will not play for City again.

Sancho, who left the Etihad Stadium for Borussia Dortmund in 2017 and has been linked with Manchester United, has been suggested as a possible replacement but Guardiola is adamant it will not happen.

"No, no, no, he decided to leave," Guardiola told a news conference on Wednesday. "Why should he decide to come back? When he decided to move to Dortmund it's not because he is going to decide to come back later. It would make no sense. He didn't want to be here, so that is why he doesn't want to come back here."

After surrendering the Premier League title to Liverpool, Guardiola is facing the prospect of rebuilding his squad ahead of City's attempts to win it back next season. Sane has already headed for the exit and he will be followed by David Silva, who will leave at the end of the campaign.

Vincent Kompany was not replaced last summer while Fernandinho and Sergio Aguero have turned 35 and 32, respectively.

Just a second win in 12 games takes David Moyes's men up to 16th, three points clear of the relegation zone.

A much-needed victory for the former Manchester United manager was all the sweeter after feeling the injustice of a VAR call for the second time in eight days.

Moyes was unhappy when Tottenham's opener in a 2-0 defeat last week was allowed to stand despite a handball in the build-up.

"Again the VAR stuff, I'm beginning to lose faith with it," said Moyes.

West Ham's win was the first for any side in the bottom five in 30 games since the Premier League's restart.

"We'd be lying if we said we weren't looking at the results (of the other sides)," added Moyes. "I didn't think we had been as bad as our results suggested."

The controversial VAR call came at 0-0 when Antonio was adjudged to be interfering with goalkeeper Kepa Arrizabalaga's line of vision from an offside position on the floor when Soucek swept the ball home from a corner.

"I really dislike VAR," said Antonio. "It's gone against us so many times. Today it didn't stop us, we keep going and we got the victory."

Moments later it got even worse for the hosts as Christian Pulisic was chopped down by Issa Diop and Willian confidently dispatched the spot-kick.

West Ham were level before the break, though, as Soucek rose highest at another Jarrod Bowen corner to power home a downward header.

Moyes's men were then rewarded for a positive start to the second half as Bowen's low cross was thrashed home by Antonio.

Pulisic remained Chelsea's most dangerous player and when the American was brought down again just outside the area this time, Willian produced another moment of set-piece magic.

But against the run of play Chelsea were punished for some lazy defending by Marcos Alonso as he did not track Yarmolenko's surge from inside his own half and after being picked out by Antonio, the Ukrainian cut inside onto his favoured left and fired past Arrizabalaga.

"After we finish we reflect," said Guardiola. "I want to sit with the club, take a little time to think with the club what we have to do, which players should we replace -- Leroy and the others -- we have to see what happens," said Guardiola. "Some players have to be replaced. But it's not a disaster thing, or bad thing, it's part of football for the age, for the normal situation and circumstances."

"It happens in other clubs and players who are considered important players for the club decide to leave. They don't want to be here and that was the case for Jadon Sancho and Leroy, especially Leroy because Jadon Sancho was in the academy. "It happens at clubs around the world, you never can be eternal, and we have to accept it and try to take the right decisions as a club to try to maintain the level that we have."

City go head-to-head with newly crowned champions Liverpool behind closed doors at the Etihad Stadium on Thursday. Guardiola says his players will give Jurgen Klopp's side a guard of honour and midfielder Ilkay Gundogan insists it is deserved.

"I am not sure if I have done it before to be honest," said Gundogan. "It is a tradition in England so obviously we will follow tradition. They deserve it because they are the champions. I can imagine that people from the outside such as media and fans make it bigger than it actually is."

(Agencies)

West Ham stun Chelsea, Aubameyang fires Arsenal revival

LONDON

WEST Ham rocked Chelsea's top-four hopes and boosted their survival bid with a dramatic 3-2 win, while Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang struck twice as Arsenal climbed back into European contention with a 4-0 thrashing of Norwich on Wednesday.

Chelsea were hoping to take advantage of third-placed Leicester's 2-1 defeat at Everton earlier in the day, but instead the Blues were beaten for the first time since the Premier League restart.

West Ham were denied the opening goal at the London Stadium when VAR ruled Michail Antonio was offside as he lay on the ground while Tomas Soucek slotted home.

Willian fired Chelsea ahead from the penalty spot five minutes before half-time after Issa Diop tripped Christian Pulisic.

Soucek headed home in first-half stoppage time as West Ham finally scored their first goal since the restart.

Antonio put West Ham in front in the 51st minute when he slid in to convert Jarrod Bowen's cross.

Willian's superb 70th-minute free-kick drew Chelsea level, but it was West Ham who broke away to win it in the 89th minute when substitute Andriy Yarmolenko finished a brilliant counter attack.

Chelsea are one point behind Leicester and only two ahead of Manchester United and Wolves as the race to qualify for the Champions



Tomas Soucek (right) celebrates his first West Ham goal (AFP Photo)

League hots up with six games left.

"It's the story of our season. It's been a good season but there have been so many of these moments," Chelsea boss Frank Lampard said.

"I'm not happy with any of the goals. There were details in the game which we knew but we lost because we didn't get them right."

"It's why we are fighting for the top four and not first or second. We don't get things right as much as the big boys do."

West Ham's crucial first win since the restart moved them three points clear of the relegation zone.

At the Emirates Stadium, Aubameyang moved alongside Jamie Vardy as the Premier League's top scorer on 19 goals on a night of contrasting fortunes for the Golden Boot contenders.

Arsenal registered a third straight win to move up to seventh against a Norwich side ever more resigned to relegation.

Canaries keeper Tim Krul did his side no favours by gifting the opener to Aubameyang when he was caught trying to dribble past the Gabon international.

Aubameyang's first saw him reach 50 Premier League goals in 79 appearances -- making him the fastest Arsenal player to reach that landmark.

"A player that is able to score as many goals as he has done in that short space of time tells you everything about the importance that he has for us," said Arsenal boss Mikel Arteta.

Aubameyang turned provider for Granit Khaka to make it 2-0 before

half-time and was then handed another gift when Norwich striker Josip Drmic teed him up to make it 3-0.

Cedric Soares, signed from Southampton in January, made his debut one to remember with a long-range strike nine minutes from time to round off the scoring.

- Leicester lose more ground -

Leicester are headed in the opposite direction as their winless run since English football's restart from the coronavirus pandemic stretched to four games.

Richarlison and Gylfi Sigurdsson's penalty gave Everton the perfect start at Goodison Park.

Kelechi Iheanacho's fortunate goal as the ball ricocheted in off his face reduced Leicester's arrears and they pressed hard for an equaliser in the closing stages.

"Our form hasn't been the best for a period now but we still have it in our hands to achieve what would be a dream for us, getting into the top four," said Leicester boss Brendan Rodgers.

At the bottom of the table, Bournemouth also suffered a huge blow in their battle to beat the drop with a humiliating 4-1 home defeat by Newcastle.

Dwight Gayle, Sean Longstaff, Miguel Almiron and Valentino Lazaro were on target for the Magpies.

Bournemouth remain in the bottom three and the margin of defeat could also prove costly as they drop below Aston Villa on goal difference into 19th.

AFP

Arsenal's future under Arteta starting to take shape

BY JULIEN LAURENS, ESPN CORRESPONDENT

THERE have been highs and lows since Mikel Arteta replaced Unai Emery on the Arsenal bench in December. There have been good periods, more difficult ones, positive results and negative ones. The consistency, though, was always missing.

Consistency in the performances, in the style of play and of course in the results. Finally, it feels like the Arsenal head coach has found the right formula, and with that, his rebuilding job is finally back on track.

The 4-0 demolition of Norwich on Wednesday at the Emirates Stadium, where the Gunners were in total control like rarely before this season, proves this point. Even if they benefited from mistakes by a poor, relegation-bound side, Arsenal finally showed some significant progress. Arteta always knew where he wanted to be. Now, it is starting to look like he knows how he wants to do it and with whom.

During the pandemic, when he was in daily contact with his players via video conference, and since the restart, Arteta has had plenty of time to assess his squad. He has insisted on having the right mentality as individuals and as a club. The ones who don't work hard enough and don't have the right attitude won't play.

Mesut Ozil, who was not in the squad again on Wednesday, is one of them, while Matteo Guendouzi has also been dropped since his clash with Brighton's Neal Maupay. On the other hand, Dani Ceballos has worked hard and earned the right to start, as he did against Norwich with a very good performance, particularly in the first half.

Ozil and Guendouzi might yet come back into the team, but for that to happen, Arteta will have to see a positive response from them first. After the Norwich win, he was asked about Guendouzi and a possible return after dropping him for the previous three games.

"Things will have to change [from him] and they haven't changed yet" he said, highlighting once more how important attitude and behaviour at training and during matches is for him.

However, as well as the personnel, it was important for Arteta to find the right system. You can have great ideas and ambitions in your style, but without the right tactics it will lead nowhere. The Spaniard has tinkered a bit but the 3-4-3 formation that he has played for the past three



Head over heels: Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang scored twice against Norwich (AFP Photo)

games is clearly now his preferred formation and what we should expect to see through the end of the season.

Not only does it put David Luiz at sweeper, his best position, but it also seems to perfectly suit other players in the squad. Granit Khaka now has more protection behind him. Kieran Tierney and Hector Bellerin are better going forward than defending and thus are more effective in wing-back roles.

Here, we saw the Scot put in another very good performance against Norwich, exerting a lot of energy up

and down his left wing and showcasing undeniable quality with his left foot. With Tierney beside him, it also means that Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang can come inside a bit more, especially when Alexandre Lacazette drops deeper to get the ball.

The Arsenal captain reached a milestone on Wednesday, scoring his 50th and 51st Premier League goals in only his 79th game, reaching these numbers even quicker than the great Thierry Henry (83 matches).

"He can be so decisive at any time for us. He is will-

ing to stay with us. He is happy, he can see what we want to do. He can still improve as well. I am positive and will remain positive that he can stay here for many years," added Arteta when asked about the Gabonese striker's contractual situation.

Regarding Lacazette, the Frenchman is going through a goal drought and lacks confidence at the moment, as we saw with the two chances he missed against Norwich, but his link-up play remains precious for the team. With this system, the team is more balanced that way

too. Arsenal controlled the tempo of the game well on Wednesday, and Arteta was very happy with the performance of the team, the patterns of play, the diagonals and switches of play and the movement off the ball. His reaction to his team's second goal, scored by Khaka, proved that. With great buildup from right to left, Aubameyang in the half-space and the run from deep by the Swiss midfielder, it was the perfect goal and the kind of goal the manager dreams of.

"Tonight was part of the process of what we want to do here. We have to respect what we are doing. We have had a difficult season but the players are so willing and so on board to what we are doing. I am very happy with the attitude and the understanding from the players on what we are trying to do and tonight showed it," Arteta said after the game.

The Spaniard was also noticeably vocal all game, in English, in Spanish and sometimes even in a bit of French. He was always behind his players, repositioning, encouraging and even shouting, too. It was nice to see him show his leadership chops and challenge his team and even better to see his players respond.

Gwiji by David Chikoko

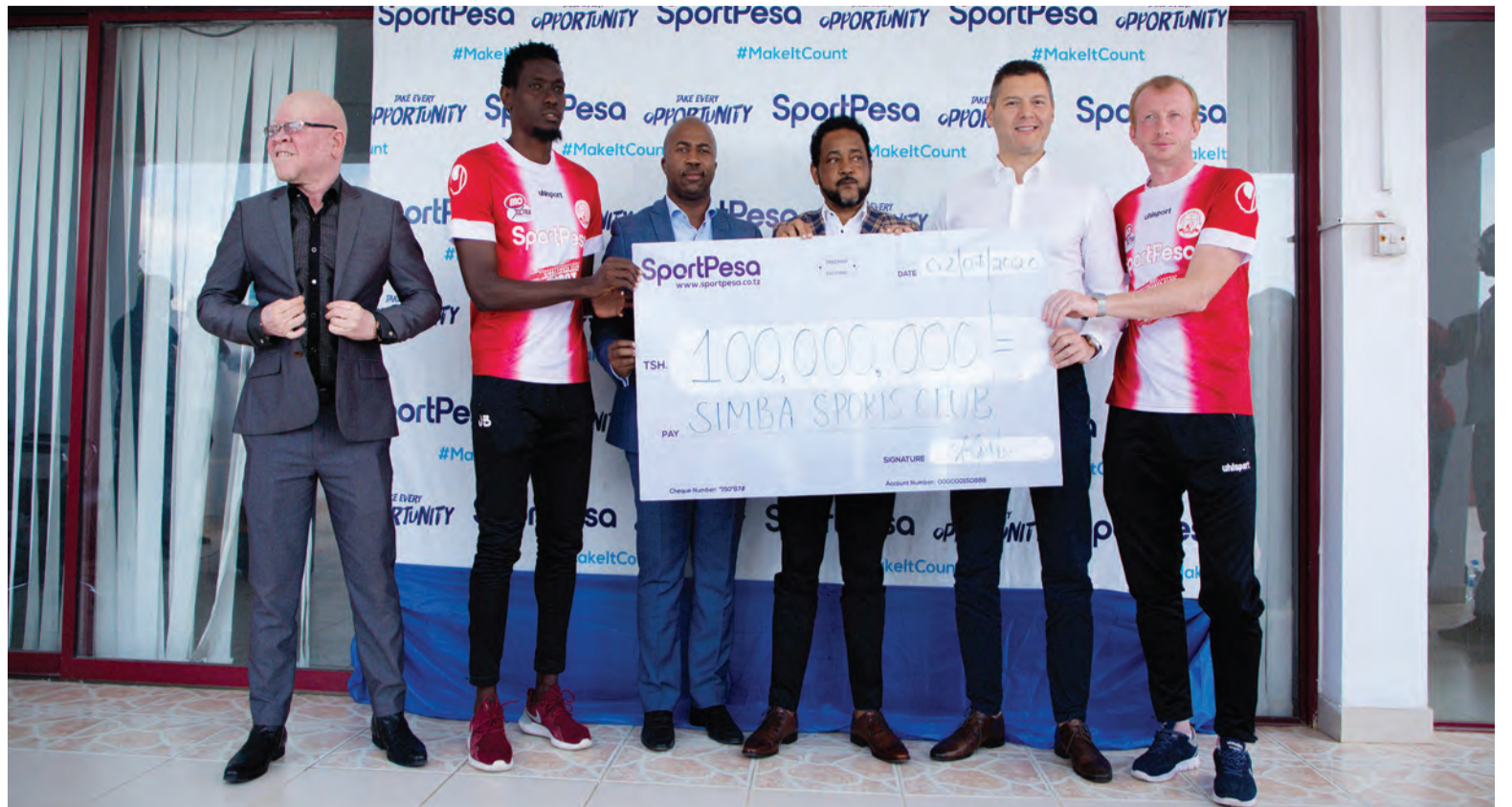


SportPesa honours Simba SC for lifting VPL trophy

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Simba SC's head coach, Sven Ludwig Vandenbroeck (R), SportPesa Tanzania Managing Director, Pavel Slavkov (2nd R), the firm's Director of Administration and Compliance, Tarimba Abbas (3rd R), Simba SC Chief Executive Officer, Senzo Mbatha (3rd L), the club's skipper, John Bocco (2nd L), and the club's information officer, Haji Manara, pictured after the firm had handed over cash prize to the club for winning Vodacom Premier League trophy. The ceremony took place in Dar es Salaam yesterday. PHOTO: COURTESY OF SPORTPESA

By Guardian Reporter

SPORTS betting firm, SportPesa Limited, yesterday presented 100m/- in cash prize to Simba SC after the club had emerged as champions of the Vodacom Premier League (VPL).

The hand over ceremony was held at the firm's offices in Dar es Salaam and was attended by the firm's officials and their counterparts from Simba SC. SportPesa are Simba SC main sponsors.

SportPesa were represented by Managing Director Pavel Slavkov, Director of Administration and Compliance, Tarimba Abbas, and Public Relations Officer, Sabrina

Msuya.

Simba SC Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Senzo Mbatha, the club's information officer, Haji Manara, the side's players and members of the technical bench were in attendance.

Abbas congratulated Simba SC players and officials for laying their hands on the top flight silverware.

He disclosed: "First of all I congratulate officials and players, given you have made your fans proud, the most important thing is the honour you have given us for tremendous achievement

you have earned throughout the three years of our sponsorship."

He stated: "Simba have boosted SportPesa brand and our company believes it has motivated the squad to lift this silverware."

"Fulfilling one of our promises, when we signed sponsorship contract in 2017, is what we are doing today, we had promised to hand over 100m/- bonus if one of the squads we are backing will win the top flight trophy."

SportPesa are also sponsoring the Vodacom Premier League clubs, Namungo FC and Yanga.

Simba SC CEO Mbatha disclosed: "Winning is part of the DNA at SimbaSC, the 2019/20 VPL championship was achieved in style and with records."

"Only six matches before the end of the season, Simba SC won the league in style and we continue to set the records."

"This is winning DNA does not only happen on the pitch, it is so evident off the pitch with a successful partnership that SimbaSC has with SportPesa."

"On behalf of Chairman of the Board, Mohamed Dewji, I take this opportunity to congratulate

our sponsors SportsPesa for their belief in the brand Simba SC and the continuous financial support towards the club."

"The relationship with SportPesa has seen the club achieve big milestones and has provided mutual commercial benefits to the club and SportPesa as our main club sponsors. We look forward to more milestones as partners."

SportPesa have, for the third time in a row, handed over 100m/- bonus to the VPL winners as part of the sponsorship agreements.

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Sahare All Stars now in pursuit of Federation Cup final

By Correspondent Adam Fungamwango

TANGA'S Sahare All Stars have boasted they will go all the way to the Azam Sports Federation Cup final after notching a shock victory over Ndanda FC in the competition's last eight duel, which took place on Wednesday.

Sahare All Stars, against all odds, recorded 4-3 victory over Ndanda FC, which features in the Vodacom Premier League, in the penalty shootout of the entertaining game, held at Mkwakwani Stadium in Tanga, to progress to the semi-finals.

This season's Azam Sports Federation Cup final will take place at the Nelson Mandela Stadium in Sumbawanga, Rukwa.

Sahare All Stars' information officer Shali Stambuli, disclosed his squad's surprise victory over Ndanda FC is an outcome of a good work the former's players, officials and fans have put.

He said the club's players, officials and fans put a teamwork effort and saw to it their team book a place in the last four.

The two sides were locked to 1-1 draw after the 90 minutes of the clash, therefore, the penalty shootout had to settle the duel.

Sahare All Stars netted four penalties and missed one whilst Ndanda FC scored three and missed two.

Sahare All Stars, a First Division League (FDL) squad, will now confront a Vodacom Premier League side, Lindi's Namungo FC, in the semi-finals, slated for July 11.

"Booking a place in the final is firstly our chief target, we will then think about the rest," Stambuli stated.

"Should we sail through to the final and face Simba, who have lifted the Premier League trophy, we will take part in the CAF Confederation Cup even if we will lose in the Federation Cup final."

Sahare All Stars have as a result gone down the domestic soccer records as the first FDL club to make it to the Azam Sports Federation Cup semi-finals.

With Sahare All Stars celebrating their achievement, grief has engulfed Ndanda FC who were bundled out of the competition's quarterfinals.

Ndanda FC officials stated their players underestimated their opponents' prowess in the quarterfinal match.

"Our club was low in morale, we did not display our approach. I think we underestimated our opponents," the outfit's secretary general, Selemani Kachele, noted.

He, nevertheless, said surprises are always in store for clubs in soccer and they concede they have lost the duel fairly.

"Sadly, I admit we have lost, we had targetted to book a place in the final but we are now preparing for the remaining Vodacom Premier League assignments," he disclosed.

Azam FC midfielder apologizes for foul on Simba SC fullback

By Correspondent Faustine Feliciane

AZAM FC midfielder, Frank Domayo, has disclosed he did not intentionally hurt Simba SC fullback, Shomari Kapombe, when the squads locked horns in this season's Azam Sports Federation Cup quarterfinal clash, which took place in Dar es Salaam on Wednesday.

Simba SC recorded 2-0 win over Azam FC in the match to sail through to the tournament's last four.

Domayo has come out to issue an apology to Kapombe for the foul, which had the latter stretched out after the final whistle.

The Azam FC midfielder went for what was seen as a reckless tackle on Kapombe a few seconds before the final whistle when the former was seeking to take the ball from the latter.

Kapombe was vividly upset by the Azam FC midfielder's tackle and the former had to be restrained by a section of his team mates from retaliating.

Domayo stated he did not deliberately fouled Kapombe, as explained by some of Simba SC supporters, but the incident happened when the two players were battling for the ball.

"I apologize to my friend Kapombe, I didn't intend to hurt him. I know he is hurt but it was not intentional," he disclosed.

He said the incident happened when the two players were seeking for possession.

"I'm so dismayed after seeing he was hurt and the way the whole issue was perceived by soccer fans, I did not do it intentionally," Domayo stated.

Simba SC put up an impressive brand of football in the duel and outplayed Azam FC to set up a semi-final clash with rivals, Yanga, scheduled for July 12.

Yanga booked a place in the last four after commanding 2-1 victory over Kagera Sugar in the quarterfinal match which took place a day back.



Azam FC midfielder Franck Domayo. PHOTO: COURTESY OF AZAM FC

Flexibles by David Chikoko

