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Dividends: Magufuli gives heads of parastatals a sixty-day ultimatum



LEFT: President John Magufuli receives a dummy cheque for 10.48bn/- from NMB Bank Plc acting managing director Ruth Zaipuna (R) in dividend to the government (R) at State House at Chamwino on the outskirts of Dodoma city yesterday. RIGHT: The president is similarly presented with a dummy cheque for 11bn/- in dividend to the government by Puma Energy Tanzania board chairman Dr Selemani Majige (L) and legal and corporate affairs officer Goodluck Shirima (R) at the same event. The two corporate bodies emerged with the biggest amounts in dividends. More photos on Page 2. Combo photos courtesy of State House

“It’s unacceptable to continue having such parastatals. It’s unacceptable to continue keeping leaders of that type. It’s unacceptable to continue with boards of directors that do not want to change”

By Guardian Reporter

PRESIDENT John Magufuli has given heads of 187 parastatals 60 days to pay dividends to the government or relinquish their positions. Speaking at State House in Chamwino, Dodoma Region yesterday during a ceremony where he received dividend cheques from some parastatals and other companies where the government holds shares, the Head of State said out of 266 companies the government has invested in, only 79 paid dividends for the financial year 2018/19. The government has invested a total of 56trn/- in the companies which must remit returns to government or their leaders leave office, he said. “When the 60 days elapse, the boards of

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Lightning kills one as rains pound Arusha

By Correspondent Marc Nkwame, Arusha

TORRENTIAL rains that drenched most parts of Arusha Region at the weekend left a number of houses and farms destroyed with accompanying lightning claiming one life in Arumeru. Police in the region have confirmed that the incident left five children seriously injured. Mejoole Melau Loitale, a 14 year-old boy was struck by lightning in Shambasha Ward of Arumeru District, officials said. District Commissioner Jerry Muro (pictured) stated here that the boy died while being rushed to Seliani designated district hospital in Ngaramtoni after thunder struck in the evening on Saturday. In a similar incident, 35 year old Melau Likindasaru Loita is reported injured persons. He is parent to the deceased and was still admitted to the medical facility by

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‘Cervical cancer vaccination, family planning not linked’

By Guardian Correspondent, Morogoro

EXPERTS at the Medical Women Association of Tanzania (MEWATA) have said that the ongoing cervical cancer vaccination on 14-year-old girls has no relationship with family planning and does not have adverse effects as is being circulated by some people. MEWARA president Dr Merry Charles made this observation at the weekend in Morogoro when speaking to reporters at a scientific forum held simultaneously with MEWATA’S 18th general meeting. Dr Merry said it was advisable for doctors and other experts in the health sector to participate in conveying the correct message to the society so as to get rid of misinformation by some people that the vaccines provided by Europeans will reduce

our population as it will make our 14-year old girls barren. She said since the start of the campaign against breast and cervical cancer in 2004, great success has been achieved including enhanced awareness of mothers who now go to hospital to ask to be examined against the two types of cancer, with more than 60,000 mothers having received cancer examination. Dr Merry said those needing on the spot treatment received the treatment, and funds were sourced for those found with breast and cervical cancer to be referred to Ocean Road Hospital. A radiologist at Ocean Road Cancer Institute (ORCI) Dr Latifa Rajab said apart from the fact that cervical cancer holds number 2 spot in the world behind breast cancer, in Tanzania cervical

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PM: EAC partner states striving to end nine non-tariff barriers

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

TALKS are going on between Tanzania and other EAC partner states to remove nine remaining non-tariff barriers, Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa has declared. He made this observation yesterday in Fumba district, Zanzibar when closing the weeklong EAC entrepreneurs’ exhibition organized to mark the community’s 20th anniversary. “We have so far succeeded to remove 15 out of 25 non-tariff barriers reported in 2019,” he told the gathering, noting that efforts are ongoing to remove the remaining nine barriers. The premier said the government will continue to create an enabling investment climate and facilitate Tanzanian entrepreneurs’ business within the East African Community (EAC).

Tanzanian entrepreneurs can smoothly trade within the bloc following the simplification of procedures and introduction of the EAC Certificate of Origin—a document used for clearance of goods grown or produced in partner state territory. The certificate provides favorable customs duty and tariffs for goods originating within the bloc. The theme for the EAC 20th anniversary was ‘Buy East Africa, Build East Africa,’ where the premier emphasized that the government continues to provide education alongside encouraging local manufacturers and entrepreneurs to grab business opportunities within the community. This effort includes conducting surveys on

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directors of companies that will not have paid dividend will have to dissolve themselves by writing a letter. For the boards that I appoint, they will cease to exist that day and those appointed by other authorities will be dissolved," he said.

The President said that it is unacceptable that parastatals with boards and chief executive officers and a host of experts who are paid handsomely operate on losses.

He said after the two months, no heads of loss-making parastatals will keep their jobs.

"It's unacceptable to continue having such parastatals. It's unacceptable to continue keeping leaders of that type. It's unacceptable to continue with boards of directors that do not want to change," he said.

President Magufuli directed Finance and Planning Minister Dr Philip Mpango to write to heads of the 187 loss-making entities, informing them if they don't write dividend cheques within 60 days, they will be jobless.

On the other hand, the president showered the 79 entities that paid dividends totaling 1.05trn/-, encouraging them to keep up the good job that brings profits.

He also praised Treasury Registrar Athuman Mbutuka for overseeing the performance of government-owned companies and reclaiming government assets that were being held by private individuals.

"We would rather have few parastatals that perform than having a lot of them that do nothing," he said.

The president also challenged the minister to embrace meritocracy while nominating people for appointment by selecting hardworking individuals instead of those they went to school with.

Citing an example, he said despite that the chairman of the board of directors of the Tanzania National Electric Supply Co. Ltd (TANESCO) Dr Alexander Kyaruzi was a hard worker the minister in charge of the firm did not recommend him for reappointment.

"I went through the names submitted

to me but I didn't see your name Dr Kyaruzi. I put it myself and you have already received your letter of reappointment," he said.

For his part, the Minister for Finance and Planning Dr Philip Mpango said revenue collections obtained from dividends and contributions of public entities have risen from 162bn/- in the year 2014/15 to 1.05trillion in fiscal 2018/19.

He said that in the year 2018/19 revenue collections passing in the Treasury Registrar account reached 683.23bn/- (114.3 percent of estimates), surpassing the set goal of collecting 597.7bn/-. The collections are from the Tanzania Ports Authority (TPA), Tanzania Airports Authority (TAA), Tanzania Petroleum Development Corporation (TPDC) and Tanzania Gaming Board (TGB).

"All these achievements are the result of good supervision of public resources which include increase of institutions that provide dividends and contributions. Close supervision of policy issues on the public entities also sounds as among reasons for these achievements," he said.

Dr Mpango commended ministers for various sectors for their great support as well as the Treasury Registrar's office for coordinating and supervising well its duties.

"I also commend the Parliamentary Committee on Public Investments for its support and advice which has been helping in strengthening supervision of public institutions," he added.



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President John Magufuli receives a dummy cheque for 7.2bn/- from CRDB board chairman Ally Laay (2nd-R) and managing director Abdulmajid Nsekela (3rd-R) as a dividend to the government. This was at a ceremony held at Chamwino State House on the outskirts of Dodoma city yesterday. Looking on are National Assembly Speaker Job Ndugai (2nd-L) and Finance and Planning minister Dr Philip Mpango (L). Photo: Guardian Correspondent

EAC urged to increase visibility of Danish-funded projects

By Guardian Reporter

DENMARK'S new Ambassador to Tanzania and the East African Community (EAC), Mette Norgaard Dissing-Spandet has said that her country would continue to support the integration process, but called for increased visibility of Danish-funded projects.

Dissing-Spandet made the commitment over the weekend when presented her credentials to EAC Secretary General Amb Libérat Mfumukeko at the EAC Headquarters in Arusha.

She informed the secretary general that the concept of regional integration was dear to Denmark as country despite the challenges facing integration and multilateral cooperation at the moment all over the world.

Dissing-Spandet said that EAC had

the twin duties of integrating the peoples of East Africa and creating a good framework for intra-regional trade by opening up Partner States' markets.

For his part, EAC boss informed her that the EAC integration process was a broad-based initiative spanning the social, economic, cultural and political spheres, adding that the six partner states were working together despite myriad challenges.

Mfumukeko said the community was currently implementing its 5th Development Strategy focusing on things that will transform EAC citizens' lives, namely: boosting food security by reducing post-harvest losses through agro-processing, supporting Micro- Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs), and promoting industrial development to spur job creation especially for the youth below who constitute more than 60 per cent of the

region's population.

"We are also pushing the countries to enact investment laws to improve the business climate in the region both for local and international investors," he said, adding that the 45 Non-Tariff Barriers to trade had been eliminated in 2018.

On healthcare, the SG disclosed that the community would soon deploy mobile reference laboratories to enable people in remote areas to access diagnostic laboratory services especially for infectious diseases.

He said mechanisms for the establishment of an EAC Political Confederation were well underway with the Committee of 18 Constitutional Experts and Legislative Draftsmen having embarked on National Stakeholder Consultations to seek views from East Africans on the kind of Confederation they would like and to make the constitution

making process as participatory as possible.

"The National Stakeholder Consultations were launched by President Yoweri Museveni of Uganda on 18th November, 2019. The National Stakeholder Consultations will enable us to understand what powers each partner states would be prepared to give up and what they would like to retain," he said.

"All partner states have ratified the EAC Defense Cooperation Pact. The Defense Forces, Police Services and Intelligence Services already have platforms for cooperation amongst themselves," he added.

Amb Mfumukeko hailed Denmark for its continued support of the integration process singling out the EAC Partnership Fund which had enabled the community to record many achievements in diverse sectors.



Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation minister Prof Palamagamba Kabudi (L), former president Ali Hassan Mwinyi and Oman's Ambassador to Tanzania, Ali Al Mahruqi (3rd-R) come together in cutting a cake in Dar es Salaam at the weekend to mark the 49th anniversary of Oman's National Day. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

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what ordinary Tanzanians understand about the community, he said.

In implementing the CCM election manifesto for 2015/2020, the government has been looking for solutions to business capital challenges facing entrepreneurs, he stated.

Most of this group have been formally recognized and assisted to

establish groups so as to access loans from banks, he said, pointing out that loans amounting to 42.06bn/- were given to 11,487 groups of women, youth and the disabled from July 2018 to June 2019 through municipal councils.

Establishing the national empowerment fund was aimed at providing loans to entrepreneurs in Tanzania Mainland and Zanzibar, he

said.

Municipal councils have been directed to allocate special areas to be used by entrepreneurs for processing and other industrial activities, he further noted.

Through the national empowerment fund, loans totaling 3.5bn/- were provided to small and medium scale entrepreneurs in Zanzibar up to

June 2019. The loans were provided to farmers and processors from 346 shehias (local government units) in Pemba and Unguja Islands.

The exhibition at Fumba was meant to enable Tanzanian entrepreneurs to participate in international trade fairs in the sub-region and further afield, like China and the United States, officials intoned.

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cancer leads in having many sufferers admitted, and those who remain at home.

A total of 877 cervical cancer patients were received at ORCI from January to September this year while just 270 were received for breast cancer - indicating that cervical cancer is four times more widespread than breast cancer countrywide.

DR Kandali Samuel Kapie, an expert in cancer virus research at ORCI said the virus for cervical cancer is preventable via vaccination, urging people to answer calls to participate in prevention programs.

The manager for the Tanzania National Vaccination Programme, Dr Dafrosa Lyimo said vaccination for cervical cancer began in April last year for 14-year old girls after realizing that the cancer is widespread, aided by the Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) which has a vaccine in its own right.

HPV affects both women and men

but since women are more vulnerable in developing cervical cancer, the program is directed at providing vaccination to women.

He said there are people who were vaccinated and have borne children, thus the vaccine has no relationship at all with family planning.

"When we began the programme in 2018 we targeted to vaccinate 700,000 girls, and up to now we have attained 86 percent who received the first vaccine. The second dose is given after six months," he elaborated.

The Director of Medical Services in the ministry, Dr Grace Magembe explained efforts by the government in developing the health sector, including the construction of more hospitals and health centres. The government holds in high esteem the contribution of MEWATA, the top official declared.

However Dr Magembe called on MEWATA to concentrate on the fight against child abuse that is fast increasing in the country, including incidents of rape.

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midday yesterday.

Four other children were treated and discharged, with the weekend storm also uprooting trees and laying waste scores of farms in Monduli and Karatu, officials noted.

This is the first time in recent years that lightning struck people dead here, with such incidents often reported around the Lake Zone and the Southern Highlands, but scarcely in the northern

circuit.

In Arusha City, most drainage trenches were overflowing with gushing waves of rain water, causing roads to be partially submerged while the highway linking Arusha and Namanga, between Oldonyosambu and Longido was at various areas submerged.

At Unga-Limited, Mbauda and Kwa-Mrombo areas, many houses were filled with water, which also rendered roads leading to the neighbourhoods singularly impassable.



Chief Government spokesperson Dr Hassan Abbasi (L) fields questions from East Africa Television presenter Samson Charles in an interview held in Dar es Salaam last week. He congratulated EATV and East Africa Radio on the efforts they were making to promote business in Tanzania through the sensitisation programme 'Kibiashara Zaidi'. Photo courtesy of EATV

Deputy minister orders Mtwara gas processor to obtain environment compliance plan fast

By Guardian Correspondent, Mtwara

THE government has ordered Mtwara-based natural gas processing firm-- Maurel & Prom Exploration Production to get as soon as possible the Environment Compliance Plan (ECP) as required by the Environmental Management Act of 2004 and its regulations.

Deputy Minister of State in the Vice-President's Office (Union and Environment) Musa Sima made the order during his four-day tour in Mtwara Region. Sima is visiting different natural gas projects to see whether the laws are being observed.

Sima said here yesterday that he told owners of the plant that section four of the regulations made under the EMA, requires owners of industries to have an elaborate scheme on how gas emissions into the air are regulated.

Such a plan, he said, would help the government to know how much of the unwanted gases are emitted into the atmosphere by Tanzania.

The ECP is issued by the National Environment Management Council (NEMC).

The deputy minister said people were innocently happy and positive about having the plant's infrastructure in their areas, but had not been told about the negative side-effects of having such an infrastructure in their midst and how to protect themselves in the event of an accident.

"We want the owners to immediately give residents appropriate education on the side-effects and how to protect themselves in the event of problems," he said, reminding owners that their delivery infrastructure passed through 64 villages before reaching Dar es Salaam city.

The deputy minister also said all owners of industries must observe

the law and meet conditions set out to regulate gas emissions. Owners who will violate the law will be punished legally, he warned.

The chairman of NEMC Board of Directors, Professor Esnati Chaggu said it was the responsibility of every individual to protect and preserve environment. "Our responsibility as NEMC is to spread education on who to protect the environment, so that the environment remains friendly to this and coming generations," she said.

NEMC Director General, Dr Samuel Gwamaka, said having natural gas was a blessing to Tanzania and called on Tanzanians to change household habits by switching from use of fuel wood charcoal to use natural gas.

He also called on investors to consult the council because, he said, the law and NEMC were not an obstacle standing in their way.

Minister Sima who was accompanied by NEMC senior officials toured strategic projects in Mtwara and Lindi regions to inspect the compliance of rules and regulations guiding environment.



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One killed in mine pit accident in Shinyanga

By Guardian Correspondent, Shinyanga

MAYUNGA Bunga, a resident of Itilima District in Simiyu Region has died after being buried alive in a pit as he was digging for gold at Mwakitolyo Mine in Shinyanga District.

The incident occurred on Saturday at around 7.00 am when the deceased was

digging for gold with fellow miners. He was down in the tip while other miners were above on the ground receiving sand that was believed to contain gold when the pit collapsed and completely buried the deceased.

Speaking about the incident, the chairman of the small miners association at the Mwakitolyo Mine

Alphonse Paulo said immediately after the pit collapsed they started rescue efforts, but when he was brought up, he was already dead.

Paulo said the body of the deceased has been taken and transported to his home district of Itilima in Simiyu Region for burial.

The Member of Parliament for Solwa

Ahmed Salum who came to the site to offer his condolences to the miners, who are his constituents, cautioned them to be careful especially during the current rain season as the earth is very loose.

The acting Shinyanga Regional Police Commander Sophia Jonggo confirmed the incident.

By Guardian Reporter

Tanzania to attend UN symposium on climate change in Madrid next month

TANZANIA will attend a 12-day global UN-sponsored symposium scheduled to start on December 2 in Madrid, Spain that will discuss threats and hazards the earth faces as a result of climate change.

The meeting is organised under the umbrella of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

Tanzania's attendance was confirmed here over the weekend by the Minister of State in the Vice-President's Office (Union and Environment), George Simbachawene, after meeting the European Union Ambassador to Tanzania, Manfredo Fanti.

The latter extended the invitation to Tanzania, the minister said.

Ambassador Fanti called on the minister in his Dar es Salaam office as part of procedural consultations relating to cooperation between Tanzania and the EU.

Simbachawene explained that Tanzania attached great importance to the Madrid meeting because, he explained, the impacts of climate change and its unpredictability were consistently and increasingly felt in Tanzania. "The risks associated with climate change are already evident in various economic sectors essential for Tanzania's livelihoods and sustenance, including water, energy, agriculture and food security, livestock, infrastructure, human settlements, human health and ecosystems. In most vulnerable communities, the impacts of climate change pose a direct threat to people's survival," the minister said.

Simbachawene said Tanzania admires EU

as an important development partner who has supported Tanzania in areas of good governance, alternative energy, and sustainable agriculture and with a special focus on climate change.

The minister told Fanti that Tanzania was thankful to the EU for its support in the area of environmental management.

"We would like to thank you particularly for the support extended through the Global Climate Change Alliance Programme (GCCA) implemented through the ministry

of finance."

Talks between the two parties on continued cooperation were on final stages, the minister said, and will cover seven years starting 2021.

He named the major areas of cooperation that Tanzania would like to focus on as effects of climate change, waste management, addressing of land degradation, focusing on tree planting, blue economy and biodiversity conservation by addressing invasive alien species.



REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL: No. RFP/TZAKAS/2019/003 FOR RENOVATION AND EXTENSION WORKS AT KIGOMA OFFICE

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Kimobwa (Mlimani area)
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CRUCIAL DATES FOR THIS REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

MANDATORY site visit	Thursday 5th December 2019 from 9:30am to 17:00hrs
Deadline for receiving requests for clarification	Thursday 12th December 2019 at 17:00 hrs EAT
Deadline for submission of offers	Thursday 19th December 2019 at 12:00 hrs, EAT

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'Invest more in human capital to spur economic development'

By Felister Peter

THE government has been challenged to invest more in human capital and ensure good leadership so as to spur economic development.

Deputy Country Director, Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) Kihyun Baik made the remarks when speaking during the KOICA Alumni Association of Tanzania (KAAT) annual general meeting (AGM) held in Dar es Salaam over the weekend.

Korea has been able to develop economically following investments in human capital, leadership and cultural habits, he said.

"We did not have enough natural resources to rely on, we decided to invest more in human capital and embrace the spirit of working hard," said Baik.

He added that KOICA through Official Development Assistance (ODA) is implementing nine projects in Tanzania mainland and Zanzibar. He said in Zanzibar the agency implements a US \$ 10 million project gearing to enhance provision of secondary education.

The project which is being implemented in Unguja and Pemba Islands since 2018 will end in 2023.

Baik noted that KOICA in collaboration with UNICEF are implementing a US \$ 7million project that aims to enhance maternal health. Under the project, he said, they are constructing a zonal blood centre in Dodoma as well as capacitating four health centres to offer quality maternal services.

Dr Robert Suphian, Coordinato, University of Dar es Salaam Korean Studies Centre said Tanzania was almost similar with Korea in economic development in 1970s, but the country has now developed and is assisting other developing countries.

Dr Sphian suggested for the government to put more emphasis on improving economic activities

especially manufacturing sector to create more jobs.

"We have all the potential to economically grow like Korea, we only need to enhance manufacturing and work tirelessly," he said adding the country's economic growing pace is encouraging.

He said following higher demand for learning Korean language and culture the Korean Studies Centre at UDSM they will introduce classes for Korean language and culture.

Currently, he said, the language is taught at the University of Dodoma and at the Centre for Foreign Relations. Over 150 people have so far studied the language.

KOICA Master's Degree Programme scholar, Evelyne Rwela who is a Lecturer at Tengeru Institute of Community Development (TICD) commended KOICA for initiating the programme insisting it has shaped her into a competent tutor.

"I was just a tutor teaching Diploma students, but after the Master's Degree course in Korea, I have been promoted to a Lecturer," said Rwela noting that staying in Korea have also helped her change her mindset towards development as she has started a home garden where villagers buy vegetables at affordable prices.

"Koreans taught us to work hard, apart from being a Lecturer, I started a small garden to help surrounding communities to get vegetables since the area also have a good number of stunted children," Evelyne asserted.

Earlier, in his opening remarks, KOICA Country Director, Kyuchool Eo, said they established the KOICA Alumni Association of Tanzania (KAAT) in 2003 to contribute to community development activities and to provide an avenue for the alumni to enhance their social and professional cooperation among themselves.

There are more than 1,800 beneficiaries of the KOICA fellowship programme and 100 KAAT members, he said.



Koica Tanzania Country director Kyuchool Eo (L), University of Dar es Salaam don Dr Jan Dev and a Koica Tanzania volunteer among people following a presentation at the KOICA Alumni Association of Tanzania annual general meeting held in Dar es Salaam at the weekend. Photo: Guardian Photographer

Magistrate, varsity student arraigned for corruption

By Correspondent Friday Simbaya, Iringa

THE Prevention and Combating of Corruption Bureau (PCCB) in Iringa Region has arraigned a magistrate and a university student for allegedly engaging in corruption.

Briefing reporters here yesterday, Iringa Regional PCCB Chief Bureau Mweli Kilimali named the accused persons as Peter Bukuku (51), a magistrate at Mlolo Primary Court and Elias Wijengo (29), a student at Ruaha Catholic University (RUCU).

Kilimali said that Bukuku is accused of soliciting a bribe of 400,000/- from one Justin Mwenga as a condition for giving him a copy of court proceedings while Wijengo

is accused of posing as a member of land and housing council in Iringa District and solicited a bribe of 2.5mn/- from one Fulgence Mgemwa.

The duo appeared before Iringa District Court on Friday, Kilimali said.

Kilimali alleged that the magistrate had asked for the amount of money from the Mwenga on 21/11/2019. He added that PCCB received the information and conducted preliminary investigation which led to trap being set and eventually the suspect was arrested on Thursday last week at Mlolo Primary Court in Iringa District.

On the other hand, he said Wijengo pretended that he was sent by the chairman

of land and housing council along with other members of the council and obtained 100,000/- as initial payment fraudulently in violation of Articles 301 and 302 of the 2002 Penal Code.

Kilimali said the report was received and preliminary investigation was done and the suspect was arrested within Iringa Municipality on Thursday last week.

The PCCB regional boss called upon residents of Iringa who are aware of bribery or fraudulent activities to report through telephone number 113 toll free or send an SMS message by dialing *113# and follow instructions or visit regional and districts offices.

Investment Center (TIC).

BRELA, for instance, has completed the development of a modern Online Registration System (ORS) for Companies, Business Names, Trade and Service Marks and their respective post registrations, issuance of Patents and Industrial Licenses.

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She further said the ongoing expansion of the port of Dar es Salaam, rehabilitation and expansion of Mtwara port, construction of the main terminal building (Terminal 3) at the Julius Nyerere International Airport, revamping of the National Airline (ATCL), the construction of the 2,100MW Mwalimu Nyerere Hydropower Plant at Rufiji river are not only true examples of putting the Blueprint in operation but will substantially reduce the cost of doing business and investing in Tanzania.

Envoy vows to link local traders with Indonesia's counterpart

By Correspondent Felix Andrew

THE Ambassador of Indonesia to Tanzania Prof Ratlan Pardede has pledged to facilitate and assist private sector from his origin country to link with potential partners in Tanzania.

Speaking during the Indonesia-Tanzania Industrialisation forum held in Dar es Salaam over the weekend, he said the embassy also applies the same facility to Tanzanian brothers and sisters who need any information about Indonesia.

He said the idea of organising the forum was derived from the idea on how Indonesia could take part in fulfilling Tanzania's aspiration of becoming semi industrialised and middle income country by 2025. "The idea of having this forum is inspired from the Indonesian government determination to transform good historical relations with Tanzania into beneficial economic cooperation for the people of both countries," he said.

Prof Pardede said the idea of having the forum is also originated from his findings after traveling to 9 regions in Tanzania during the period of 2017-2018.

"I am convinced that Tanzania holds a great potential to be an economic power house in the regions just like Indonesia in South East Asia. As such, it is only natural for Indonesia to jump in to grab that boundless opportunities in Tanzania," he said.

More importantly, he said the idea of having the meeting comes from the desire to ensure that regardless of any challenges Indonesia and Tanzania are currently or will be facing, they always get each other's back.

According to him, this is the very first time for the Embassy to organise the forum with the aim to connect more business opportunities between companies from Indonesia and Tanzania. "This is the very first time after many years of our two countries relations; we managed to gather companies to discuss on how to collaborate in co-developing industries in Indonesia and Tanzania," he stated.

The Envoy said this is also the first time for the Embassy to welcome Indonesian business delegation in one

group for one single aim to see the market and investment opportunities in Tanzania.

He said most of the time, Indonesian companies were arriving in Tanzania as a single fighter, enthusiastic and courageous, but often confused on how to find the right partners and making a follow up.

He also said that Indonesia as the largest economy in South East Asia depends on its industries to sustain its economic growth. Indonesia manufacturing industry contributed for around 10 percent to our GDP in 2018. This made Indonesia among the top countries that have significant contribution from its manufacturing industry.

Moreover, Indonesia export also depends on the performance from its industries namely, agriculture, mining, gas, textile and automobile. The value of Indonesia's export from the manufacturing industry also showed an increasing trend from 153 billion USD in 2017 to 162 billion USD in 2018.

At the same time, Tanzania as one of the most strategic countries in East Africa that serves as a gateway to the African continent would need to find potential partners to bring forth its vision of becoming a semi industrialised country by 2025. "With the gloomy outlook of the global economy next year, he said the establishment of economic and industrial partnership between Indonesia and Tanzania could brush away such difficult outlook. For that reason, the Embassy decided to play its part to initiate more talks between the private sectors and governments of our two countries."

In 2017, during the presentation of his credentials before president John Magufuli, Prof Pardede promised that he will try his best to bring investors from Indonesia to Tanzania.

This year there will be two companies from Indonesia that will open up their factory in Dar es Salaam and Pemba, he said.

This year also marks a new beginning of Indonesia's significance in Tanzania



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Arusha paddy growers confident they will see boost in prosperity

By Guardian Correspondent, Arusha

PADDY growers in Lekitatu, Arusha Region said here yesterday that they were confident on continued food security and increased disposal income because paddy harvests have increased as a result of use of right fertilisers.

Growers are using fertiliser and extension services supplied by Yara

The company is the local branch of a Norwegian Yara multinational that supplies fertiliser worldwide. "I have grown paddy for the last one decade and a half in this area.

The average harvest per acre has been 15 bags. Now I am harvesting between 30 and 35 bags in an acre. Inconceivable," Anneth Moshi said excitedly.

She was talking to journalists who visited the area to investigate on reported positive change in paddy growing in that area. Lekitatu is one of the major paddy growing areas in Arusha Region with emerging confident peasant cereal growers.

She attributed the sharp rise in productivity to the type of fertiliser supplied by Yara company and the extension services to the growers.

The latest World Bank report has named Tanzania, Uganda and Egypt as African countries with steady growing economies, on the verge of becoming middle-income economies.

"I am hopeful and confident now that this trade (farming) is paying and I will be part of those (Tanzanians) in the middle-income," Moshi said adding that growers were anxious to see a small agro-industry being established in the area.

"This crop will take us into the industrial economy," she said.

Joel Msangi also echoed Moshi's views but said in the past growers were using fertilisers ignorantly. "Lack of education on the use of right fertilisers and when to use them; lack of knowledge on applying fertiliser on right soils undermine greatly our efforts. We were getting small harvests," he said.

He also says that agronomists from Yara teach growers proper rice husbandry and guides them on the use of right fertiliser for their crops.



China's Ambassador to Tanzania, Wang Ke (L), presents a trophy to a Form III student of Morogoro Secondary school at an awards ceremony held in Dar es Salaam at the weekend. The student emerged the best in the Chinese Language subject. Photo: Correspondent Miraji Msala

Chinese Embassy awards 80 Tanzanian students for outstanding performance

By Getrude Mbagu

THE Chinese Embassy has awarded 80 Tanzanian students from various schools and colleges for their outstanding performance.

Speaking at the award giving ceremony in Dar es Salaam during the weekend, the Chinese Ambassador to Tanzania, Wang Ke said that 20 students were awarded for their excellence in speaking the language and 60 awarded for best performance.

"This is the second time, we are providing these awards. I hope the awards will encourage as many students as possible to learn Chinese language and obtain scholarships given by the Chinese government to study in China," she said.

She said that as Tanzania and China celebrates 55 years of diplomatic relations, the two nations will continue cementing relations in all sectors for mutual benefits.

"During the past 55 years, China and Tanzania developed a pragmatic cooperation with rich achievements

in multiple forms, including aid, trade, investment, financing, and in a wide range of areas such as infrastructure, industry, agriculture and mining," she said.

Wang also pledged to continue cooperating and supporting Tanzania to develop the education sector through granting scholarships and bringing experts in various schools and colleges.

The envoy further challenged alumni who graduate from various colleges in China to put their skills and knowledge in good use by ensuring that they work hard to bring changes and improvement in Tanzania.

"This year the Chinese government offered scholarships to 302 Tanzanian students in various disciplines, adding that in total China has offered Tanzania about 1,900 scholarships."

Wang added that 80 Chinese language teachers were currently teaching Chinese language to 17,700 Tanzanians in various universities and schools across the country.

William Ole Nasha, Deputy Minister

for Education, Science and Technology, said the Chinese language training was very important for mutual understanding between China and Tanzania.

According to him, in order to strengthen the culture of learning Chinese language, the government established Confucius Institutions which are University of Dar es Salaam, University of Dodoma and Muslim University of Morogoro as well as 14 secondary schools to offer Chinese language programmes and culture.

He said since China was among the leading foreign investors in Tanzania thus producing more employment opportunities to serve the locals.

The two countries have continued to cooperate in many fields, including education and culture, health, agriculture, information, communication and technology, trade, tourism, energy and infrastructure, he said.

The Chinese Ambassador Awards was established in 2018 to recognise academic accomplishments.

Government appreciates partners' role in scaling up the country's development

By Aisia Rweyemamu

THE government has commended the role played by development partners in scaling up the country's socio-economic development.

Acting director for person with disability unit from the Prime Minister's office Youth, Employment and Persons with Disabilities Philbert Kawemama made the remarks over the weekend when speaking at the photo exhibition dubbed "The dark sight of photography" held at residence of Italian Ambassador to Tanzania Roberto Mengoni.

The dark sight of photographs aims to spread messages to community, parents and other member of the society to communicate and improve the situation of children with disability.

"The government recognises and commends the efforts by development partners in including Italian embassy to Tanzania in collaborations with its non government organisation named CEFA in supporting people with disabilities in the country," he said.

Kawemama added: "The government is aware of what development partners are doing in supporting children with disabilities to access education and other social services."

He however asked development partners to submit their quarterly implementation reports on their operations in the country so as to easily get support from the government.

He said that by submitting their reports it will make it easier for the government to plan better for development and its people.

"If the government would get implementation reports from development partners on projects they are carrying out in the country, it will help us to know who is doing what, where and when so as to avoid duplicating efforts,"

Kawemama said.

He urged development partners dealing with disability issues to submit their report to Prime Minister's Office which is responsible with the people with disabilities.

The official also reminded development partners in Tanzania to observe the existing laws, regulations and guidelines for them to operate smoothly.

Earlier, the Italian Ambassador to Tanzania, Roberto Mengoni said the Italian non-for profit organisation- CEFA is implementing "All inclusive project" in Dar es Salaam in order to curb stigma and discrimination to people with disabilities.

The envoy explained that in order to foster the inclusion of people with disabilities within Dar es Salaam, they have opened the rehabilitation office at Kawe in Kinondoni municipal.

He said CEFA wants to face those problems by adopting a holistic rehabilitation approach on community basis that involve medical health rehabilitation, economic progress and social education inclusion.

Gloria Mataba a teacher at Kawe primary school explained that her school is among 15 primary schools that benefits from CEFA project since 2017.

She explained that through all-inclusive project they opened an inclusive youth club at the school which involves both children with disabilities and those with no disabilities.

"The school have benefited with inclusive education that helps to reduce stigma and discrimination to persons with disabilities," she said.

"The government is aware of what development partners are doing in supporting children with disabilities to access education and other social services."

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NECTA boss counsels teachers, parents and students to cooperate for greater efficiency

By Guardian Reporter

THE Executive Secretary of National Examination Council of Tanzania (NECTA), Dr Charles has challenged schools in the country to form a kind of cooperation that could link teachers, parents and pupils for betterment of academic performance and discipline in schools.

"Cooperation among teachers, parents and students is a clear-cut mechanism to stimulate academic performance of schools. I also congratulate Ihsan Secondary School for having a good system," Dr Msonde said.

Speaking at the first Graduation Ceremony of Ihsan Secondary School located at Kigamboni area in Dar es Salaam yesterday, the NECTA boss said all schools that have in place a good system of cooperation excel in academic pursuit.

According to Dr Msonde, cooperation among teachers, parents and students help to build partisanship and discipline for students resulting to the country to have good citizens who stand a better chance to contribute significantly to the national socio-

economic development growth.

The colourful ceremony which attracted people from different parents saw 56 students graduating among them 30 were boys and 26 were girls.

Earlier, the school's headmaster, Dr Hashimu Saiboko explained the school development and its journey since inception in 2016 promising to join bandwagon in support of fifth phase government under stewardship of president John Magufuli to turn Tanzania into a medium sized and industrial base economy by 2025.

"We started in a very humble beginning with a lot of challenges. But with support and cooperation from parents and well-wishers we managed to overcome them all," Dr Saiboko told the cheerful gathering. "We are optimistic that the school is on the right track. We work very closely with parents and community surrounding the school," he said, noting that the school has the total of 352 students.

Dr Saiboko said the school management is planning to start advanced level classes in 2020/2021 following requests from parents who want the school to also exploit into that area as an expansion venture.



National Examinations Council of Tanzania executive secretary Dr Charles Msonde presents a Best Student gift to Rahma Ngaja at the first graduation of Ihsan Secondary school held Kigamboni in suburban Dar es Salaam at the weekend. Others include the school's headmaster, Dr Hashim Saiboko (L), Energy deputy minister Subira Mgalu and the school's board chairman, Musa Nyamsingwa. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

By Guardian Correspondent, Manyara

RESIDENTS from six villages in Simanjiro District in Manyara Region have been educated on how to counter impacts of climate change on their livestock and farming activities.

The villages that benefited from the training are Korongo, Magadini, Kitwai A and B, Olchoronyori and Loonderkes.

Speaking yesterday at Korongo village, coordinating and evaluating officer from Tanzania Natural Resource Forum (TNRF) a non-

Villagers in Simanjiro equipped with skills on mitigation of climate change

governmental organisation (NGO), Rogath Massay said 80 percent of the District's residents were pastoralists which is the main source of their income and livelihood.

He said this has driven him to educate them about impacts of climate

change on livestock, farming, fisheries and mining.

He said in partnership with Tanzania Meteorological Authority (TMA) they are engaged in enabling the wananchi to face up to the challenges of climate change

particularly over delay of weather forecasts reaching them.

Simanjiro District agricultural officer Jenifer Mbuya said traditional and scientific weather forecasts are of great help to pastoralists and farmers even though some of the traditional forecasts

are not available as forecasters thereof have since died.

The district veterinary official Yasini Mshana said both scientific and traditional weather forecasts were important for day to day activities for herders as they foretell them where to

concentrate their grazing activities.

The district's agricultural environment officer Jovin Rweyemamu said in the past, traditional weather forecasting was strong than now, but now it is no longer the case.

The people who benefited from the two-day education thanked TNRF for briefing them on the effects of climate change and called on other stakeholders to collaborate with the government to educate them on how to face up to the challenges of climate change.

Concern as truancy on the rise in Dar schools

By Correspondent Crispin

Gerald

ABSENTEEISM has been cited among major problems in public schools hence the need for concerted efforts to control the situation, education stakeholders have said.

Kinondoni District Quality Assurance Officer (primary

schools), Victoria Mollé called upon education stakeholders to assist in eliminating the problem and improve learning environment.

She was speaking at a function to present awards to students, teachers and schools that performed well in this year's Standard Seven final examinations. The event that took place at

Bunju 'A' primary school in Dar es Salaam was organised by an International Organisation-We World.

"Absenteeism is still a problem in public schools. The problem is linked with lack of commitment from parents and students themselves, there should be efforts to encourage pupils to attend learning sessions as the government has

taken measures to improve learning environment," she said.

Mollé commended efforts by 'WeWorld' organisation towards motivating pupils and teachers. She said such motivations encourage both pupils and teachers hence better pupil's performance in national examinations.

WeWorld project manager for Kinondoni and Temeke districts, Nyawaye Gesirari said the main goal of the project is to ensure access to safe and quality education environment.

He said the goals are in line with Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) number 4 and 5 as well as the Tanzania Education Sector Development Plan 2016/17-2020/21.

"We are also focusing on increasing school retention for the most vulnerable children within the project area", he said.

Gesirari explained that in order to achieve the goal, the organisation is working close with district and ward education officers through provision of capacity building trainings to teachers.

"We aim at lifting performance of Standard IV and Standard VII, we want them to pass the exams by 95 percent," he said noting the project is implemented in partnership with Kiota Women Health and Development (KIWOHEDE).

The manager added that in order to promote quality education, WeWorld strengthens the competences of teachers through training on specific subjects.

He said they also train teachers on child-centered approach and play-based methodologies and strengthening community participation in school activities.



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Over 200 Tanzanian youth to take part in Africa Science Week next month in Arusha

By Getrude Mbago

MORE than 200 young Tanzanians with enthusiasm in science and innovation are from December 2 to 6 this year, expected to meet for a week-long event dubbed "Africa Science Week," set to be held in three regions of Dar es Salaam, Tanga and Arusha.

The event is organised by Next Einstein Forum (NEF), a platform that connects science, society and policy in Africa and the rest of the world.

Briefing journalists in Dar es Salaam during the weekend, representative of NEF's Ambassador in Tanzania, Sophia Abeid said that stakeholder and students pursuing careers in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) will come together to strengthen research networks and communities of scientists in the country.

According to her, by bringing together key stakeholders from all sectors, they hope to catalyse investment in research and development and discuss best practices for attracting and retaining young people, especially girls and women, in the sciences," he added.

"Our primary objective is to develop tomorrow's scientists and technologists by engaging children and young people in scientific activities. Our activities will also demonstrate the critical impact of science to the general public," she said.

Further, she said, "NEF is building a community of scientists which includes NEF Fellows, top scientists under 42 living and working across the world in fields such as science communication and public engagement activities locally."

For his part, Programme coordinator at Projekt Inspire Issaya Ipyana said that the Dar es Salaam event will involve coding workshop and training to secondary school students from various schools.

"This will be a one-day coding workshop for secondary school female students from 20 different schools

in Dar es Salaam, and will be held at Almutazir Schools, Upanga. This would be a great avenue to expose students to the digital world and how that can be used to the development," he said.

On the side of Tanga region, Ipyana said that students will participate in guided science projects with science kits in chemistry, electricity and technology, and an interactive science and technology career discussion.

"From December 4 to 6, in partnership with experts from Switzerland, we will conduct parallel teacher's capacity building workshop on academic approaches to teaching science to pupils."

He further said: "NEF will also conduct a technology workshop with secondary school girls; it will involve an average of 20 to 30 girls with interest in coding/ robotics/ technology the theme will be "using drones for nature conservation. The girls will get an opportunity to fly the mini drones in doors and also, do some outdoor activities."

Grantina Modern, event coordinator in Arusha region, said that there will be also awards given to young Tanzanian women in science who have been involved in STEM outreach projects aimed to address community problems.

"The awards event will be conducted at the Nelson Mandela African Institution of Science and Technology-Arusha bringing over 250 scientists and innovators from inside and outside the country. This will also be an opportunity to unveil the future Tanzanian female scientists and encourage their involvement within the community of scientists," she said.

"From December 4 to 6, in partnership with experts from Switzerland, we will conduct parallel teacher's capacity building workshop on academic approaches to teaching science to pupils."



Dar es Salaam residents visit a photo exhibition dubbed The Dark Sight of Photography, which was primarily meant to spread messages to parents and the larger public on the need to communicate and improve the lives of children with disabilities. It was held at the weekend at the city's residence of the Italian Ambassador to Tanzania, Roberto Mengoni. Photo: Selemani Mpochi

By Guardian Reporter

A Tanzanian, Elizabeth Mrema has been appointed Acting Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) Secretariat based in Montreal, Canada effective December 1, this year.

The appointment was made by the United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres.

Mrema's appointment follows the resignation of Cristiana Pasca Palmer, a Romanian for health reasons.

According to a statement posted on the United Nations Environmental Programme (UNEP) website, the appointment represents a dramatic step forward in the conservation of biological diversity, the sustainable use of its components, and the fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising from the use of genetic resources.

Before her appointment, Mrema was the Director of the Law Division at the

Tanzanian appointed acting head of Convention on Biological Diversity

UNEP Headquarters in Nairobi, Kenya where she has worked for over two decades.

Her responsibilities in UNEP's Law Division included coordination of capacity building, development, implementation as well as compliance and enforcement of environmental law and the multilateral environmental conventions. She also led work related to international environmental governance.

She is a lawyer by profession and career diplomat with LLB (Hons) from the University of Dar-es-Salaam, LLM from Dalhousie University, Canada and Postgraduate Diploma in International Relations and Diplomacy (Summa Cum Laude) from the Centre of Foreign

Relations and Diplomacy in Dar-es-Salaam.

Mrema has published several articles related to international environmental law, compliance and enforcement of conventions and developed, among others, a number of multilateral environmental agreements negotiation tools, handbooks and guidelines currently used by UNEP in its capacity-building programmes.

Prior to joining the Law Division in June 2014, she was the Deputy Director of the Ecosystems Division, in charge of coordination, operations and programme delivery from 2012 and for one year, also served as Acting Director to the same Division.

She received in 2004 the first-ever

UNEP-wide Best Manager of the Year Award, titled the UNEP Baobab Staff Award, for exceptional performance and dedication towards achieving the goals of UNEP.

In 2009 she was appointed as the Executive Secretary of the UNEP/Secretariat of the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS) Before joining UNEP, Mrema worked with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation in Tanzania and left as a Counsellor/Senior Legal Counsel.

During her time with the ministry, she was also a lecturer in Public International Law and Conference Diplomacy at Tanzania's Centre for Foreign Relations and Diplomacy.



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Watershed judgment on Mariam Stafford's case has vital lessons

THE world has for decades witnessed demands for equal rights and crusades against the victimisation of people with disabilities, among them those with albinism. However, it is often those with power or influence who have carried the day, not the victims or downtrodden.

That is what appears to have happened in a case involving a young woman with albinism who went through the harrowing experience of losing her arms - brutally chopped off in 2011 by people hunting for albino body parts.

A key suspect was arrested and taken to court, which was commendable, but the victim lost the case - owing to her poor visibility. A case of double tragedy, one might suggest. The court ruled that, considering her poor eyesight, she could not have properly identified the person or people who attacked her.

Those campaigning for the rights of people living with albinism took exception to the ruling, vowing to fight on. They pursued the matter with the secretariat of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRDP), which adjudicated in via a tribunal or committee in September that the government should compensate the woman.

That earlier judgment must have sent a cold shiver down the spine of human rights defenders and numerous other people, seeing that the testimony of a person living with albinism is dismissed merely on account of that person's poor eyesight.

It was a typical case of the proverbial situation of adding insult to injury, and now the international community wants to see this anomaly rectified.

In other words, it didn't matter that the said attacker was known personally to the victim, as anyway

she didn't see him clearly enough for testimony to impress the court adequately - even if she was the victim!

Even for those who did not know of the case or had lost memory relating to it, news of the rare judgment will have come as huge relief in that it shows that it is still possible for some semblance of justice to be done - and be seen to be done - whatever the odds.

It is unclear if our Court of Appeal or the Registrar of the High Court will make use of this latter ruling to order a retrial, but without an option of losing the case and failing to ensure actual compensation.

But even without such a move, it should be hoped that this will go down the annals of the judiciary that evidence from victims of attacks shouldn't be so cynically treated. It is just that.

This ruling by a UN panel ought to be credited to Under The Same Sun (UTSS), a charitable organisation concerned with justice and welfare for people with albinism. The reason for this is simple and clear: it is this agency that took the matter to international instances after our own courts had played their part.

Upon the delivery of this dignified verdict, UTSS has called on the government to compensate and provide medical care to the victim, who is still only 36 and needs to be assured of how to lead a life in dignity despite being armless. As Tanzania is a party to the relevant UN convention, and is therefore duty bound to respect human rights, it ought to pay attention.

UTSS director Berthasia Ladislaus says lawyers for UTSS and the victim - Mariam Stafford - successfully argued that the rejection of her case was in violation of a convention which Tanzania is a party. This should stand as some food for thought for our judiciary.



Africa Climate Change Summit appeals for new tack on actions

By Wangu Mwangi

PARTICIPANTS at mid-October's 2019 Africa Climate Change Summit issued a call for re-evaluating national climate commitments through improved tools for assessing "locally determined contributions".

Taking place in conjunction with the annual conference of the Covenant of Mayors in Sub-Saharan Africa (CoMSSA), the summit served as a platform for unveiling initiatives to support local climate action by subnational governments and non-state actors.

The summit, organised by the Climate Change Association and the National Association of Local Authorities of Ghana (NALAG), took place in the Ghanaian capital, Accra, from October 16 through 18.

The action-oriented event was chiefly geared at mobilising non-state actors to accelerate the implementation of national climate commitments, enhancing the coordination of non-state actors who are still working in isolation, and promoting dialogue between international and local organisations to strengthen links between climate actions at the local and higher levels. Sessions were convened by the nine Climate Change stakeholder coalitions addressing various themes, among them: access to climate finance; sustainable cities and urban development; agriculture, food and reforestation; renewable energy and energy efficiency; sustainable mobility and transport; adaptation and water;

sustainable buildings and construction; education and training on climate change; and the circular economy. Building on roadmaps initiated at the 2018 Summit, the thematic sessions identified concrete projects and resource mobilisation strategies to support implementation over the coming year.

Specific projects launched at the Summit include development of a comprehensive portal on financing opportunities for climate action; and coordination of all actors working on African climate data.

Also on the list were the creation of a network of local authorities and actors promoting sustainable housing as well as the identification and dissemination of good practices on water and adaptation as part of preparations for the World Water Forum in Dakar in 2021.

Yet another initiatives announced at the Summit was the launch of the 'Electrifying Rural Africa' report, with accompanying funding for 13 pilot cities as part of the CoMSSA network.

President Nana Akufo-Addo of Ghana unveiled two public-private financial mechanisms to complement his government's efforts to tackle climate change: a USD 100 million SDG (global Sustainable Development Goals) Delivery Fund; and a USD 200 million Green Fund.

Taking place prior to the United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) World Congress and the World Summit of Local and Regional Leaders, the CoMSSA 2019 conference enabled representatives of over 200 African municipalities from 36 countries to develop a joint agenda ahead

of the World Summit. Commitments announced at the regional conference took shape at the Durban (South Africa) Summit, with the launch of the International Municipal Investment Fund (IMIF) as a dedicated mechanism for funding local action on climate and the SDGs.

African stakeholders also announced that the region will host the first-ever General Assembly for young mayors and local government leaders during the 2021 Africities Summit in Kisumu, Kenya.

The African Climate Change Summit issued a ten-point declaration calling for, among other actions, ensuring a balance in funding between climate actions addressing mitigation and adaptation, and prioritising clean energy sources such as solar and wind in strategies aimed at bridging the energy gap in Africa.

Two: providing an enabling environment for local and regional governments and non-state actors to create the conditions for enhanced local climate actions and the localisation of climate finance;

Two: increasing the number of African local governments participating in the CoMSSA to implement effective actions on energy access and local climate action plans.

Three: initiating a bottom-up approach to the revision of Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), starting with the elaboration of "locally determined contributions" (LDCs) to feed into NDCs.

The declaration calls for this approach to be disseminated through national associations of local and regional

governments and UCLG Africa to enhance ownership as well as alignment of climate actions.

The declaration further calls for strengthening links with a range of funding organisations, development agencies and international networks to direct resources towards local climate action.

It notes, in particular, the role of the UCLG Africa chapter in building the capacity of African cities and sub-national governments to prepare and submit eligible projects to climate finance institutions. The African Climate Change Summit was launched last year as an annual gathering of African non-state actors and subnational governments, including local authorities, businesses, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), trade unions, scientists, representatives from agricultural, youth, women and indigenous organizations, and individual citizens.

This year's edition of the Summit continued the development of sectoral and operational roadmaps discussed at the inaugural Summit in Abidjan in June 2018. CoMSSA provides a platform for African local governments to exchange knowledge on climate-resilient urban development and to enhance implementation of sustainable climate and energy actions. Themes addressed at this year's conference were with respect to finance, adaptation, mitigation and access to energy.

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Eastern Africa to Yemen among most treacherous migrant routes

By Mara Bierbach

TENS of thousands of people migrate from Eastern Africa to Yemen each year - even though the country has been devastated by a civil war, and smugglers frequently blackmail and torture migrants.

Most migrants hope to make it to Saudi Arabia and find work there. First stop: Djibouti. The small country of Djibouti, located across from Yemen, is often a first stop for migrants.

Only the Bab al-Mandab Strait, which is roughly 30 kilometers wide at its narrowest point, separates the two countries. That's why Djibouti is a transit country for many migrants trying to make it to Saudi Arabia through Yemen.

Many migrants hail from Djibouti's neighbouring countries, Ethiopia and Somalia. These three Ethiopian girls were photographed after they entered Dikhil, Djibouti.

The journey through Yemen from the Horn of Africa to Saudi Arabia is one of the fastest growing migrant routes worldwide - even though there is a civil war raging in Yemen, and the UN has repeatedly called the situation in Yemen "the worst humanitarian crisis in the world".

The migrants' dream: escaping poverty by finding work in Saudi Arabia. Many of the migrants who leave countries such as Ethiopia and Somalia are extremely young, some merely 13 years old.

To make it from Eastern Africa into Yemen, migrants have to cross the ocean. They are often sent out in small, crowded boats that are ill-equipped for the journey by traffickers. In January of this year, at least 52 people died off the shore of Djibouti, according to IOM.

After enduring hours crammed on wooden smuggling boats, migrants are often loaded into trucks by traffickers and driven to compounds in the desert. Nearly every migrant who lands in the coastal village of Ras al-Ara - a migrant hotspot in Yemen - is robbed of their freedom by traffickers, unable to continue their journey. The migrants are imprisoned in hidden compounds, called "hosh", while their families are blackmailed into paying for their release. Yemeni authorities do little to stop these criminal activities, according to reports by AP.

Most migrants are subjected to daily torments, including beatings, torture and starvation, while many women and girls are raped by their captors.

A 17-year-old Ethiopian migrant was tortured so brutally that he lost his leg. After he landed in Ras al-Ara, traffickers

locked him up and asked for phone numbers of people who could transfer money for their release.

He told his captors he didn't have a number, because he knew that couldn't ask his father for more money. He was beaten and left without food or water for days, weeks even.

One night, one of the captors beat his leg to a pulp with a steel rod. Then, he was dumped in the desert. A passing driver brought him to a hospital, where his leg was amputated.

A couple was imprisoned in a "hosh", but their smugglers let them go because of their children. Fatma and her husband Yacoub, originally from Mali, reached Yemen by boat from Djibouti.

The couple wants to go to Saudi Arabia, but making it there will be difficult, if not impossible, for them - especially because they have two young children.

To make it from Yemen to its northern neighbour, they have to cross through mountains and deserts, through places where sandstorms are frequent and temperatures can reach 40 degrees Celsius and higher.

The UN has called the situation in Yemen, where a civil war has been raging for four years, "the worst humanitarian crisis in the world". Tens of thousands of people have been killed and injured. Over

3 million people have been displaced.

More than 20 million people in Yemen are food insecure, including nearly 10 million who are suffering from extreme levels of hunger, a UN report released earlier this year revealed.

The northeastern coastal city of Aden is a transit point for many migrants. The "22nd May Soccer Stadium" in the city, which was partially destroyed by the war, became a temporary refuge for thousands of migrants this summer.

One was 14-year-old Ethiopian migrant, who was physically abused on his journey crossing into Yemen. At first, security forces housed migrants they captured in raids at the stadium.

Soon, other migrants showed up voluntarily, hoping for shelter. Then, the International Organisation for Migration (IOM) started distributing food there and arranging voluntary repatriations.

Many migrants in Yemen who want to reach Saudi Arabia travel through Dhale province, located tens of kilometers inland from the southern coast. Staying and travelling through there is extremely dangerous. Some migrants take shelter in a small shack at a Qat market. The frontline between militiamen backed by the Saudi-led coalition and Houthi rebels is only a few hundred meters away.

Agencies

Zanzibar women's soccer team merits encouragement, apology

LAYERS of the Zanzibar women's soccer team, Mapinduzi Queens, are up in arms and have vowed not to feature in the outfit ever again.

They hinge their stand on the questionable treatment they recently got from officials of the Zanzibar Football Federation (ZFF) or agents of the organisation.

Reports said that when the team left for the Confederation of East and Central African Football Associations (Cecafa) tournament in Dar es Salaam they received allowances of 100,000/- each and, upon return, someone was sent to give them 1,500/- each.

The players are understood to have found this an astonishing gesture of contempt enough to numb all their senses. The facts relating to their participation could easily explain ZFF's anger lies, but the issue is whether any of this merits anger and not merely realistic stock-taking as to what is needed to improve the level of women's soccer in the Isles.

The side was a shoulder up from Djibouti, the weakest side in the tournament, which absorbed 33 goals in three matches without even one of their own.

For their part, hapless Mapinduzi Queens allowed into their net just a little over half the number (17) - also without even a single one to their credit, in their three-match tour of duty. It is easy for the fans to be disappointed, but ZFF officials should be able to take this issue in their stride.

In other words, it would be difficult to think of an acceptable reason to treat the side as a pariah upon unsuccessful participation in the championship.

It is evident that women's soccer

doesn't have a track record as impressive in the Isles as it is on the Mainland, with Twiga Stars and Kilimanjaro Queens, the junior side, capable of giving any competitor in the region or sub-region a run for their money, which is what the fans want. But Rome was not built in a day and while ZFF must exercise patience, it should rule out contempt.

This scenario mimics the suggestion that if your daughter or son is last in the class, she or he gets no food that "to teach her him a lesson".

When a national side is on the pitch, it represents all of us, that it is the best outfit we could find. In this particular case, Mapinduzi Queens merely demonstrated the level of women's soccer in the Isles.

By that premise alone, they can't also be the only ones to blame, as they reflected the situation on the ground - which is different from creating that situation, as that is essentially a ZFF matter.

The treatment Mapinduzi Queens are reported to have been subjected to is tantamount to 'stoning the messenger,' instead of reading the message and taking appropriate remedial measures.

By all indications, any efforts to improve Isles women's football and rebuilding the national side will need the input of the current crop of girls featuring in the team. So, ZFF would be well advised to pay the girls the allowance they deserve - even without a formal apology.

ZFF ought to know that even the Isles have elements opposed to women's soccer, and giving Mapinduzi Queens a raw deal would only serve to build a case for those detractors. That should not be allowed to happen.

Telling children they don't have a future is child abuse

By Ivo Vegter

IMAGINE going to school one day, and instead of being asked what you want to be when you grow up, you are asked what you're going to do if you grow up.

That they might not have a future at all, and certainly not a "normal" one like their parents had, was the message of Extinction Rebellion activist Rupert Read, speaking to "a huge audience of schoolchildren at the Green Schools project", during the Schools Climate Conference held at University College, London, earlier this year.

Ever since the hippie movement of the 1960s, every generation has produced its rebels, clamouring to overthrow the establishment and fighting for environmental and other social justice causes. Every generation has good cause: they see pollution, corruption, war, poverty and hunger, as well as a conservative, complacent society, and they want something to be done about it.

That this generation lives in the most peaceful, prosperous, and generally awesome era in human history makes no difference to the malcontents. That environmental performance and sustainability is correlated with prosperity and economic freedom has not crossed their minds. They want change, even if they cannot explain exactly why.

To keep the fires of naïve idealism burning (and the donations streaming in), environmental campaigns have to keep ratcheting up the rhetoric. The exaggeration keeps getting more extreme and further divorced from factual evidence, science and reason.

These days, Extinction Rebellion activists are telling children they should take up torches and pitchforks against their elders because they don't have a future. And that, frankly, is psychological child abuse.

Inculcating feelings of despair, anger and helplessness are not conducive to good mental health. Study after study after study finds alarming increases in suicide rates among all age groups in the US, but particularly among "Generation Z", the eldest of which are now 22. There are many proximate causes, but being told they have no future because their parents ruined the planet can't possibly help. And it isn't even true.

Luckily, the suicide rate in South Africa does not show a significant increase in the 21st century. Suicide rates among men and boys in 2016 were higher than in 2000, but that among women and girls was lower, leaving the overall rate steady. But that may not last if environmental activists keep scaring people with exaggerated narratives of catastrophe and doom.

Extinction Rebellion activists have been getting space in these pages. Geoff Davies, a retired Anglican bishop and environmental activist who idolises Greta Thunberg and



believes we need neither economic growth nor capitalism, exhorts us to join the Extinction Rebellion because "our very survival, and that of our children, requires it!"

Similarly apocalyptic rhetoric permeates media reporting on climate change and environmental challenges.

Another "environmental justice" activist, Ferriell Adam, wrote about a handful of scientists (some 400) that endorsed the Extinction Rebellion, under imagery that strongly suggests the movement has science on its side.

I'm a strong believer in science, and it offends me to see science abused for such extremist purposes. Even if the movement did have science on its side, it is pretty cruel to construct worst-case scenarios and tell children that they might not grow up. But it doesn't have science on its side.

Witness this response to a longer version of Rupert Read's talk, from an actual climate scientist:

She continues: "I thought @ExtinctionR had grown out of this 'many people in the UK will die very soon' phase. I thought you wanted to be supported by evidence, and if quoting speculation about worst-worst-worst case scenarios from 2-3 people, to be very clear this is not a mainstream view."

Dr Tamsin Edwards, according to her faculty page at King's College, London, is a climate scientist specialising in quantifying the uncertainties of climate model predictions, particularly for the Antarctic and Greenland ice sheet contributions to sea-level rise.

Although she is no sceptic, her blog is called All Models Are Wrong, which in a way (though probably not the way she intended) echoes my

own view on climate science.

She is, her bio says, a lead author of the forthcoming Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Sixth Assessment Report, to be published in 2021, and a contributing author to the IPCC Special Report on the Ocean and Cryosphere in a Changing Climate published in 2019. She is eminently better qualified to opine about climate change than me, Rupert Read, Ferriell Adams, Geoff Davis, and especially the 16-year-old Greta Thunberg.

Posts of hers particularly worth reading, for climate alarmists and climate sceptics alike, are Polar thinking, and The future will be both better and worse than we imagine.

Let's consider some of the claims of Rupert Read and the Extinction Rebellion.

Read says that because of a heatwave in the summer of 2018, "many crops in this country, their yields were down by about a third... sooner or later you reach a point where there just isn't enough food".

By "heatwave", he means a combination of a long and very cold winter, an unusually wet spring that delayed planting, and a summer heat wave. Strike one.

Although yields in the UK for 2018 did decline for many crops, none of the declines got anywhere near a third. There were some yield increases, notably maize with 12%, and most of the rest declined by single-digit percentages. Strike two.

Of course, variation in crop yields is not at all unusual. Some years, yields go up, other years, they go down.

And would you know it, the yield declines of 2018 were more than made up for by a bumper

2019 harvest. All major cereal crops increased their yield by 15% to 25%, some to record levels for this century. Strike three.

Worldwide, crop yields continue to increase and show no sign of decreases as a result of climate change.

Read says if plans to expand airports in the UK go ahead, "there is just absolutely no way we can meet our targets under the international climate agreements and if we don't meet those targets then our weather is gonna carry on spinning out of control and we're gonna have more heatwaves and they're getting worse and it's gonna go on and on".

First, although it stands to reason that heatwaves will be more frequent in a warming climate, a 2015 study of 74 million deaths across 13 countries published in *The Lancet* found that cold weather claims 17 times more lives than hot weather, and almost 90% of temperature-related deaths occurred not at extreme hot or cold temperatures, but in milder non-optimum weather.

Second, the contribution of aviation to total anthropogenic warming attributed to fossil fuels was 0.8% in the year 2000. Under a climate trajectory in line with 2°C warming by 2100 and assuming the least ambitious mitigation strategy proposed by the International Civil Aviation Organisation, the contribution of aviation to total fossil fuel emissions will be between 1.4% and 2%.

A few extra runways at UK airports will make no meaningful difference to the climate, and certainly will not cause weather to "carry on spinning out of control".

Read and the Extinction Rebellion make much of, you guessed it, the "sixth mass extinction":

"Many current life forms will be extinct by the end of this century," they say.

I've debunked alarmist claims about the so-called sixth extinction before. It is true that humanity has had an impact on the extinction rate, and that it is probably substantially higher than the long-term background rate at present. However, even sixth extinction activists offer an incredibly large range of possible extinction rates: between 0.01% and 1% per decade. Ergo, they don't know. At the lower end of that range, and implausibly assuming we do nothing about it, we would have lost less than 0.1% of species by 2100, and it would take 70,000 years before we lost half the planet's species.

Perhaps their definition of "many" is different from mine.

The Extinction Rebellion activists make much of the WWF's Living Planet Reports. This is the same organisation that in 1980 wrote: "We are losing one more animal, plant or insect species every 10 minutes. Approximately one million different species will be gone by the year 2000."

That never happened. Not by a long shot. In fact, only 10 extinctions were documented between 1980 and 2000. Extrapolated to the estimated total species on earth, that translates to 36 extinctions.

I have on several occasions debunked the Living Planet Report numbers as statistical tomfoolery based on dubious data. And ecologists agree with me, as seen here and here.

Extinction Rebellion quotes the Intergovernmental Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services on the "biodiversity crisis", without acknowledging that the report's conclusions were little more than an educated guess, and that it also shows how to make biodiversity great again.

They talk about an "insect die-off", without mentioning that the study that came to that conclusion was "alarmist by bad design". It was junk science, its conclusions unsubstantiated. Reaching any conclusions about the fate of insects will require more research, which to date has not been done.

It seems, then, that Extinction Rebellion is prone to cherry-picking worst-case-scenario claims, or make things up as they go along.

The BBC's Andrew Neil is one of the few journalists who took the time, and did the research, to challenge the claims of the Extinction Rebellion, including that billions of people will die, children will die within two decades, and that not flying would make a difference. One almost feels sorry for poor Zion Light in this interview:

Rupert Read said we're on the way to the collapse of our civilisation and there not being enough food on the table. All the facts contradict him, and so do the climate change assessments by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.

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US\$650 million pledge set to eradicate extreme hunger by 2030

UNITED NATIONS

WHEN a coalition of international donors pledged more than \$650 million to provide assistance to over 300 million smallholder farmers in developing countries, the primary aim was to help increase agricultural and livestock production besieged by droughts, floods and other natural disasters triggered by climate change - mostly in sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia.

The pledges - which came from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, the World Bank, UK, the Netherlands, the European Commission, Switzerland, Sweden and Germany - followed the UN's Climate Action Summit last September.

Asked if the ultimate aim is to help eradicate extreme hunger by 2030, as spelled out in the UN's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), Sonja Vermeulen, Director of Programs, CGIAR System Organisation, told IPS that hunger is very highly concentrated - with higher per capita in Africa and South Asia, and in rural areas.

She said hungry people are largely dependent on rural economies, especially agriculture, to improve their welfare and nutrition.

That's why investments in targeted agricultural research to benefit these exact people can go much further than alternatives, she noted.

She said CGIAR, described as the world's largest global agricultural innovation network, is actively working towards all of these targets: bringing people over the minimum calorie line, improving micronutrient nutrition, getting agriculture back within environmental limits, doubling smallholders' productivity and incomes, and maintaining ex-situ (off-site) genetic diversity of crops, livestock, fish and their wild relatives.

"Given the complexity of the problem, it's a massive challenge to get there by 2030. But, with partners, it's a challenge we want to rise to."

CGIAR, which is the recipient of the \$650 million funding, and formerly known as the Consultative Group for International Agricultural Research, has an annual research



Villagers grow rain-fed rice in Beung Kiat Ngong wetlands, Lao People's Democratic Republic. File photo

portfolio of just over \$900 million with 11,000 staff working in more than 70 countries around the world.

"The global Sustainable Development Goals made a solemn promise to eradicate hunger and extreme poverty by 2030, and that simply cannot be achieved unless the world's smallholder farmers can adapt to climate change," said Elwyn Grainger-Jones, Executive Director of the CGIAR System Organisation.

He said: "The new investments are a recognition that we have just 11 growing seasons between now and 2030 and farmers need a host of new innovations to overcome a growing array of climate threats. This new funding is an important start towards a global effort to substantially increase support for CGIAR activities."

According to CGIAR, its climate-focused innovations include dozens of new varieties of drought-tolerant maize for farmers in sub-Saharan Africa that are increasing farmers'

yields by 20-30 per cent.

In Zimbabwe, maize farmers already are harvesting an additional 600 kilos or more than 1,300 pounds per hectare.

Further adoption across the region will benefit 30-40 million people in 13 countries and provide added grain worth US \$160-200 million per year in drought-affected areas, generating up to \$1.5 billion in benefits for producers and consumers.

There is also climate change-ready rice, including new "scuba rice" varieties that survive underwater for up to 17 days could benefit 18 million farming households and save millions more from hunger. In Bangladesh and India alone, rice lost to flooding each year could feed 30 million people.

Meanwhile in Nigeria, improved varieties of cassava developed by CGIAR scientists already have helped 1.8 million farmers escape poverty. CGIAR breeders are now developing even better varieties of this naturally hardy crop that offer

disease-resistance and higher levels of Vitamin A, a nutrient especially critical to childhood development.

New varieties of orange-fleshed sweet potatoes developed to match a host of different farming conditions are rapidly gaining popularity in sub-Saharan Africa. They also offer high levels of Vitamin A and can survive climate stress that kills other crops.

CGIAR is delivering a host of other climate-smart crop varieties, including heat- and drought-tolerant beans and improved varieties of neglected grains like pearl millet and sorghum.

CGIAR experts are also developing solar-powered irrigation pumps for large-scale distribution in sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia. The pumps are to be deployed alongside advanced information systems to ensure they can help farmers sustainably adapt to increasingly unreliable rains, but without stressing available water resources.

Asked how devastating climate-related threats are to agriculture and food security, CGIAR's Vermeulen told IPS: "Climate threats are already massive - and with current increases in emissions, only going to get worse".

"Also problematic is that we are not very good yet at forecasting what will happen - tipping points, etc. What we do know is that uncertainty will increase (such as year-on-year variability in rainfall) making farming a much tougher business," she said.

She pointed out that CGIAR's critical work in this area includes a step change in the availability of diverse, climate-resilient crop, livestock and fish varieties for farmers - with public sector research and distribution working hand-in-hand with private sector.

It also includes harnessing inexpensive information technologies to get real-time data and advice into the hands of farmers, and improved institutional solutions for climate-affected farmers.

Among them are cooperative-run solar irrigation systems, community-based underground water storage, affordable index-based crop insurance schemes, and management systems for human health threats like Aflatoxin, which infection level increases with climate change in staple crops like maize and groundnuts.

"These threats are global but they hurt low-income rural farming communities the most chiefly because these don't have the capital to invest in adaptation and are most dependent on rain-fed farming at the mercy of the climate. These are CGIAR's clients."

IPS: The UN says that, far from declining, hunger is on the rise primarily owing to two factors: military conflicts and natural disasters triggered by climate change. Is this a fair assessment of the current state of affairs?

Vermeulen: Yes, global numbers of hungry people have been on the rise again since 2016. The UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction reports that low income countries face losses equivalent to 20-60 per cent of their annual social expenditure through natural disasters annually.

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BY MATTHEW HERBERT

As we approach the new decade, the focus of Europe's decision makers remains on the foreign policy dilemma of the past 10 years: migration. Tens of millions of euros were spent on economic, social and security programmes meant to slow irregular migration to the continent.

Of these, security programmes have increasingly taken centre stage. The European Union (EU) and member states have promoted a securitised approach to migration - treating irregular migrants and migration as a national security threat. EU countries have implemented many programmes meant to build the capacity of security forces in the countries from which irregular migrants come, and those through which they transit.

This has mostly involved the disbursement of equipment, such as vehicles and surveillance arrays to Niger and Tunisia, or tactical training, such as to the Libyan Coast Guard. The aim has been to create partner security forces that are able to secure borders and prevent irregular migrants from reaching Europe.

These security sector programmes have shown few unambiguous successes. Cross-border threats in the Sahel, notably those posed by terrorist groups, have grown since European interventions began. Migrant departures from Tunisia and Morocco have surged, not abated. In Libya, a rise in the coast guard's capacity has stymied migrant departures, but sparked significant international concern around human rights abuses and criminality.

The EU and member states' focus on building security force capacity misses the chance for security sector reform that could address the underlying factors driving migration. Structural

Better police-civilian relations can reduce irregular migration



Security sector reform should tackle causes of migration, including the popular view that governments are unresponsive and unfair. File photo

inequality is the main one.

Structural inequality refers to the reality that across much of the world, one's birthplace, family and class determine the nature and degree of government services one can access, and the types of interactions one has with government officials. Irregular migrants, especially from the Maghreb, routinely cite such inequality and injustice as among their reasons for migrating.

Because structural inequality is

hard to understand and measure, there has been only limited effort by EU countries to address it. But until this happens, even the most well-intentioned programmes meant to build government services, risk reinforcing the divergence in access and opportunity in a society.

Structural inequality won't be modified by reforming the security forces alone. But because security forces are often the state representatives most seen by citizens, improving

their interactions with people can hugely impact societal perceptions of government responsiveness and fairness. This could help mitigate what drives migrants to take the risk of travelling to Europe.

If structural inequality is to be addressed, the reform of a nation's security sector must focus on changing prevailing attitudes in the security forces on fundamental questions. Who are security forces tasked with protecting in a society? What are their

responsibilities towards all classes of citizenry? And what role do citizens have in the policing process?

Attitude change is slow to achieve and difficult to accomplish. The sort of individual human rights training favoured by donors when designing security reform initiatives is insufficient in focus, duration and design to truly shift fundamental views. Measuring attitudinal change is also difficult. The metrics used for capacity building don't apply - such as counting the number of

trucks donated or courses delivered.

If done right though, reform aimed at changing attitudes can have a far more durable and deeper impact than security aid initiatives. The EU and its member states should tailor their security programmes to meet this objective. This will require reaching out not only to recipient governments when designing programmes, but to a wide variety of local stakeholders. This approach will provide a holistic picture of the challenges and appropriate solutions.

Donors should also be realistic about how to achieve attitudinal change within a security service. One-off training on human rights is unlikely to do much. Neither are rote classroom-based lectures that inform officers of what they should do.

Rather, attitudinal change requires ongoing programmes that engage with those components of a security force that most shape officer thinking and action, such as training academies and mid-level commanders. To build support for reform there must be an explicit focus on the benefits it offers security agents on the ground.

The usefulness of attitudinal change should be defined not only in terms of human rights, but also of operational effectiveness. Simply changing their approach to engaging with citizens, especially those who are marginalised, will help overstretched security officers do their job better. Finally, for the EU and member states, this approach may require new thinking on how to measure impact.

Rather than doubling down on policies to block migrant movement, EU countries should promote the reform of security forces to mitigate some of the factors that drive migrants to leave home in the first place.

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Xi Jinping -- a champion of multilateralism in a world of contradictions

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“It was the best of times, it was the worst of times,” English novelist Charles Dickens proclaimed in 1859, alluding to the chills and hopes after the Industrial Revolution.

One and a half centuries later, it is still a world of contradictions, brought forth by yet another round of industrial and technological revolutions, observed Chinese President Xi Jinping debuting at the World Economic Forum (WEF) in early 2017.

Global challenges from regional conflicts and terrorism to widening income gaps and climate change have nudged humanity to a crossroads of conflicting solutions: globalization or anti-globalization, multilateralism or unilateralism, integration or isolation.

While some are retreating to the easier option of unilateralism and isolationism, the Chinese president has been leading a spirited defense of multilateralism to make economic globalization more invigorated, inclusive and sustainable.

This commitment was also featured in Xi's latest overseas trip, which took him to Greece for a state visit and to Brazil for the 11th BRICS summit last week, and witnessed his call for global efforts to uphold multilateralism and steer the world towards the vision of “a community with a shared future for mankind.”

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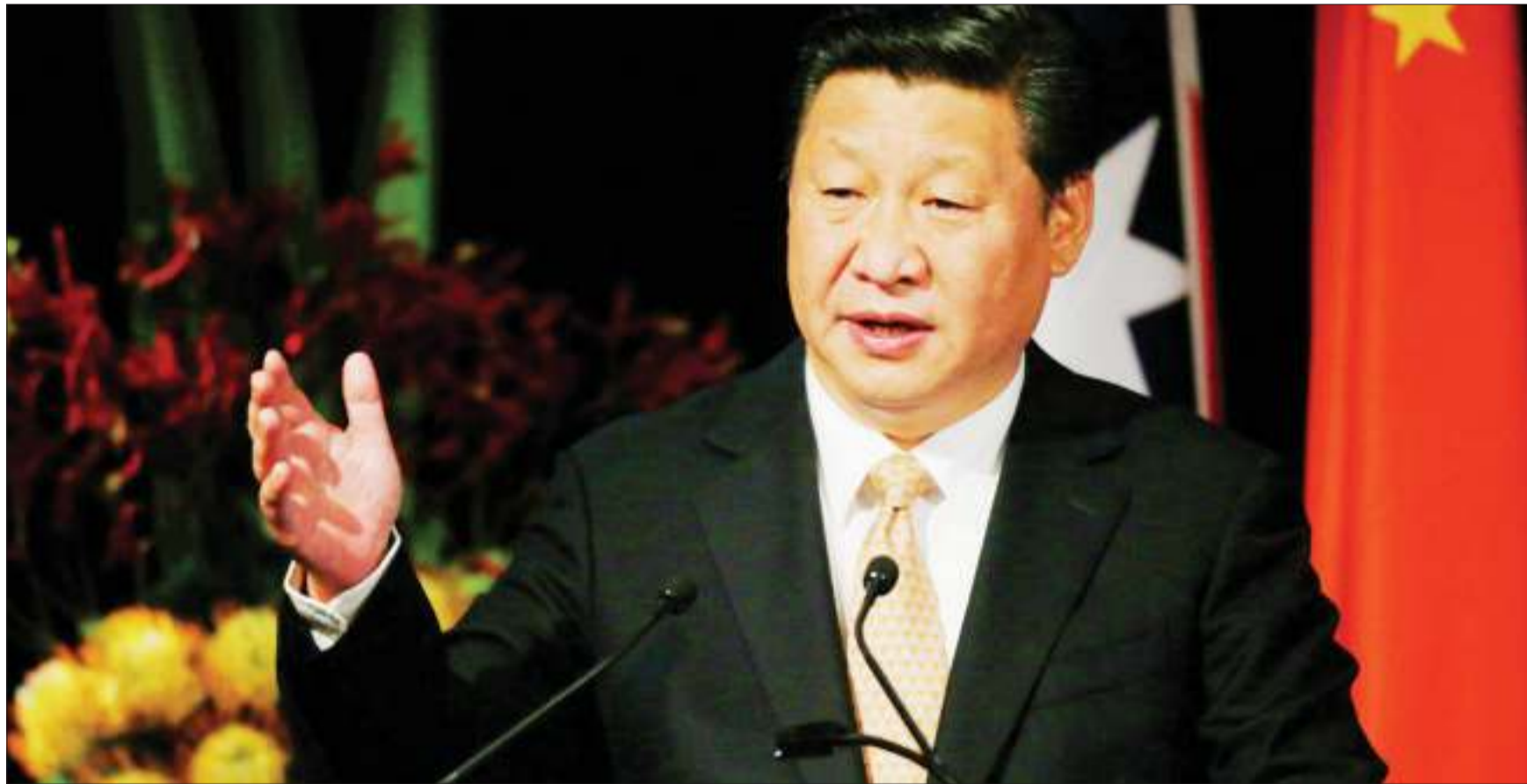
“We are meeting at a time when crucial developments are taking place in the world economy and international landscape,” Xi told the recent summit of BRICS, an emerging-market bloc that groups Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa.

While leaders of five of the biggest emerging economies met in Brasilia, the world was clouded by causes for concern: Trade tensions and policy uncertainties were taking a toll on the world economy, some politicians were ignoring the fact that the globe is warming up, Britain was still divorcing the European Union and Syria was mired in an eight-year-old war.

It was not the first time for the Chinese president to sound the alarm on the crucial situation mankind was in.

“What has gone wrong with the world?” Xi asked at the annual gathering of the WEF in the Swiss ski resort of Davos in January 2017, a big question on which the whole world was reflecting.

That the world has been going through profound changes unseen in a century was Xi's answer.



He expounded on his observation at the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Economic Leaders' Meeting held in November 2018 in Papua New Guinea (PNG):

While economic globalization surges forward, global growth is shadowed by protectionism and unilateralism; a new revolution in science, technology and industry is in the making, but old driving forces are yet to be replaced by new ones; the international landscape is undergoing profound changes, but imbalance in development is yet to be addressed; and the reform of the global governance system is gathering momentum, but improving its efficiency remains a major challenge.

To highlight the ever critical situation faced by humanity, Xi has repeatedly resorted to the analogy of a crossroads.

“Mankind has once again reached a crossroads,” he said.

Which direction to choose? Cooperation or confrontation? Openness or closing one's door? Win-win progress or a zero-sum game?

Amid the myriads of changes one thing is certain: It is as impossible to reverse the trend of globalization as to channel the waters in the ocean back into isolated lakes and creeks. In today's world no country could possibly stay aloof to take good care of itself alone.

At the APEC meeting in PNG, convened on board a cruiser anchored by Port Moresby, Xi said, “We are all indeed fellow passengers in the same

boat.”

SAME BOAT

In order to help the world sail forward through wind and waves together, Xi has put forward the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) and the vision of building a community with a shared future for mankind, two important components of what is known as “Xiplomacy.”

In a show of their growing global popularity, more than 160 countries and international organizations have signed BRI cooperation documents with China, and Xi's grand vision is being incorporated into more and more UN resolutions.

“I came up with the proposals of building a community with a shared future for mankind and the BRI while pondering on how world countries can achieve joint consultation and shared benefits, harmony in diversity and cooperation for win-win results in the face of divergent interests and concerns,” Xi told UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres on the sidelines of the G20 summit held in Buenos Aires in November 2018.

There is no better choice for world countries other than strengthening multilateral cooperation in the face of one global challenge after another, Xi said.

In this line of thought, Xi sees his country's development inseparable from that of the rest of the world. “China will do well only when the

world does well,” he said.

Accordingly, experts have observed that Beijing pursues an ever more engaging foreign policy, striving for a stable international environment to enable its development as well as recognizing its global responsibilities as it moves towards center stage.

“To pick one word to exemplify China's foreign policy under President Xi, I would choose ‘engaged’ or ‘proactive,’” said Robert Kuhn, a leading U.S. expert on China.

China's engaged diplomacy has been the hallmark of Xi's governance, said Kuhn, who has been paying close attention to every foreign trip made by the Chinese president.

There is now an “inflection point” in China's diplomacy, catalyzed by Xi's championing of multilateralism, as the country changes from reactive to proactive in its international relations, said the expert, also chairman of the Kuhn Foundation.

In the eyes of former French Prime Minister Jean-Pierre Raffarin, who has met Xi about a dozen times, the Chinese leader is full of passion.

Raffarin particularly referred to a meeting on global governance Xi attended during his visit to France in March along with French President Emmanuel Macron, German Chancellor Angela Merkel and European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker.

At the meeting, Xi pledged to uphold

multilateralism and pointed out that China and Europe are two major forces in the world, and are important participants in and builders of the economic globalization process.

That gathering, Raffarin said, was the first step towards building “a new type of multilateralism in the 21st Century.” As transformations are taking place in global governance, the current more than seven-decade-old multilateral system needs fresh impetus, he said.

In terms of strength, Asia and Africa are now very different from what they were after World War II, and they should be properly represented in the multilateral system, added the French statesman.

Expounding on his vision of building a community with a shared future for mankind at the UN Office at Geneva in early 2017, Xi recalled the first time he got a Swiss army knife.

He said he was amazed that it has so many functions and could not help thinking “how wonderful it would be if an exquisite Swiss army knife could be made for our world affairs. When there is a problem, we can use the knife to fix it.”

In the eyes of many, such a multi-functional kit for world cooperation is already unfolding.

Ahead of a trip to Beijing in April, Guterres told the press that through the BRI, China has created development opportunities.

There are more investments, trade and growth, which not only contribute to poverty reduction, employment and improvement of infrastructure in developing countries, but also promote environmental construction and social stability and development, said the UN chief.

The secret of the BRI's success is partly attributable to the fact that it is based upon China's understanding of multilateralism.

The essence of multilateralism, said Xi at the BRICS summit in Brasilia, is that international affairs should be addressed through extensive consultation rather than decided by one country or a few.

Upholding the principle of extensive consultation, joint contribution and shared benefits, Xi put forward the BRI in 2013, the same year he assumed office as Chinese president. The initiative has now become the most popular platform for international cooperation in the world.

“Dominance by a single party is not allowed in the BRI,” Xi said in a tour of the Piraeus Port, a flagship project of BRI cooperation between China and Greece, during his recent visit to the European country.

“Instead, all participants would share responsibilities and benefits in BRI cooperation,” he said.

The BRI offers grand principles to support its grand visions such as building a community with a shared future for mankind, Kuhn said, adding that it expands links between Asia, Africa and Europe and thus reduces imbalances in national development and promotes economic growth.

“There are different kinds of flowers with different colors in our gardens and we can make beautiful garland by joining the flowers together,” said Nepali President Bidhya Devi Bhandari in an interview with Xinhua earlier this year. “The BRI can make a beautiful garland.”

Raffarin, a frequent visitor to China since his first trip in 1970, observed that China's diplomatic vision is deeply rooted in and inspired by its traditional culture, which believes that cooperation is better than confrontation.

The BRI is a great initiative to promote global cooperation, he told Xinhua in an interview in September.

“In this world of interdependence, we must expand our thinking beyond all forms of nationalism to assume our common destiny. For all this, China will remain useful to the world,” he said.

Xinhua

Bank expands to five markets, now to operate inside Ethiopia

By Guardian Reporter

EXIM Bank Group will become the first Tanzanian financial institution to start operations in neighbouring Ethiopian market, establishing a foothold in the Africa's second most populous country and extending its African network to 5 countries.

A statement issued by the bank yesterday in Dar es Salaam said that the bank has gotten a license to open and have an Exim Bank Representative Office in Ethiopia through its Djibouti subsidiary and it plans to start operating soon.

"Our Commercial Representative Office is expected to be fully operational in December 2019 at Zouleka LKG Building, 2nd floor, Sub City Bole, 2160/B, Addis Ababa," Jaffari Matundu, the bank's chief executive officer said in the statement.

He said the expansion to the country comes as part of the group's strategic expansion plans in pursuit of its aspiration of becoming a Pan African Bank.

The representative office will foster strategic initiatives in increasing cooperation with African countries and provide a valuable platform for the bank to market its differentiated and customized services to overseas businesses.

"This is an important milestone for Exim Bank Group."

He pointed out that strong economic growth in Ethiopia has been underpinned by high public investment and a growing consumer base and that is why the country has emerged as one of

the most exciting and promising market for financial institutions.

He said that the bank also aims to support trade exchange through promoting exports from the group to Ethiopia, studying the market and available investment opportunities while playing part in driving economic expansion in the country.

He further pointed out that Ethiopia has recorded the highest economic growth rates across the world over the past few years and is ranked as Africa's fastest growing economy according to data from International Monetary Fund (IMF).

"We look forward to the promising growth opportunities offered by the Ethiopian market, especially in light of the reforms recently held by Ethiopia. We believe that there are many promising economic growth opportunities in Ethiopia, and Exim Bank Group wishes to facilitate this," he said.

With the addition of Ethiopia, the bank will now have operations in 5 markets across Eastern Africa; Tanzania, Union of the Comoros, Djibouti and Uganda.

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Zantel trade marketing specialist Haji Said Khatib (R) presents a SMARTA handset to Ahmed Rashid, one of the second week winners of a radio quiz run by the firm in Zanzibar. The handover was at a Zantel shop at Vuga in Zanzibar at the weekend. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

MEDICAL practitioners have suggested the need for the government to integrate non-communicable diseases (NCDs) as one of key studies from primary to university level.

The move would help to address the diseases like diabetes, hypertension, kidney and cancer, which are the number one killer diseases in Tanzania and across the world.

Head of Diabetic Clinic at Regency Medical Center, Dr Emmanuel Maganga, made the suggesting when speaking during the free diabetic camp organised by Regency Hospital and

Medics want NCDs to be integrated as important subjects in all schools

Baps Charities in Dar es Salaam.

Maganga said: "It is sad to see that working force particularly youth between 30 years of age and 45 are the ones who suffer mostly with NCDs."

He suggested the need for the government and community to educate the people about the seriousness of the problem in the country.

He said life style especially for the youth who prefer to eat food that

contains a lot of fats and lack of regular exercises has caused the youth in the country to suffer diabetes mostly compared to elders.

"People must understand that the moment you are announced diabetic there is a possibilities for your kidney to fail, you would suffer hypertension and eventually eye problems will start so it is better if we change our lifestyle to avoid this situation," he

said "People must be educated on importance of eating healthy food such as vegetables and fruits as well as doing regular exercises."

"It is bad to see that youth of productive age are the ones who are at risk of diabetes, because of lifestyles. This is a challenge that needs collective efforts, if we're to make the public healthier," he said.



Dr Hidayatalla Khan (R) of Dar es Salaam's Regency Medical Centre checks the blood pressure of one of the people who attended a free diabetic camp the hospital jointly organised in the city with the Baps Charities Community at the weekend in marking November as World Diabetes Awareness Month. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Multisectoral approach key in ending GBV, official says

By Correspondent Sabato Kasika

COOPERATION between the community, state organs and civil society organisations is crucial in ending gender based violence, according to an official from Health ministry.

The United Nations Population and Development Organisation (UNFPA) targets at ending all forms of gender based violence and perverted practices against girls and women.

Speaking in Dar es Salaam during a workshop to empower journalists on gender violence reporting, ahead of the 16 days campaign against gender violence and discrimination to women, girls and children, Seto Ojwando from Ministry of Health, Social Development, Gender, Elderly and Children underscored the need for stakeholders to work together in bringing GBV to an end.

Ojwando who is in-charge in the department that fights against gender discrimination said, to date, there are some people who have been brutalized but yet unwilling to cooperate with the state organs including police for the culprits to be arrested.

"The government and stakeholders should work together in providing education and condemn acts of violence although we still have a problem in some communities where people embrace such corrupt practices that lead to continued violence in the country," said Ojwando.

"There are those whose cases are

brought to court, but they do not come to testify in the court. This has been contributing into presence of perverted acts against women and girls", he noted.

UNFPA Resident Representative in Tanzania, Jacqueline Mahon, said the organisation plans to end all forms of GBV by 2030.

Mahon noted that UNFPA works with the police force, Child Human Rights Forum, TGNP Network and the government in implementing the National Anti-Violence programme against women and children.

Head of the Gender and Children's Desk Unit from the Police Headquarters, Faiza Suleiman said violence is all over calling upon men to speak out such incidences.

She said there are many men being abused by women but they never speak out because they are dominated by the patriarchal system.

"Men are abused but they remain tight-lipped, they feel embarrassed to report to police gender desks," said Faiza.

Representative from TGNP Network, Beatrice Ezekiel, said journalists have a role to play in ending GBV calling upon them to properly use the coming 16 days campaign against GBV to educate the public on the negative impacts of such acts.

The workshop was organised by UNFPA Tanzania and brought together various stakeholders including the police force, TGNP Network and Children's Dignity Forum (CDF).

EAC launches citizens' engagement campaign as part of its 20th anniversary celebrations

By Guardian Reporter

THE East African Community has launched a Citizens Engagement Campaign as part of its 20th anniversary celebrations.

The campaign dubbed 'The EAC I Deserve' seeks to reach more than 10 million East Africans over the next one year.

The campaign will, among other things, include social media interfaces and a regional Youth Videos and Animations Competition involving all the six EAC partner states. A total prize of US\$25,000 awaits the innovative 30 youthful winners in the competition.

Launching the campaign at the EAC Headquarters, EAC Secretary General Amb Liberat Mfumukeko said that the whole idea behind the maiden video and animations drive was to enable the youth in the region to capture real stories about the benefits the Community has had on citizens' lives, narrate the challenges citizens are facing that can be jointly addressed and to gauge the citizens' aspirations of the EAC they want.

"Demographics dictate that the youth must actively engage in the integration process, for the bloc is yours and the EAC Vision 2050 is your future. Much as the youth account for over

65 per cent of East Africa's total population, capturing and incorporating your dreams and aspirations in the integration agenda through video and animations is imperative," said Amb Mfumukeko.

The SG said that the campaign also intends to encourage constructive and innovative coverage of the EAC integration process in the print, electronic and online media to provide ordinary East Africans, potential investors and tourists with insights on the existence of the bloc and opportunities in store for them.

"The objective is to motivate individual journalists and their media houses to take up

regional issues as their key area of interest and as their specialised writing genre," said the SG.

The SG outlined the many achievements of the community since its establishment 20 years ago notably the various policy initiatives, new infrastructure, regional industrialisation, healthcare approaches, increased intra-EAC trade, and the Common Higher Education area.

He, however, observed that the region still needs to do more in all sectors to realise the many and varied aspirations of its 170 million citizens.

"As we celebrate what we have achieved so

far, we wish to hear stories from every East African on the impact the EAC has made to his or her life and the future he or she wants the region to be. We at the EAC Secretariat are keen on capturing dreams and aspirations of every citizen of the region during and after this celebration through the Citizen's Engagement Campaign we are launching today.

"This campaign will enable you citizens, particularly the online community, to use the digital space as your platform for engaging us at the EAC Secretariat, partner states, the East African Legislative Assembly, the East African Court of Justice and all institutions of the bloc.

BY MISPA ROUX AND NABEELAH MIA

FOLLOWING the euphoria of the Springboks winning the 2019 Rugby World Cup, the words of the Speaker of the National Assembly, Thandi Modise, were chilling. During the Springboks' visit to the National Assembly last week, the Speaker welcomed them by stating that their victory made South Africans "forget gender-based violence".

These words were uttered in the same week that the rapist and murderer of Uyinene Mrwetyana was sentenced to three terms of life imprisonment plus five years.

It was Uyinene's brutal death in August 2019 that saw an upsurge in public furor over rates of sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) in South Africa, and demands that the government take concrete action against the scourge.

Such demands have long been made by civil society movements such as Stop Gender Violence: A National Campaign and The Total Shutdown: Intersectional Women's Movement Against GBV.

The former was established in 2014 and is a national coalition of civil society organisations working together to end gender-based violence.

It presented the government with a shadow "National Strategic Plan" framework report to assist it in its response to SGBV. The Total Shutdown Movement has since 2018 mobilised marches across South Africa and submitted a memorandum to President Cyril Ramaphosa.

The government's response to these calls to action has been alarmingly slow and confusing, to say the least. In response to the Total Shutdown memorandum, the government convened a national summit on gender-based violence and femicide last year.

An interim steering committee on gender-based violence and femicide was established, and a national multi-sector council was mandated to coordinate and draft a National

We must not forget about sexual and gender-based violence - ever



Protesters march against gender-based violence at the JSE in Sandton on 13 September 2019. File photo

Strategic Plan on Gender-Based Violence and Femicide.

The draft National Strategic Plan 2020-2030 was, however, only released in August this year, despite there being the building blocks in the shadow plan.

It was only on 18 September 2019 that President Cyril Ramaphosa called a special joint sitting of the National Assembly and National Council of Provinces on SGBV after the public uproar in August.

The president announced implementation within six months of a multi-disciplinary Emergency Action

Plan to combat SGBV.

This has five intervention areas, namely implementation of prevention measures, strengthening of the criminal justice system, enhancing the legal and policy framework, ensuring adequate care, support and healing for victims of violence and, lastly, improving the economic power of women.

An undertaking to allocate a budget of Rand 1.1 billion to the emergency plan was made. The Emergency Action Plan is to be driven by another interim steering committee on gender-based violence and femicide, this time

located in the presidency, co-chaired by government and civil society organisations.

Both the interim steering committee on gender-based violence and the emergency action plan identified that a gender-based violence and femicide fund be established for rapid response to assist survivors, and that law enforcement authorities must be trained to approach SGBV from a survivor-centric point of view.

Yet, these responses raise a number of questions. Are these measures going to ensure justice for victims

and survivors of SGBV? Will the fund make provision for reparation, in particular in the form of restitution, compensation and satisfaction?

Also: What measures are being put in place that will adequately address the culture of denial and social stigma attached to SGBV?

Putting South Africa in the global context, notwithstanding extensive international condemnation of SGBV as international crimes, calls for accountability of the perpetrators, and the international obligation to ensure justice for all its victims, the

commission of these horrific crimes is continuing unabated and with near-impunity globally.

The gross human rights violation does not only occur during situations of armed conflict, but also in times of peace. What makes SGBV committed in South Africa particularly disturbing is that the statistics are among the highest in states not currently in the throes of armed conflict.

At an international criminal and human rights law level, SGBV falls within the category of the "most serious crimes" of concern to the international community and can amount to genocide, crimes against humanity, and war crimes.

In a 2014 policy paper, the Office of the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court recognised that investigation and prosecution of SGBV is a priority of the court and, where sufficient evidence exists, it can be charged explicitly as an international crime per se. What this would mean in relation to the alarming rates of SGBV in South Africa is yet to be determined.

Our own president echoed this by describing our country as one of the "most unsafe places in the world to be a woman, with levels of violence that are comparable to countries that are at war".

We must remind ourselves to never forget the dark shadow of SGBV that hangs over South Africa, even in the midst of celebrations and the happiest of times. Going forward, the only solution is to make the combatting SGBV, especially in South Africa, an issue of both national and international importance.

It is against this backdrop that the South African Institute for Advanced Constitutional, Public, Human Rights and International Law (SAIFAC), a centre of the University of Johannesburg, will be hosting a two-day multi-disciplinary conference, International Law and Justice for Victims of the Gross Human Rights Violation of Sexual and Gender-based Violence.

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SEATTLE

CHINA has made remarkable progress in improving health equity and reducing poverty, offering lessons that could help other developing countries, including in Africa, accelerate their development, Bill Gates has said.

"The success of China in so many ways is amazing, starting with agricultural productivity, improving the health, [and] a very strong education system with some of the top universities in the world," said Gates, co-chair of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, which opened a China office in 2007.

China is now contributing innovations that can help some of the other countries that are not as far along as China, "help accelerate their development based on the lessons that come from China," the Microsoft co-founder told Xinhua in an exclusive interview ahead of a two-day trip to China.

"As we (the foundation) enter the second decade of our partnership with China, we remain committed to helping China address its remaining domestic challenges in health and development, as well as supporting China in sharing what it has learned from its own progress to help the world become a healthier and more prosperous place," Gates said.

HEALTH EFFORTS

Gates is arriving in Beijing on Wednesday. He will attend an event marking the 10th anniversary of the foundation's work on tuberculosis (TB), a primary focus of its health efforts in China.

He is expected to talk with Chinese health officials about the progress in the TB program and future plan to reduce TB even further.

In 2009, the foundation launched a TB prevention and control program in collaboration with China's then Ministry of Health (now the National Health Commission).

Over the course of 10 years, the program has shortened the time required for diagnosing multidrug-resistant TB from two months to two hours. "We've gone from having a patient having to take 13 pills to only three every day," Gates said.

With new drugs, tools and mechanisms, the cure rate for TB has been increased where the program has

China's advances helpful to world in facing health, development challenges - Bill Gates



reached, and patients' share of costs significantly reduced, he added.

"To solve such a complex problem as TB, the Gates Foundation alone is not enough. We have worked side by side with our partners to design and implement a program that improved not only the quality of care but also its affordability, thus significantly reducing TB cases and related deaths," Gates said.

The next phase of TB investment, he noted, will focus on new TB drug and vaccine development, which will "not only benefit patients in China but also those most in need around the world."

Aside from TB treatment, the foundation is also working with

China's public, private and social sectors in poverty alleviation, nutrition improvement, strengthening of the national immunization program and control of the HIV epidemic, among other efforts.

China has lifted over 800 million people out of poverty and vowed to wipe out extreme poverty by 2020. The foundation is supporting China in going the final mile, according to Gates.

"Now we're involved in the poverty work where China's got a very impressive goal to completely get rid of extreme poverty in the country. We've partnered with them to help out. We have a rich set of programs that are in the country, all of which we feel good

about," he said.

GLOBAL REACH

Gates has traveled to China multiple times since his first trip in the 1980s. Since then, momentous changes have taken place not only inside China, but also in China's role in global affairs.

"If you go back to 1980, China was not that engaged and other countries weren't paying as much attention because, in fact, the trade levels were very, very low and people really underestimated what would happen in China," Gates said.

Today, however, China is one of the world's top two economies, trading with a lot of countries, and a large

number of Chinese companies are "going out in the world with their products."

On the political side, China is engaging in UN institutions and contributing to them, Gates said, citing the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation as "a great example of how China's now a big part of countries working together, which when I first went was not the case at all."

China has shown strong commitment to using its expertise and experience to help lift people in other countries -- especially African countries -- out of poverty, Gates said.

The foundation is partaking in these efforts.

"We are working with partners to bring China's products, experience, and know-how to African countries to support their efforts on health system strengthening, infectious disease control, and agricultural transformation," Gates said.

To this end, the foundation is partnering with the Chinese government and research institutions to introduce appropriate farming techniques, new seed varieties and other innovations to African countries to help them improve productivity and agricultural industry value chain.

It is also working to accelerate the entry of high-quality, low-cost Chinese-made malaria commodities into the global market, and facilitate the sharing of China's experience in malaria control in regions with high malaria incidence.

CLIMATE ACTION

While in China, Gates will also attend the 2019 New Economy Forum where leaders from all over the world will compare notes on how to cooperate better on such tough issues as climate change.

"It's a huge problem... The sad fact about climate change is that it's the poorest who will suffer, even though they have done nothing to cause the problem... The temperature increase near the equator is affecting particularly farmers who have very small amounts of land," Gates said.

He believes that to address the issue, it is crucial to have all the countries engage and cooperate, and in particular, have the United States and China set a good example of driving down emissions and innovating to make the cost much lower.

China has shown a strong commitment to be one of the leaders, he said, both in reducing its own emissions and in helping to invent new approaches that will help all the countries be able to reduce their emissions.

"We do need the U.S. to get engaged and to really work with China to get all the countries engaged, to make it very hard for a country not to participate. That's the only way you get to global zero [emissions], which is what the goal is," Gates said.

He voiced concern over the U.S. withdrawal from the Paris Agreement.

"It is critical that future U.S. leadership reverse this decision and rejoin the Paris accord," Gates said.

Xinhua

BUSINESS

BANKING-EXTRA

NMB Bank lures investors to utilise its custodial services

By Guardian Reporter

INVESTORS have been welcomed to use NMB Bank Plc's custodial services for which provide clients' securities for safekeeping.

The bank's Chief of Retail Banking, Filbert Mponzi said in Dar es Salaam on Friday that through its team of experts for treasury and securities operations, it also administers clients' accounts, transaction settlements, collection of dividends and interest payments as well as tax support.

"In a nutshell, this means that by issuing custody services, NMB will do everything on behalf of its clients who have invested in government securities and in listed equities," Mponzi said.

According to NMB Plc's Treasurer, Aziz Chacha, repeated oversubscription of long term government securities and corporate bonds in recent days, signals that there is high appetite for such investment avenues in the economy.

NMB Plc announced in August that its three-year retail bond, which was issued in June this year, was over-subscribed by 33 percent. This, along with oversubscription of the government's 20-year Treasury Bond signify that investors (individuals, institutions, corporate and banks), have cash which they want to invest in profitable ventures.

"This is what our custodial services entail. We simply want to take some



Agriculture Council of Tanzania chairperson Jacqueline Mkindi. File photo.

all listed securities. NMB will also conduct settlement of traders' equities, corporate bonds, T-Bonds and T-Bills while collecting clients' incomes in forms of dividends and interest.

"We will also manage corporate actions such as right issue, proxy voting, annual general meetings and initial public offering," he added, noting a statement to be organized by a custodial bank will be comprehensive as it consolidates all of a client's securities into a single document.

Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange's CEO, Moremi Marwa said with only 550,000 investors actively taking part in the trading of equities in a country of over 45 million people, more concerted efforts are needed to raise public awareness on the importance of stock trading.

Bank of Tanzania's Financial Markets Manager, Lameck Kakulu said with yields in a 20-year T-Bond going for as high as 17 percent, government securities are offering one of the most lucrative investment avenues for investors.

primary and secondary markets.

"It will also collect the income or coupons or maturities and print a holding statements," said the bank's Senior Manager for Custodial Services, Avith Masawe.

Masawe said similarly, for being a custodian bank for

services away from clients in the investing community so they can concentrate on other areas," Chacha said. He said the bank through its custodial services makes the task of investing in T-Bills, T-Bonds and all other listed securities easier because it allows them to do so at primary market stage.

"We are making investment in government securities easy. You simply talk to us and we connect you to the Bank of Tanzania," said NMB's Fixed Income Trader, Agnes Mayoro. Mayo said being custodian for government securities, NMB will settle government securities traded at both



COMESA Secretary General Chileshe Kapwepwe.

EMPOWERMENT

Networking initiative connecting 50 million women entrepreneurs set to take off in Kigali

KIGALI

A new Pan-African networking platform to connect 50 million African women in business will be launched in Kigali next week during the upcoming Global Gender Summit.

This year's Global Gender Summit, is hosted by the African Development Bank in partnership with the government of Rwanda and supported by other multilateral development banks as key partners. The 50 Million African Women Speak (50MAWS) is a digital platform, which is available via web and on mobile devices as an app.

It is intended to economically empower millions of women in Africa to start, grow, and scale up businesses by providing a one-stop-shop for their specific information needs. The initiative's content will be accessible online and will be implemented by the East African Community (EAC), the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA), and the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS).

"I certainly believe that the creation of this platform is a very practical way of speaking to the general agenda of empowering women," COMESA Secretary General, Chileshe Kapwepwe, said. "I think a lot has been said and now we have come to a stage where we have practical initiatives such as this one."

The digital platform will allow women in 38 African countries to find information on running businesses, accessing financial services, create business opportunities online and access training resources, ultimately contributing to their economic empowerment.

Through a robust social networking functionality embedded in the platform, women will have opportunities for peer-to-peer learning, mentoring and sharing information

and knowledge, connecting via the web-based platform.

"65 per cent of the traded commodities in the East Africa region come from agriculture, a sector that employs 80 per cent of women. This platform will help this big part of our population to expand markets and get new opportunities," said Christophe Bazivamo, the EAC Deputy Secretary General in charge of Productive and Social Sectors.

The platform also obtained an endorsement from ECOWAS' Commissioner in charge of Social Affairs and Gender, Dr Siga Fatima Jagne. Dr Fatima said: "At the level of ECOWAS, this platform perfectly fits within the scope of the programme on gender strengthened in 2005 by the heads of state and government through the adoption of the gender policy document."

Featuring information on doing business in 38 countries across the African continent, 50MAWS' unique proposition, as noted, is building a community of women entrepreneurs, who will act as peers, mentors, advisors and financiers to each other.

It will also facilitate access to training, business management tools and financing options specifically targeted to women. The expected outcome is to directly impact 50 million African women and create fair waged jobs for young people from the increased business activities and capital flow.

A new report indicates that women make up more than 40 per cent of African business owners yet only 2 per cent are able to access finance. Accordingly, when the first Global Gender Summit held in Africa kicks off in Kigali next week, the international community will look to dismantle barriers to women's full participation and advancement of economic development on the continent.

EXPANSION

GSM chief invites public with 'festive season' lowered prices for furniture

By Guardian Reporter

GSM Group's Managing Director, Fatma Abdallah has announced 10 percent price reduction for furniture purchased at its new GSM Home mall in Dar es Salaam.

Speaking during GSM Home's opening ceremony in Dar es Salaam on Friday, the group's Managing Director, Fatma Abdallah said the objective

of the mega furniture mall investment is to address existing demand in the market.

"This new shop is tailored to cater for Tanzanians from all walks of life because it has everything for everyone in as far as furniture needs are concerned. We have a range of home and office furniture meeting international standards at GSM Home," Abdallah said.

She named some of the furniture available at the shop as sofa sets, wall fitted wardrobes, coffee tables, dining tables, beds and bedroom material and many others. "I would like to welcome all Tanzanians to come and sample our world class furniture selling at local prices," she said while saying some of the brands selling at the shop come from Italy. The GSM Group chief announced a 10

percent discount for purchases totalling 200,000/-.

In his inaugural address of the mall, Silent Ocean owner and CEO, Salaa Mohamed commended GSM for coming up with the furniture mega mall saying products being sold by the outlet are what many consumers would prefer to buy.

Mohamed paid tribute to GSM Group's management and staff for the continued

investment and creativity in diversifying their business hence allowing consumers to have a variety of world class furniture and other products.

"I urge Tanzanians to come and visit this modern shop and buy merchandise of their choice at affordable prices as per their budgets. I also congratulate GSM management for continuing to be innovative in coming up with the idea of investing in this mega furniture mall which allows local consumers easy access to such products," he said.

He said the group's massive investments in the country have provided employment to thousands of Tanzanians both directly and indirectly which has enabled them to have a reliable source of income to support their families.

"GSM Group of companies have been an important stakeholder to the growth of the country's economy but we also expect you to contribute even more in implementing government's industrialization drive as we head towards middle income status by 2025," the Silent Ocean Limited's CEO added.



GSM Group managing director, Fatma Abdallah addresses the audience during the launch of a furniture mall in Dar es Salaam on Friday. Photo courtesy of GSM.

PROFIT

CBK dividend to Treasury up fivefold amid dispute

NAIROBI

The Central Bank of Kenya (CBK) has increased its dividend payout to State five times to Sh4 billion even as National Treasury accused it of holding onto billions of shillings.

The bank disclosed Thursday that it transferred the money from its General Reserve Fund to the Consolidated Fund on September 16. The payment related to the 2018/2019 financial year

increased from Sh800 million paid in the preceding period.

CBK's disclosure comes two days after acting Treasury Secretary Ukur Yatani told Parliament that CBK was yet to release about Sh27 billion to the Treasury. The Treasury collected Sh24.6 billion in the last financial year from State-owned companies, regulators and private firms where it has shareholding, against a target of Sh36.7 billion.

It blamed the shortfall on lower remittance by CBK, one of its biggest contributors and which was expected to deliver Sh5.8 billion, but only delivered 14 percent of it, even as it spent Sh15 billion on delivering new currency.

The CBK makes money from currency conversions, interest on loans to banks and overdrafts to the government. The regulator has however defended its latest payout saying it considered

its performance in the year ended June 2019 as well as its obligations and budgetary needs such as ongoing infrastructure projects.

"In making its determination, the CBK board also considered CBK's financial needs with the objective of ensuring CBK is well-resourced to deliver on its mandate," CBK said in a statement. The payout was also guided by the need to strengthen the regulator's financial

position to make it more resilient to shocks presented by the substantial growth of the financial sector.

It has increased its authorised capital to Sh50 billion from Sh5 billion, where it has been for a decade. This was to accommodate the rise in paid-up capital from Sh20 billion to Sh35 billion. CBK's paid-up capital had remained at Sh5 billion since 2009, even as its monetary liabilities grew to Sh400 billion.

"The increased paid-up capital strengthens CBK's financial position, enabling it to pursue its functions even in times of stress and sustaining its financial independence," the regulator said. The rise in capital, it explained, will strengthen its ability to meet its domestic obligations and cushion the economy against shocks arising from price and exchange rate movements.

CUSTOMER-CARE

Mantrac trains clients on operating digital heavy duty CAT equipment

By Guardian Reporter

In a bid to ensure that its clients get knowledge and skills to operate and manage digitized CAT heavy duty equipment, Mantrac Tanzania Limited organised a daylong training on Friday.

Addressing the clients in Dar es Salaam, Mantrac Tanzania's Managing Director, Medhat Adly said the training was meant to also reward loyal customers for their support so that they can successfully use and maintain latest models of CAT equipment.

Adly said the training was also meant to enable customers manage their work-sites and businesses more efficiently and at the same time minimize risks and ensure that employees are safe on site. He said this year, his company has upgraded its customer value agreements which is now allowing them to select the exact type of support they need most.

"For this training, we have invited engineers, project managers and maintenance planners to meet with our experts led by our Product Support Manager, Mohamad El Demerdash," he said.

Speaking about the training session, El Demerdash backed his boss by stating that customers got the chance to meet Caterpillar digital specialists and learn



Mantrac Tanzania's Product Service Operations Manager, Mohamad El Attar (gesturing) briefing some of the customers who attended a one day training session dubbed, 'Digital Day' in Dar es Salaam over the weekend. Photo courtesy of Mantrac.

about the power of CAT equipment technology and how to successfully use them in their daily operations.

He said the training had the objective of helping the clients on how best to manage worksites and business more efficiently through data supported insights and expert recommendations hence minimize risk and avoid possible failures.

"We also wanted to ensure that employees using our equipment are able to perform their jobs safely, purchase parts, schedule service and generally

interact with Mantrac experts on a one on one basis," he added saying such interaction may also lower costs of operating and maintaining the equipment.

Among new products on display during the training included Vision Link, which is one of the digital tools used in fleet management. Other products on display were mobile applications that allow customers access mobile equipment management tool that gives them an easy way to monitor their entire fleet, request parts and service

and connect with the dealer from anywhere in the world. "The exact location of all equipment tracked by the app is displayed on the mobile device, along with the machine's operating hours, health and utilization data. It enables clients to get the most from their equipment by moving under-utilized assets to precisely where they are needed most," El Demerdash noted.

Other benefits, according to the expert, include customizable push notifications alert with CAT application users of machine operating condition, even if they don't check into the appli-

cation every day.

"This application is available on both IOS and Android and can be freely downloaded from Apple and Google play store. Once downloaded, the user can log in by using existing credentials to load previously stored CAT machine data," the Mantrac Tanzania Product Support Manager explained.

One of the customers who attended the training, Geoffrey Mtimbange from Twiga Cement Company said that with the new technology, they are able to save operating costs of the equipment while easily knowing areas that need improvement.

"By using these digital products, we are now able to monitor and know the right time for conducting maintenance services, because the information is currently at our fingertips," Mtimbange said.

Mtimbange's observation was seconded by Pradeep Sinha who is a Manager at Mtibwa Sugar who said for many years they have been using machines from Mantrac especially Caterpillar heavy duty equipment. He said the training has helped them learn new ideas and make improvements where necessary. Mantrac Tanzania has been in operation since 1930 as sole authorized dealer for Caterpillar products.



A man holds some of Zimbabwe's new bank notes.

DEMAND

Long queues form in Harare as Zimbabwe releases new bank notes, coins

HARARE

New bank notes and coins finally hit the streets of Zimbabwe on Tuesday after a false start the day before, with depositors forming long queues at banks and ATMs.

The new notes are part of President Emerson Mnangagwa's monetary reforms to have Zimbabwe revert to using its own currency in place of the US dollar and the rand. In June, Finance Minister Mthuli Ncube banned the usage of foreign currencies for the settlement of local transactions.

On Tuesday, depositors started withdrawing the new notes, in 5 and 2 Zimbabwean dollar denominations, as well as 2 dollar bond coins, from banks and cash machines. The new currency was supposed to be available on Monday but the introduction was delayed.

"We are overwhelmed today because people want the money to avoid paying premiums for their cash on the streets. I am not sure how much we will give out today but we are prepared for a busy day," said a bank teller at a local finance institution in Harare.

By mid-morning depositors pushed and shoved each other in long queues at most of the banks in the capital. The new notes will circulate alongside and at a value equal to the quasi-currency bond notes of similar denominations introduced in 2016.

Barnabas Mbanga, 52, told Fin24 on Tuesday he managed to withdraw 300 Zimbabwean dollars from his bank account after two hours in a queue. He will use the money to pay for transport for him and his children who commute to school every day. "I got some money but it's not much because of the rising prices. I hope next week the banks will still have cash," he said.

The central bank and other government officials are hoping that the new notes will help end perennial cash shortages in Zimbabwe. Because of the cash shortages, currency dealers and traders were now selling bond notes at a premium of 50%, whereby depositors and mobile wallet holders will only get half of their balances in cash.

Despite the introduction of the new notes and the number of people queuing up to withdraw the new money, some economists are skeptical the new currency will help solve Zimbabwe's financial crisis.

Economist Steve Hanke of Johns Hopkins University in the US tweeted to say Zimbabwe will need to re-dollarize. "The only change to Zimbabwe's new currency will be the removal of the words bond note. No one is fooled, Zimbabwe's annual inflation rate is 513% per year. Zimbabwe must dollarize to crush inflation and ensure growth," he tweeted on November 7.

Another economist, Vince Musewe, said on Tuesday that nothing much had changed. "People seem very tense and angry with what they must go through to get a few [Zimbabwe dollars]. Little fights & skirmishes about nothing in the streets cause Zimbabweans are generally stressed. Life is generally brutish, stressful and unprofitable for most," said Musewe.

LOBBYING

TBL joins 16 days of activism on gender-based violence

By Guardian Reporter

In supporting global anti-gender violence 16 days of activism, Tanzania Breweries Limited will actively take part in the exercise with a message against boozers who make excuses for engaging in alcohol related violence.

The 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence, is an international campaign to challenge violence against women and girls. The annual event brings together network of organizations in the fight against gender based violence globally involving both public and private institutions.

TBL's Communications Manager, Abigail Mutaboyerwa said in Dar es Salaam over the weekend that the beer brewer will use the commemoration to conduct a campaign dubbed, 'No Excuse' to sensitise the public against excessive use of alcohol which then becomes an excuse for conducting GBV.

"This year TBL will use different approach to provide education to communities including its employees in an exercise that

will be done in collaboration with the Police Force's gender desk at Chang'ombe in Temeke district and Kisarawe district," Mutaboyerwa said.

She said the 'No Excuse' campaign will continue to be used throughout the 16 days in sensitizing and conducting awareness to the community that responsible drinking is good to prevent violence against women and girls.

"This year's theme is 'Generation equality stands against rape' intends to inform the public on the effects of GBV and remind everyone in the society to change their mindset, break the silence and take action in order to protect future female leaders," the TBL Communications Manager stated.

"TBL believes that, GBV can be eliminated in the country if the entire community will work together and raise their voices but also take action against such abuses," she added while stressing that in collaboration with the government and law enforcing organs, the Dar es Salaam based beer brewer believes GBV can be eliminated.



TBL communications manager Abigail Mutaboyerwa (2nd L) sensitises men during last year's 16 days of activism against gender-based violence in Dar es Salaam. File photo.

CONCERN

SA tourism hamstrung by safety and security issues

CAPE TOWN

The issue of safety and security has become a severe threat to South Africa's very important tourism sector, Tshifhiwa Tshivhengwa, CEO of the Tourism Business Council of South Africa told the local industry in Cape Town on Tuesday.

SA Tourism (SAT) surveys in 18 countries have shown that foreign travellers see safety and security perceptions as a barrier when considering SA as a destination. "If we don't

do something about safety and security, the SA tourism industry will 'go south' and we will see fewer and fewer tourists coming here," he cautioned at a TBCSA member event. This would mean fewer jobs and no more growth in the local industry.

"It seems there are safety and security incidents almost every day now - be it tourist groups that are attacked or a tourist that was robbed. Videos are doing the rounds of people being followed home and robbed," he said. He told Fin24 that it was also

important to spread the message that there are thousands of tourists who leave SA every day without having experienced anything negative during their journey.

"We have prioritised the issue" "Of course safety and security is a concern for us and a threat to our industry and that is why we as an industry is going to do something about it. We will announce something soon. We have prioritised the issue and will be announcing a measure to deal with it in the next few weeks," he

said. This will be a private sector initiative based on extensive discussions. TBCSA also recently met with the minister of tourism in this regard as a matter of urgency.

"We know the situation in the country. We all live here. We can sit and complain and argue about whether the police will be effective or not, but the bottom line is that we need to protect the tourism industry and be able to tell tour operators that we are open for business and will do what is needed to provide safety

and security," said Tshivhengwa.

"Interventions around safety and security are critical, but again, there are many other destinations with similar challenges. It is about how you navigate these challenges. We are resilient as a sector. Yes, the issue of safety and security is there and we need to deal with it."

"They want to see a plan" Stembiso Dlamini, acting CEO of SA Tourism (SAT), said at the event that during a recent international road show, the

issue of safety and security was raised by trade partners in the market. "They want to see a tangible plan of how we plan to deal with it. It became clear that, if we really want to play as a destination, we have to take issues of safety and security very seriously," she emphasised.

She told Fin24 that SAT realises South Africans need to be educated about the important role each tourist plays in creating jobs. "We need to put a face to tourism and come up with campaigns to showcase the

depth and breadth of SA and that it is a safe destination," she said.

"Once you educate South Africans on the value of tourism, they will be better hosts. We can also provide tourists with safety tips about our destination. SA Tourism will work with government and the private sector to address the issue to ensure our destination is safe, especially at tourist hot spots. So, it is a partnership role we will play."

CALL

Eurozone needs to strengthen domestic demand to boost growth, Lagarde says

BERLIN

The euro zone needs to create more of its economic growth at home, including via greater public investment, if it is to withstand weakness abroad and become more balanced internally, new European Central Bank President Christine Lagarde said on Friday.

Ms Lagarde did not discuss monetary policy in her first major speech since becoming ECB president at the start of this month, merely saying the central bank would continue to do its part to support the economy.

Instead, she chose to send a message to euro zone governments, calling on them to strengthen domestic demand after a global trade war brought a decade of export-driven growth, largely led by Germany, to an abrupt end.

"The answer lies in converting the world's second largest economy into one that is open to the world but confident in itself - an economy that makes full use of Europe's potential to unleash higher rates of domestic demand and long-term growth," Ms Lagarde said.

Venturing outside the traditional remit of a central banker, she singled out public investment as a key driver of this rebalancing, calling on pan-European funds to be invested in green and digital projects.

"Investment is a particularly important part of the response to today's challenges, because it is both today's demand and tomorrow's supply," she said. "While investment needs are of course country-specific, there is today a cross-cutting case for investment in a common future that is more productive, more digital and



European Central Bank President Christine Lagarde.

greener."

Her predecessor, Mario Draghi, had long called for greater spending and investment by countries that run surpluses, such as Germany, but was never so specific. His pleas fell on deaf ears in Berlin, however. Ms Lagarde's avoidance of monetary policy issues, however, marked a departure from Draghi, who often used major speeches to drop hints about upcoming ECB moves - typically increasingly aggressive stimulus measures.

The trait angered some other ECB rate-setters, particularly those from conservative, cash-rich countries like Germany and the Netherlands. "Lagarde meets the expectations that she could become the leading economic and political voice for Europe rather

than quickly shaking up the ECB," Carsten Brzeski, an economist at Dutch bank ING, said.

In a symbolic olive branch to the host country of the ECB, Ms Lagarde began her speech by greeting the audience in German and promised to deepen her knowledge of that language. She had already sought to mend fences with disgruntled policymakers last week, taking the whole Governing Council on a retreat, where they called for more inclusive decision-making.

In her only policy-related remarks, Ms Lagarde confirmed she would "soon" start a review of the ECB's policy framework, a wide-ranging effort that is expected to involve a redesign of its inflation aim. She then stuck to

the central bank's pledge to keep the money taps open while monitoring the side effects of its stimulus policies. "Monetary policy will continue to support the economy and respond to future risks in line with our price stability mandate."

This well rehearsed stance places her roughly in the middle of advocates of easy money in indebted southern European countries and policy "hawks" north of the Alps. "She might have to be more specific following her first Governing Council meeting in December, but for now the data does not look weak enough for the ECB to make any change to its monetary stance," Frederick Ducrozet, a strategist at Pickett Wealth Management, said.

SUCCESSION

Saudi Arabia takes over G20 presidency



At a meeting in Nagoya, Japan's Foreign Minister Toshimitsu Motegi shakes hands with Saudi Arabia's Foreign Minister Prince Faisal bin Farhan to mark the handover to the kingdom as future host of the G20 forum.

NAGOYA

Saudi Arabia took over the presidency of the G20 nations for the coming year, which will be held for the first time in the Middle East since the forum was founded.

The kingdom's Foreign Minister Prince Faisal bin Farhan Al Saud was in the Japanese city of Nagoya over the weekend for the handover ceremony and met with his G20 counterparts. In June, Japan, Asia's third-largest importer of crude, held the presidency of the forum for the first time and hosted the last summit in Osaka. The meetings took place against a backdrop of trade tensions between the US and China, uncertainty related to Brexit and a rise of populism around the world.

The world's 19 largest economies and the European Union, which represents more than 80 per cent of the global economy, convene every year to discuss issues facing the world and promoting economic growth. The forum, which gathers finance ministers, central bank governors and policymakers, emerged out of the G7 and G8 in the wake of the 2008 global financial crisis and held its inaugural summit in Washington DC that year.

Saudi Arabia will hold the G20 meetings

on November 21-22 in Riyadh, amid unresolved tensions between the world's largest economies, heightened geopolitical tensions, continued uncertainty related to Brexit and, a global economy that the International Monetary Fund has said is in a "synchronised slowdown" and projected to grow at the slowest expansion since the 2008 global financial crisis. Trade conflicts could cost the global economy around \$700 billion (Dh2.57 trillion), or 0.8 per cent of its output by 2020 as trade growth across the world comes to "a near standstill", according to the IMF.

Priorities for the kingdom's G20 presidency in 2020 are economic and social issues including women's empowerment and youth, infrastructure, food security, energy, the digital economy, human capital, environment and climate change, health care, education, labour and small and medium-sized enterprises.

Through its presidency, Saudi Arabia aims to further strengthen its ties with other G20 countries and to reach an international consensus on the summit's agenda items, and "in particular aim to develop effective policies to achieve sustainable and balanced development and create job opportunities", the kingdom said.

RELIEF

Microsoft granted US licence to export software to Huawei

WASHINGTON

Microsoft got a licence to do business with Huawei, a step that lets the software giant continue selling some of its most important products to a Chinese company that was blacklisted by the US government earlier this year.

"On November 20, the US Department of Commerce granted Microsoft's request for a licence to export mass-market software to Huawei,"

the Redmond, Washington-based company said in a statement on Thursday. "We appreciate the department's action in response to our request."

It was not immediately clear how "mass-market" is defined in the licence and the company declined to elaborate beyond the statement. Microsoft sells Windows and Office software to Huawei. This week, the US Commerce Department started granting licences

to some US companies that supply Huawei, one of the biggest makers of smartphones and computer-network equipment.

"We've had 290-something requests for specific licences," Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross said in an interview with Fox Business Network on Tuesday. "We've now been starting to send out the 20-day intent-to-deny letters and some approvals."



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WORLD

Pope in Nagasaki: No to atomic weapons, deterrence doctrine

NAGASAKI

POPE Francis demanded world leaders renounce atomic weapons and the Cold War-era doctrine of deterrence, saying Sunday the stockpiling of nuclear arms decreases security, wastes money and threatens humanity.

Francis blasted the demise of arms control treaties while visiting Nagasaki, the site of the second of the two 1945 US atomic bombings on Japan.

After laying a wreath of flowers and praying at the foot of the memorial to the victims, Francis said the place stands as a stark reminder "of the pain and horror that we human beings are capable of inflicting upon one another."

"Convinced as I am that a world without nuclear weapons is possible and necessary, I ask political leaders not to forget that these weapons cannot protect us from current threats to national and international security," he said.

The mood was somber and silent, darkened by the downpour that drenched the terraced fields and rice paddies of Nagasaki and the thou-

sands of Japanese who came out in plastic raincoats to witness the second pope to pay his respects to victims of the bomb.

Francis visited Nagasaki – and later Hiroshima – at the start of his three-day trip to Japan aimed at emphasizing his call for a global ban on atomic weapons. Nagasaki was the perfect place to begin his visit, the birthplace of Christianity in Japan and ground zero of the bomb.

The Holy See was among the first countries to sign and ratify the new U.N. nuclear prohibition treaty, and Francis himself has gone further than any pope before him in saying not only the use, but the mere possession of atomic weapons is "to be condemned."

While Francis didn't repeat his 2017 condemnation Sunday, he made a similar point.

"One of the deepest longings of the human heart is for security, peace and stability," he said. "The possession of nuclear and other weapons of mass destruction is not the answer to this desire; indeed they seem always to thwart it."



Pope Francis offers prayer after laying a wreath at the Atomic Bomb Hypocenter Park, yesterday, in Nagasaki, Japan. (AP)

The first US atomic bomb fell on Hiroshima on Aug. 6, 1945, killing 140,000 people. The second one dropped three days later on Nagasaki and killed another 74,000 by the end of the same year. Many of the survivors have suffered the lasting impact of radiation and developed various forms of cancer.

Under the 1957 government law designed to support A-bomb survivors, or "hibakusha," more than 370,000 people were recognized as eligible for various types of government support, including medical and welfare assistance, depending on how far they were from ground zero.

"In a world where millions of children and families live in inhumane conditions, the money that is squandered and the fortunes made through the manufacture, upgrading, maintenance and sale of ever more destructive weapons, are an affront crying out to heaven," Francis said.

He lamented the "climate of distrust" that is eating away at non-proliferation efforts and the arms control framework, a reference to a series of violated treaties and the demise this year of the Intermediate-range Nuclear Forces treaty, a landmark Cold War-era arms control agreement. The US formally withdrew from the treaty in August, after accusing Moscow of developing a Russian missile system prohibited under it.

Gerald Powers, director of the Catholic Peacebuilding Network at the University of Notre Dame's Kroc Institute, said Francis didn't break any new ground on the morality of deterrence in his Sunday remarks, after he shifted the church's position in 2017.

"Instead, the pope reinforces the church's long-standing efforts to delegitimize the nuclear status quo and convince the world that nuclear disarmament is not only a moral imperative but should be a policy goal," he said in an email.

Starting 1982, St. John Paul II had held that nuclear deterrence could be morally acceptable in the interim "so long as it is used as a step toward mutual, verifiable nuclear disarmament." But the Holy See has come to realize in recent years that the policy was becoming a permanent condition, and not leading to disarmament. By condemning nuclear deterrence, Francis pleased liberals and agitated conservatives, perhaps informing his more nuanced remarks Sunday.

Japanese who came out to see Francis were grateful, regardless.

"I think he is a person who can deliver the message of peace without inhibition," said Negoro Fumiyo, a 62-year-old Christian from Osaka.

Fumiyo waited for hours in the rain for Francis' Mass, celebrated in Nagasaki's baseball stadium before a crowd of some 35,000 – and the remains of a wooden statue of the Virgin Mary rescued from a cathedral destroyed in the 1945 atomic bomb.

The statue, which was remarkably well preserved despite the blast, was featured on the altar. Francis' visit to Nagasaki also gave him the chance to honor Christian missionaries and martyrs centuries after St Francis Xavier first brought Christianity to the archipelago in 1549.

He laid a second wreath of flowers at the memorial of 26 Nagasaki Martyrs, who were crucified in 1597 at the start of the two-century wave of anti-Christian persecution by Japanese rulers.

The example of the missionaries and martyrs, and the Hidden Christians who kept their faith alive underground for generations, helped inspire a young priest named Jorge Mario Bergoglio to be a missionary in Japan.

"May we never forget their heroic sacrifice!" Francis said in remarks at the memorial.

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Russia to do its utmost to continue traditions of Soviet diplomat Troyanovsky - Lavrov

MOSCOW

MOSCOW will do the best it can to pass on the experience of prominent Soviet diplomat Oleg Troyanovsky to younger generations and carry on the traditions started by him, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said in a commentary yesterday in connection with Troyanovsky's 100th birth anniversary.

According to Russia's top diplomat, Troyanovsky was famous for

his erudition, diplomatic intuition and the ability to find brilliant ways out of any situations, even the most difficult ones.

"He began his diplomatic career in London, worked hard during the talks at the end of World War II, when the fate of specific issues related to the completion of that tragedy, the coordination of parameters of post-war world order was being determined," he recalled.

"He was also known for his sense of humor," Lavrov noted. "Once,



during a General Assembly session - at that time relations between the USSR and China were not at their best - Troyanovsky, together with his American counterpart, US Permanent Representative to the UN, were drenched in red paint by radical representatives of some Chinese non-governmental organizations, which operated in New York at that time, after the end of the consultations while leaving the meeting room.

Troyanovsky then uttered a

phrase that later on became, as we call it now, a "meme" in UN circles, "Better red than dead."

Lavrov noted that the resourcefulness, which was displayed during that incident, distinguished Troyanovsky in both minor and serious matters.

"We will always remember Troyanovsky. We will do the best we can to pass on his experience to younger generations and continue these traditions," he concluded.

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China to help Africa realise 'African dream' early - Chinese state councilor

NAGOYA

CHINA is willing to make every effort to help Africa get out of the "underdevelopment trap" and realize the "African dream" at an early date, Chinese State Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi said here on Saturday.

Wang made the remarks while attending the Group of 20 (G20) Foreign Ministers' Meeting in Nagoya, Japan. According to him, lack of fund is the biggest challenge to Africa's development, with an annual infrastructure investment gap of 100 billion U.S. dollars.

China's infrastructure projects in Africa generate more than 50 billion U.S. dollars in revenue every year, he said.

For example, the Mombasa-Nairobi Standard Gauge Railway has cre-

ated nearly 50,000 local jobs, driving Kenya's economic growth by about 1.5 percent, Wang said, adding that China-Africa cooperation is part of South-South cooperation and is mutual help between friends and brothers. China attaches great importance to the debt issue, actively helps African countries improve their debt management capacity and provides necessary support when they encounter difficulties, Wang said.

The two sides have made positive progress in jointly building the Belt and Road with high quality, he added.

The Belt and Road Initiative is highly compatible with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the African Union's Agenda 2063 and development strategies of African countries, forming a strong synergy for promot-



ing common development, Wang said. In order to better help Africa achieve sustainable development, it is necessary to focus on solving the three major development bottlenecks, namely lagging infrastructure, lack of talent and capital shortage, while solving the three livelihood issues of employment, food and clothing and health, he added.

In this regard, China will adhere to the principle of upholding justice while pursuing shared interests and the principle of sincerity, practical results, affinity and good faith, and work tirelessly to help Africa develop, Wang said.

China has helped Africa build more than 10,000 km of roads, over 6,000 km of railways and a large number of libraries, schools, hospitals and other livelihood facilities throughout the continent, greatly promoting local development, Wang said.

Meanwhile, more than half of the eight action plans and supporting financing announced at the Beijing Summit of Forum on China-Africa Cooperation last year have been implemented or seen concrete arrangements.

He called on developed countries to honor their commitments to Africa and provide tangible assistance in capital and technology among others. China is ready to work with all parties to give full play to respective advantages, jointly promote peace, stability and development in Africa and help African countries realize the "African dream" at an early date, he said.

Xinhua

AU expresses deep concern over UK's continued colonial administration of Chagos Archipelago

ADDIS ABABA



CHAIRPERSON of the African Union (AU) Commission Moussa Faki Mahamat has expressed deep concern over the continued "colonial administration" of the United Kingdom (UK) to the Chagos Archipelago.

"The Chairperson expresses his deep concern over the continued colonial administration of the United Kingdom to the Chagos Archipelago, in violation of the United Nations General Assembly's Resolution 73/295 adopted on May 22, 2019, in which the international community demanded from the United Kingdom to withdraw unconditionally within six months from the date of the Resolution, which expired on November 22, 2019," an AU statement issued on late Friday read.

Chairperson of the 55-member pan African bloc further recalled that the UN General Assembly Resolution 73/295 was adopted following the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice of February 25 this year "on the legal effects of the separation of the Chagos Archipelago from Mauritius in 1965."

Mahamat (pictured) also "reiterates the support of the African Union to the Republic of Mauritius for a complete decolonization of the Chagos Archipelago, in conformity with the Constitutive Act of the African Union which defines the defence of the sovereignty, territorial integrity and independence of the Member States as one of its main objectives," the statement read.

He further reiterated the relevant decisions made by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the AU on the matter, in particular the Assembly/AU/Dec. 747(XXXII) decision on the decolonization of the Chagos Archipelago, which was adopted in February this year in Ethiopian capital, Addis Ababa.

The AU Commission Chairperson also "called upon the United Kingdom to comply with the General Assembly Resolution, within the spirit of the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice."

He further "requests the international community to continue its support to the Republic of Mauritius for a complete decolonization of the Chagos Archipelago."

Chagos Archipelago, a group of islands in the Indian Ocean, was hived off Mauritius in the run-up to independence in 1965. The Britain has retained possession of the islands ever since, while Mauritius has continued to claim its sovereignty over them.

Xinhua

Mandarin learning in Uganda takes root as relations grow

KAMPALA

CONFUCIUS Institute at Makerere University, Uganda's top university, on Saturday celebrated its fifth anniversary. The institution, as the nexus of Chinese language teaching, is playing a major role for cultural exchange between Uganda and China.

An event featuring Chinese and Ugandan art performances and a dinner party of Chinese and Ugandan local foods was staged at the university.

Mary Karoro, minister in charge of general duties at the Office of Prime Minister said China has opened up its doors for a shared development with the rest of the world. She said ignoring or failing to understand China would be detrimental to Uganda, a country that seeks to fast track its development.

"I hope Ugandans open their eyes to the opportunities of learning this foreign language, which is not just a foreign language but a language of opportunities," she said. Zheng Zhuqiang,

Chinese ambassador to Uganda, said Chinese language learning is becoming more and more popular in Uganda.

Xinhua

Observing Chinese economy in the long run

CHINA'S super-scale consumer market has lately drawn global attention. At the beginning of November, 71.13 billion U.S. dollars worth of tentative deals were reached for one-year purchases of goods and services at the second China International Import Expo, an increase of 23 percent compared with the first one held last year.

Then on November 11, China's annual shopping festival, major e-commerce platforms achieved record-high sales. China is shifting from the world's factory to the global market, demonstrating enormous consumption potential.

Strong consumption reflects the resilience and vitality of the Chinese economy. Statistics released recently suggest that major economic indicators such as growth, employment, consumer prices and balance of pay-

ments remained within a reasonable range in the first ten months.

Although some indicators fluctuated in a short term and external uncertainties are mounting, China has overall achieved a stable performance while at the same time securing progress in its economic development.

It is necessary to view China's economic development against the background of world economy.

China's economy maintained medium-high growth of 6.2 percent in the first three quarters of this year in spite of the sluggish world economy.

While the growth in international trade continues to decline and trade frictions have yet been solved, China's import and export maintained considerable growth in the January-October period. In addition, the use of foreign investment increased 6.5

percent year on year in the first three quarters despite the slowdown of global capital flows.

From a global perspective, China has managed to buck the trend of the recession and remain the top among major countries as regards economic development.

It is agreed by many experts in the business world that short-term indicators alone won't suffice to view the Chinese economy. To look at it in the long run and in a strategic way is very much needed.

China is well positioned to cope with temporary fluctuations and gain advantages for long-term development.

After years of development, the country has accumulated a solid material and technological foundation, with improving infrastructure and industrial systems, increasing human

resources and high-quality talents and growing domestic market.

China also has a unique edge, which is the good size of the country. China is large geographically and flexible politically, which leaves it plenty of room for adjustments to adapt to changes.

China is fully capable of completing in-depth economic adjustment and promoting economic development, transformation and upgrading.

According to statistics, although the growth of fixed asset investment slowed down slightly in the first 10 months, investment in high-tech industries maintained double-digit growth, including the high-tech manufacturing and high-tech services, both up by about 14 percent.

These results show that under the downward pressure, the Chinese economy is experiencing more sig-

nificant and far-reaching changes, which is the upgrading of industries and the transformation of growth drivers. By continuing with the supply-side structural reform, changing the growth model and restructuring the economy, China is able to address deep-seated and structural problems in the economy and seek long-term advantages out of temporary downturn, laying a solid foundation for sustained and sound economic development.

Only by growing together with China can the whole world embrace a brighter future.

Since the international financial crisis, the economic community has already reached consensus that anyone who rejects China is actually giving up the opportunities of the Chinese market and that investing in China is investing in the future.

China has made great economic achievements, yet it still has a lot of potential for development. The numerous fluctuations in the economic history have made it clear that whoever laughs last, laughs best.

As long as the world looks at the Chinese economy from the long run, it will surely win more opportunities for development and grow together with China.

Chinese economy is a sea, not a pond. With more confidence and patience, the world will be able to view the Chinese economy from a long-term perspective, without being influenced by temporary fluctuations and doubts.

This will build up determination and momentum for reform, and help transform and upgrade the Chinese economy to a higher level.

People's Daily



Hong Kong Chief Executive Carrie Lam

China will never allow any foreign interference in Hong Kong affairs

HONG KONG belongs to China and its affairs are China's internal affairs. China does not allow any foreign interference in Hong Kong affairs. This is the unshakable position of the country.

While addressing the 11th BRICS Summit in Brasilia, capital of Brazil, Chinese President Xi Jinping said the Chinese government has unwavering determination to oppose any external force in interfering in Hong Kong's affairs.

President Xi's words are a stern warning to the rioters in Hong Kong and their backroom supporting forces, and reflect the strong determination of the central government to oppose and defeat external forces interfering in Hong Kong affairs and attempting to destabilize Hong Kong.

Any attempt or move to disrupt Hong Kong, undermine China's development, and obstruct the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation will be opposed by all Chinese people, including the Hong Kong compatriots, and will be destined to fail.

As the Hong Kong situation triggered by the revision of the extradition bill has deteriorated, the purpose of the rioters is no longer related to the extradition bill.

The Hong Kong extremists and radicals have disturbed social order, damaged public property, brutally attacked police officers, and left a trail of smashed or burned items all over the city.

They have trampled on the bottom line of morality, the legal system, and the "One country, Two systems" principle.

Some western politicians and media have been turning a deaf ear to the truth and calling white black. Ignoring Hong Kong residents' demands and the basic norms of international relations, they openly bolstered violent radicals and separatists, and blatantly interfered in Hong Kong affairs in an attempt to oppress China.

Their gross interference in China's internal affairs has exposed their evil intentions to destabilize Hong Kong and obstruct China's development.

In what took place in Hong Kong, some external forces have played an extremely disgraceful role.

They called the serious criminal offenses committed by the extremists and radicals such as setting fire, vandalizing stores, and attacking police officers "issues on human rights and democracy", pointed fingers at

the Hong Kong government that administers Hong Kong according to the law and the central government's Hong Kong policy, and smeared and accused the "One country, Two systems" principle.

They even plan to offer open support for Hong Kong rioters and radicals according to the framework of their own domestic laws to create chaos and disrupt Hong Kong, taking the city as a chess piece to contain China.

There is an old saying in China that the clever may fall for their cleverness. The words and deeds of the external forces not only exposed extreme hypocrisy on human rights and democracy issues, but also revealed their anti-China agenda to all Chinese people, including Hong Kong compatriots.

Their sinister intentions will not succeed, and the Chinese government will never allow external forces to do whatever they want in Hong Kong.

Violent crimes are not only a "virus" that harms Hong Kong society, but also a public enemy of all mankind. The brutality of the Hong Kong thugs has trampled on the bottom line of human morality and civilization and is absolutely unacceptable in any country and civil society.

At present, more and more countries have expressed their support for the "One country, Two systems" principle in official statements, notes and public statements.

They oppose external forces interfering in China's internal affairs and undermining Hong Kong's prosperity and stability, and hope that Hong Kong will restore stability and order.

We suggest that those Western politicians who are behind the violent and illegal offenses and endorse the anti-China elements to destabilize Hong Kong correct their wrong practices as soon as possible and stop adding fuel to the flames, otherwise they will only further annoy the international community and fall victim to violence in the end.

A wicked person is sure to bring destruction to himself. We advise those external forces to immediately stop meddling in Hong Kong affairs, and stop acting against the will of the people and the general trend.

The Chinese people do not believe in fallacy, nor are we afraid of evil forces. The only right choice for the external forces is to clearly understand the situation and stop their wrongdoings.

People's Daily

Guinea-Bissau's presidential election kicks off amid political crisis

BISSAU

GUINEA-BISSAU'S presidential election kicked off yesterday at 7 a.m. local time (0700 GMT), with 12 candidates competing for presidency.

According to the numbers given by the president of the National Election Commission (NEC) Jose Pedro Sambu, 761,676 voters, same number as for the legislative elections of March 10, are called to cast their ballot during yesterday's election in 3,139 polling stations across the country and overseas.

The 12 candidates included incumbent President Jose Mario Vaz, who was expelled from the African Party for Independence of Guinea and Cape Verde (PAIGC), as independent candidate, and Domingos Simoes Pereira, the PAIGC candidate.



The election is seen as the last step to end the existing political crisis that burst in 2015 between Vaz and his main political rival Pereira.

The term of Vaz (pictured) should have ended at the end of June, but the heads of state and government

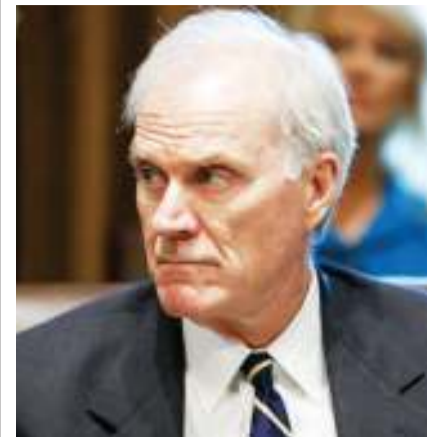
of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) agreed that he would stay as president of Guinea-Bissau until the presidential election.

In order to guarantee the order of the country during the election, about 6,500 defense and security agents are already mobilized to assure the vote.

From Sunday midnight, unauthorized vehicles should stay off the roads and all the air, terrestrial and maritime borders will be closed.

About 200 observers from the African Union, the Community of Portuguese Language Countries, the ECOWAS and the United States, and 422 observers from civil society will follow the process of the voting very closely. If no one receives more than 50 percent of the votes in the first round, a run-off is scheduled for Dec. 29.

Xinhua



US Navy Secretary says Trump's tweet is not a formal order

HALIFAX

THE secretary of the US Navy said Saturday he doesn't consider a tweet by President Donald Trump an order and would need a formal order to stop a review of a sailor who could lose his status as a Navy SEAL.

"I need a formal order to act," Navy Secretary Richard Spencer said, and referred to the tweet. "I don't interpret them as a formal order."

Trump insisted last Thursday the Navy "will NOT be taking away Warfighter and Navy SEAL Eddie Gallagher's Trident Pin," inserting himself into an ongoing legal review of the sailor's ability to hold onto the pin that designates him a SEAL.

The Navy on Wednesday notified Chief Petty Officer Edward Gallagher that he will face a review early next month to determine if he should remain on the elite force.

Gallagher was acquitted of a murder charge in the stabbing death of an Islamic State militant captive, but a military jury convicted him of posing with the corpse while in Iraq in 2017. He was then demoted to chief.

Spencer, speaking on the sidelines of the Halifax International Security Forum in Canada, said if the president requests the process to stop, the process stops.

"Good order and discipline is also obeying the orders of the President of the United States," he said.

Despite the differing views with the president over the appropriate handling of the case, Spencer told reporters that he has not threatened to resign over the issue. But he acknowledged that he serves at the pleasure of the president.

"The president the United States is the commander in chief. He's involved in every aspect of government and he can make decisions and give orders as appropriate," he said.

Gallagher's lawyers have accused the Navy of trying to remove the SEAL designation in retaliation for Trump's decision last week to restore Gallagher's rank.

Gallagher filed a complaint with the inspector general accusing a rear admiral of insubordination for defying Trump's actions. Rear Adm. Collin Green is the Naval Special Warfare commander.

Under the review procedure, a five-person board will convene Dec 2 behind closed doors. It will include one SEAL officer and four senior enlisted SEALs, according to the two US officials. Gallagher can appear once before the board on Dec. 4 but without his lawyers.

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Putin calls United Russia a party that is not afraid of difficult decisions

MOSCOW

THE United Russia party has never been afraid of assuming responsibility and making difficult decisions necessary for the country, Russian President Vladimir Putin said at the party's 19th congress on Saturday.

"The United Russia as the country's largest and leading political party - and it has acquired this status because it has always prioritized the protection of citizens' interests, the interests of our Motherland - has never been afraid of responsibility at the most complex twists of history, has always assumed and shouldered this responsibility and has not been afraid of difficult decisions that do not yield situational popularity and do not give extra points at elections," the Russian president said.

Such audacity is needed to ensure the country's security, ensure the stable life of people for a long term, Putin said.

The Russian leader thanked the United Russia members for their joint work, substantive and active support.

"The party has numerously displayed its willpower and proven its rightness, offered a unifying agenda based on the human's freedom and well-being, patriotism, our traditional values, a strong civil society and a strong state," Putin stressed.

National projects

He added, that the work on implementing national projects is the most important task for the United Russia party.

"First of all, coherent and responsible work is needed for implementing the priorities of Russia's development.

Now this is the most important task for each of you, for your regional teams, for all who support the party," the Russian president said, addressing the congress delegates.

"I request you to concentrate on achieving tangible results under all national projects so that people can feel positive changes in their life and, importantly, can themselves participate in this joint work and see that all our joint efforts are aimed at positive and qualitative changes in the life of



Russian President Vladimir Putin

people," Putin stressed.

The main thing in the party's work is to be together with people and know in detail their needs and problems and respond to them immediately, the Russian leader stressed.

"It is only in the daily mode of communication with people that you will be able to confirm and strengthen your competence and will prove your leadership by your deeds, attention and the care about citizens," Putin said.

Speaking about the national projects, Putin stressed that people should themselves participate in this joint work to see that such efforts are aimed at positive and qualitative changes.

"Precisely the results achieved for the sake of people rather than empty words and promises unbacked by anything should become the party's main argument in the upcoming electoral campaigns at all the levels, from municipalities to the State Duma," the Russian leader said.

The regional problems

President noted, that members of the United Russia party should put the

heat on officials to secure decisions necessary for citizens.

"You see and you know yourselves that now a dilapidated hospital, then something else is shown [in media footage]. Locally, you must see that, if officials fail to do so. You should keep constant pressure on them to secure decisions," the Russian leader said.

The party should be the leader in everything, Putin stressed.

"You should yourselves find and raise acute issues, without waiting for my next annual [Q&A] Direct Line. You should seek to solve such issues on your own, striving for justice," the Russian president said.

He added, that the status of the United Russia party is to serve the people for the sake of the country's future rather than to rule.

"The status of the ruling party, the party of power means to hear and serve the people rather than to rule. The essence of this service relates to the future of our citizens, our children who have already been borne and will be borne in Russian families," the Russian leader said.

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US Hong Kong bill nothing but a vain attempt to interfere in China's internal affairs

THE US Senate passed the so-called Hong Kong Human Rights and Democracy Act of 2019 on Tuesday local time despite strong opposition from the Chinese government.

As a barefaced encouragement to the Hong Kong rioters, this act neglects facts and truth, applies double standards and blatantly interferes in China's internal affairs.

It is in serious violation of international law and basic norms governing international relations, stirring up trouble against the Chinese people including the Hong Kong compatriots and once again exposing the US hegemonic way of thinking to the entire world.

The US should know that any such bill is nothing but a vain attempt and doomed to fail. It must withdraw the black hand behind the Hong Kong affairs.

Over the past few months, demonstrations in Hong Kong triggered by the revision of the

extradition bill have continuously escalated, challenging the bottom line of law, morality and humanity.

The rioters have smashed buildings, committed arson, paralyzed the traffic, assaulted the police officers, injured innocent citizens and even besieged universities and threatened to turn them into riot bridgehead.

They have not only seriously infringed upon the personal safety, freedom of speech and other basic human rights of the Hong Kong citizens, including the police officers, but also undermined the rule of law and social order, wreaked havoc on Hong Kong's prosperity and stability, challenged the bottom line of the principle of "one country, two systems", and positioned Hong Kong in an extremely dangerous situation.

The US, however, turned a blind eye to the crimes committed by the radicals. Under the guise of human rights and free-



A protestor holds an American flag at Polytechnic University, where anti-government protesters and police are locked in a stand-off. Photo: AP

dom, it has grossly interfered in the affairs of Hong Kong and China's internal affairs, vilified the central government and the government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR), and openly supported the illegal activities to oppose China and destabilize Hong Kong.

Sovereign equality and non-interference in other sovereign countries' internal affairs are the

most fundamental and important principles of the international law. For a long time, many developing countries, including China, have suffered from foreign interference in their internal affairs. Normally, such interference was in the name of human rights and freedom.

As for this time, the US has adopted a series of policies to manipulate the rioters, fully revealing the country's ill inten-

tion of and double standards in meddling in other countries' internal affairs under the guise of human rights and freedom.

The US has never stood up for Hong Kong when the place was colonized by Britain and deprived of human rights and freedom, but it decides now to make irresponsible and slanderous remarks about Hong Kong that enjoys unprecedented rights and freedom.

In fact, the US itself has kept a poor record on human rights, yet it dares to openly comment on Hong Kong, a region with higher ranking in terms of freedom and rule of law.

When dealing with demonstrations back home, the US government authorized the police to suppress the protesters ruthlessly. However, the US officials criticized the Hong Kong police who have been enforcing the law in a restrained and rightful manner, which is a total disregard of the public demand for ending

violence and chaos and restoring order in the Hong Kong community.

At a dangerous moment when Hong Kong is sliding towards the abyss of "terrorism", the American politicians, by pushing forward the latest bill regardless of the interests of the general public of Hong Kong, are indeed creating a "safe haven" for the thugs, creating obstacles for the SAR government to stop violence and chaos, and threatening those who uphold the rule of law and order.

The US has fully exposed its absurd and hypocritical double standards by trampling on international law and the basic norms governing international relations, as well as its true intention to conduct hegemonic practices under the disguise of human rights and democracy.

Numerous facts have proven that American politicians never care about Hong Kong's public welfare, democracy, or human

rights. By destroying Hong Kong's position as the international financial, trade and shipping center, intimidating the righteous people who stop violence and control chaos, and blatantly "paving the way" for the thugs, they are doing nothing but gaining political capital and containing China's development through the chaos in Hong Kong.

At present, stopping violence, curbing chaos and restoring order are the most pressing task for Hong Kong, representing the broadest public will and the most important human right in Hong Kong.

Any attempt by the US to destabilize Hong Kong and impede China's development is wishful thinking. Hong Kong is a part of China, and its affairs must be handled within the framework of the constitution of the People's Republic of China and the basic law of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region.

People's Daily



Italian guitarist, Alessandro Minci, is one of artists set to stage show in the Italian Cuisine Week, which is held in Dar es Salaam.

Dar to host Italian Cuisine Week

BY CORRESPONDENT JOSEPH MCHEKADONA

THIS year's edition of Italian Cuisine Week involving several activities will be held at Serena Hotel in Dar es Salaam this week, Italy's Embassy in Tanzania disclosed last weekend.

Italy's Ambassador to Tanzania, Roberto Mengoni, said the week is held under the auspices of his country's Ministry Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation.

He described the event as an example of soft diplomacy which aims at presenting richness and variety of Italian culture, food and wine which are part of his country's tradition.

He said event is set to start today and will climax on Saturday, noting two Italian chefs Alcide Grappiolo and Paolo Donato who are from ENAIP will prepare Italian cuisine.

He pointed out the chefs will as well train local chefs at the National College of Tourism. He disclosed Italian wine makers, Grandi Vini d'Italia, will give guests different tastes of Italian wines.

He disclosed there will be performances by guitarist, Alessandro Minci, and violinist, Loreto Gismondi, and master chocolatier, Angela De Luca, will show the attendants how to make chocolate using local seeds.

The artistes, he noted, jetted in last Friday. The artistes will bring on stage some of the most famous pieces which were done by Nocolo Paganini and move themes by Ennio Morricone and Nino Rota such as Cantabile, Once Upon a Time in America and Amarcord.

The ambassador said Qatar Airways transported the two musicians and master chocolatier from Italy to Dar es Salaam.

"Since 2016 our Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation in cooperation with several Italian Cultural and gastronomic institutions host Italian

Cuisine Week in November," he noted.

"Italians like to eat and talk about food, even in these modern times, families like to spend time together at the table especially on Sundays and during festivities."

"Hospitality is at the center of our social life and quality food, prepared with love and wine, is the way to create a nice atmosphere, to encourage conversation and the bonding of family and friends."

"Throughout the week two Italian Chefs will be at Serena Hotel and the National College of Tourism to train local chefs about Italian cuisine."

"Special lunches and dinners will be provided, Grandi Vini d'Italia will let us taste several wines from different Italian regions." "There will also be a 'Strings, Souls and Virtuosity' the joy of live music to be performed by Italian guitarist, Alessandro Minci, and violinist, Loreto Gismondi, who will bring the most famous pieces by Nicola Paganini and movie themes by Ennio Morricone and Nino Rota."

"We will also have master chocolatier, Angela De Luca, who will show how to make chocolate starting from local cocoa beans provided by Tanzania's producers, Koko Kamili."

The ambassador expressed regards to the sponsors of the event, Qatar Airways and Serena Hotels, for backing it.

He moreover said the week targets to not only showcase Italian way of living through food, but also encourage the exchange of experiences between people of different countries.

On his remarks, Serephin Lusala, the Director of Sales and Marketing at Serena Hotels, said the Italian Cuisine Week is very important to the promotion of tourism in Tanzania.

Taifa Stars right-back problem in focus post Kapombe era

BY CORRESPONDENT MICHAEL MWEBE

Tanzania has a fullback problem. It has caused them problems in recent matches, even though senior national soccer team, Taifa Stars, head coach, Etienne Ndayiragije, has fielded different players for that position in every match.

The issue has not showed signs of improving either.

For many years, Shomari Kapombe was the default Taifa Stars right full back but, since his injuries' problems began in 2016, he has hardly played for both club and country.

Even when he seems fit this season, it is clear injuries have taken a toll on his performances.

Since joining Simba from Azam FC, Kapombe has missed 73 games due to injury.

At only 27 years of age when he is supposed to be at his prime, Kapombe has announced his retirement from international football.

Injuries have forced him to concentrate on club football in order to sustain his career.

Kapombe's retirement has left Hassan Ramadhan 'Kessy' as the default number one Taifa Stars' full back.

Kessy is not exactly young and his experience should have meant smooth transition. However, that is not the case.

In the three matches he has played under Etienne Ndayiragije, Kessy has taken criticism from many corners and the reasons are obvious.

Kessy was at fault for helping Libya



Paul Godfrey

notch an equaliser in Taifa Stars' defeat to the Libyans in the 2021 Africa Cup of Nations' qualifiers' clash in Tunisia on Tuesday night.

He is known to be a full-back who likes to attack and bomb forward. For all his qualities going forward, Kessy can hardly defend.

Against Libya, he was brought on in the second half to help shore the right channel in which Salum Kimenya was constantly exposed by the hosts.

Unfortunately, it was lack

of tackling that led to Libya advance into the box, resulting in an awkward clearance by center back Bakari Mwamnyeto that was harshly judged to be a penalty by the central referee from Malawi.

In the nine matches since he took over, Ndayiragije has used five different right full-backs in what he acknowledges as a problem in his squad.

In his first two matches in charge, which were against Kenya's Harambee Stars in the 2020 Africa Nations Championship (CHAN)

qualifiers, Ndayiragije used Paul Godfrey 'Boxer'.

The young right full back from Yanga did not have an overall bad game but he could not get the better of the muscular Kenyans.

While Godfrey's faithfuls sing that he is a modern-day full-back, who can also play as a wing-back if the need ever arises, he was easily disposed of the ball in the two matches against Kenya. However, he should be credited for attempting going forward.

Unfortunately, Godfrey's national audition was cut short by an injury he picked while playing for Yanga, forcing Ndayiragije to try Haruna Shamte of Simba in the 2022 World Cup qualifier first leg match against Burundi.

Shamte had a torrid game and was turned in and out by the Burundi wingers a couple of times.

It was clear he was not the ideal replacement for Kapombe. Kessy was brought in for the return leg in Dar es Salaam.

It was time to try out KMC FC's Boniface Maganga against Sudan in the first leg of the 2020 CHAN second round qualifier played in Dar es Salaam.

Like Shamte, Maganga turned out to be a weak link which was dully exposed by the visitors to condemn Ndayiragije to his first loss as Taifa Stars' head coach.



Dar es Salaam's Kung-Fu player, Maharshi Bhatt, puts his skills to show at the 12th edition of a tournament, organized by Children Shaolin Kung-Fu (Chishaku) center and brought together white belt players at Ardhi University in Dar es Salaam yesterday. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT MIRAJI MSALA

LeBron James scores 30 as Lakers hold off Grizzlies 109-108

MEMPHIS, TENN.

LEBRON James and the Los Angeles Lakers knew they would be tired playing their second game in as many nights.

Experience made the difference against the young and rested Memphis Grizzlies.

James scored on a driving layup with 1:30 left to put Los Angeles ahead to stay as the Lakers held off the Grizzlies 109-108 on Saturday night for their seventh straight victory.

"We just kept our composure," James said. "That's what we do. We are a very resilient team."

The Grizzlies had a final chance with the ball and 1.3 seconds left. Jaren Jackson Jr. went sprawling trying to corral Kyle Anderson's inbound pass.

"I was going to catch it and see if I had time to get a shot off or hit Ja (Morant), who would've probably been running full speed right next to me," Jackson said. "Obviously, we didn't get to do all that."

James finished with 30 points. Anthony Davis added 22, Rajon Rondo had 14, Kentavious Caldwell-Pope scored 12 and Dwight Howard had 10.

Morant led Memphis with 26

points. Jae Crowder added 21, Jackson finished with 20, Dillon Brooks had 12 and Anderson scored 10, making rookie coach Taylor Jenkins very proud.

"If we can play like that every night, we have ourselves a chance," Jenkins said.

The Lakers showed the effects of winning in Oklahoma City on Friday night. James made clear on social media he had trouble getting a nap with their hotel across the street from the FedExForum, where No. 16 Memphis beat Mississippi 87-86 earlier Saturday.

"We're lucky to get out of here with a win. Credit to the Grizzlies for coming out strong," said Lakers coach Frank Vogel, who used earplugs to help him rest. "There young guys really came after us, in the first quarter in particular. Morant and Jackson are special talents and they put us in a hole."

LA never led in the first half and trailed by as much as 15 in the second quarter. The Lakers got going in the third and opened the fourth by jumping out to their biggest lead at 94-87.

The Grizzlies led 105-100 on a tip-in by Brandon Clarke with 3:24 to go. The Lakers scored the next nine with James hitting his layup for the go-



Memphis Grizzlies' Solomon Hill (44) guards Los Angeles Lakers' LeBron James (23) in the second half of an NBA basketball game Saturday, Nov. 23, 2019, in Memphis, Tenn. (AP Photo)

ahead bucket, and Davis followed by tipping in James' miss for a 109-105 lead with 53.5 seconds left.

Morant's layup with 28 seconds left pulled Memphis within a point. James missed a jumper with the Grizzlies grabbing the rebound to set

up the final try.

The Grizzlies lost their third straight on a night they wore their Vancouver teal uniforms for the first time to celebrate their 25th NBA season along with a throwback court. Memphis led 35-25 after the first

quarter and 63-55 at halftime.

Meanwhile, in Milwaukee, Giannis Antetokounmpo continued to provide the offense, and the Bucks' defense eventually caught up.

Antetokounmpo had 28 points and 10 rebounds for his 16th consecutive

double-double to lead Milwaukee past the Detroit Pistons 104-90 on Saturday night for its seventh straight victory.

"There were different guys stepping up, making plays," Bucks coach Mike Budenholzer said. "I think the defense held them tonight. They're a little banged up on a back-to-back. Unfortunate for them, but kind to us."

Wesley Mathews added 13 points and Eric Bledsoe had 11 for the Bucks, who improved their record to an Eastern Conference-best 13-3.

Derrick Rose scored 20 points, Langston Galloway added 13 and Andre Drummond had 12 points and 17 rebounds for Detroit, which was without Blake Griffin.

The star forward, who has played in just four games this season, was inactive for injury recovery after playing 32 minutes in a 128-103 victory over Atlanta on Friday in the first game of the back-to-back.

"It doesn't change my approach. Coming into the game, my mindset is to win," Antetokounmpo said. "Obviously, when you don't have a guy like Blake that's a really great player, and (has) a lot of experience playing, now you've got to figure out who you're guarding and whose going to go against you." AP

Mourinho relishes 'natural habitat' in Tottenham win

LONDON

JOSE Mourinho has said he was happy to return to his "natural habitat" on the touchline to watch his new Tottenham side win 3-2 at West Ham United on Saturday.

Mourinho was appointed Spurs head coach on Wednesday hours after the club sacked Mauricio Pochettino.

Spurs secured their first away win in the Premier League since January with goals from Son Heung-Min, Lucas Moura and Harry Kane.

Mourinho, who had been out of work since being sacked by Manchester United in December, expressed his delight at returning to the bench.

"The most difficult moments in the 11 months were when I didn't have a preseason and was looking at other clubs and managers doing it," Mourinho told a news conference.

"Sometimes I was at football games and I was thinking what am I doing here, in the box or the studio. Today I was where I belong, my natural habitat."

Mourinho also praised Dele Alli's performance after he assisted the first goal and produced a great piece of skill in the buildup for the second.

"[Alli's] too good to not be one of the best players in the world and not playing with the national team," he added.

"I'm happy with him, I spent a few minutes with him in training and outside the pitch. And we were saying that the best Dele Alli has to be back.

"I think Dele was like the team, brilliant for 60-65 minutes and then he paid also the price of the tiredness so he went a little bit down. I think it was the old Dele Alli, the Dele Alli of a couple of years ago who impressed not just for England but all. He did everything I asked him to do."

Spurs ended a series of five Premier League matches without a win and Mourinho said he was pleased with his players' response to the managerial change.

"It was very very important -- 11 months without music in the away dressing room, without a smile or happiness," he said. "I am very happy for them and with them. If someone only saw the result they'd have thought it was very difficult for us. But it was probably closer to a 4-0 than 3-1."

"I think my players paid the price of a very difficult week. International break, change of manager, new guy, different training sessions."

Spurs host Olympiakos in the Champions League on Tuesday where Mourinho will be presented to the home support for the first time.

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Zidane urges critical Real fans to start backing Bale again

MADRID

REAL Madrid coach Zinedine Zidane asked supporters to start backing Gareth Bale and move on from the club versus country row which led to the Wales forward being treated to a cacophony of boos in his side's 3-1 win over Real Sociedad on Saturday.

Bale's commitment to the 13-times European champions has come under the microscope this week after he helped his nation qualify for Euro 2020 and then joined his team mates dancing alongside a banner saying 'Wales. Golf. Madrid. In that order'.

The 100 million euro (\$110.22 million) forward was fiercely criticised in the Spanish media for the celebration and Real fans also turned on him when he came off the bench in the second half of the Liga game against Sociedad at the Santiago Bernabeu.

"There is too much noise with Bale, he wants to be here and do as well as he can, that's why we don't want to talk too much about this. He is integrated into the group and he wants to play well, just like everyone else," Zidane said.

"I hope this doesn't continue throughout the season. We want the fans to be with us from the start of the game to the end but we can't

control this. The fans have the right to do what they want but I ask them to support everyone."

Real had fallen behind to a William Jose strike in the second minute but Karim Benzema and Federico Valverde struck either side of halftime to put the hosts in front, although the mood in the stands changed when Bale came off the bench.

He produced an admirable display in the conditions, however, helping to set up Luka Modric's goal which wrapped up the points for Zidane's side, while he nearly scored in stoppage time.

The 30-year-old Bale's efforts led to a smattering of applause from sections of the crowd and Zidane said he wished everyone could turn a page.

"Real Madrid supporters have booed all of the very best players and Bale put in a good display when he came on. He just needs to focus on working hard on the pitch," added the French coach.

"It's not about whether I understand the boos or not, we need our fans on our side and so does Gareth, just like every other player."

"If that happens we can move on from this. We want the fans to applaud him, like they did after the goal." (\$1 = 0.9073 euros)

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'We're coming,' warns Lampard, but Man City overcome Chelsea test

MANCHESTER, UNITED KINGDOM

CHELSEA manager Frank Lampard believes the gap between his side and Manchester City has narrowed dramatically in his first few months in charge despite City coming from behind to beat the Blues 2-1 at the Etihad on Saturday.

A first defeat in the Premier League since September sees Chelsea slip behind third-placed City in the table, but there was plenty of encouragement for Lampard on a ground where they were thrashed 6-0 last season.

City, who finished 26 points ahead of Chelsea last season, had the lowest percentage of possession ever recorded by a Pep Guardiola side in 381 league matches.

"Big parts (of the game) were good, some parts we can improve on, but that's why there is a gap to Man City and Liverpool," said Lampard.

"We're coming to close the gap, I don't want to shout that too loudly. Now we have to show a response after a great run of wins."

Liverpool's late win at Crystal Palace earlier in the day meant

City started 12 points behind the leaders and looked in danger of failing to cut that gap when N'Golo Kante gave Chelsea a deserved lead midway through the first half.

However, Kevin De Bruyne's deflected strike breathed new life into Guardiola's men and a trademark left-footed finish from Riyad Mahrez saw City edge a thrilling encounter.

"They are an incredible team," said Guardiola in praise of Chelsea.

"Most of the teams at the top now, they have the courage to play. Liverpool, Leicester, our team, Chelsea, they want to play, to go forward."

"They are a top side, but we fought a lot and we had a good victory."

- City's injury worries - A vital three points, however, was soured for City by more injury problems.

Rodrigo, David Silva and Sergio Agüero all had to be replaced in the second half with Guardiola particularly concerned about Agüero's availability ahead of the packed festive schedule. **AFP**

Man City keep Liverpool in sights as Mourinho magic lifts Spurs

LONDON

MANCHESTER City kept Premier League leaders Liverpool in their sights on Saturday after battling back to beat Chelsea as Jose Mourinho ended Tottenham's away-day woes in his first game in charge.

Leicester saw off Brighton 2-0 to stay in second place, eight points behind Jurgen Klopp's men, while struggling Arsenal needed a stoppage-time goal to draw 2-2 with lowly Southampton.

Liverpool's hard-fought 2-1 win at Crystal Palace meant defending champions City went into their evening match against high-flying Chelsea 12 points behind the pacesetters.

N'Golo Kante gave the visitors a deserved lead midway through the first half at the Etihad but City hit back with a deflected shot from Kevin De Bruyne and a trademark Riyad Mahrez strike to win 2-1.

Pep Guardiola's men were never entirely comfortable with a one-goal lead but their margin of victory could have been greater as Raheem Sterling found the bottom corner deep into stoppage time, only for VAR to rule the goal out for offside.

City's possession figure of 46.74 percent is the lowest recorded by a side managed by Pep Guardiola in any of his 381 top-flight matches in charge.

"It was a top game against a top side," Guardiola told Sky Sports. "Chelsea have been big quality for the past 20 years. When they went ahead in the best moments they had we scored through Kevin De Bruyne. Then we missed a lot of chances."

Guardiola sounded the alarm over all-time top-scorer Sergio Agüero, who limped off in the second half, saying he feared his injury could be "bad".



Manchester City's Riyad Mahrez celebrates after scoring his side's second goal during the English Premier League soccer match between Manchester City and Chelsea at Etihad stadium in Manchester, England, Saturday, Nov. 23, 2019. (AP Photo)

- Liverpool late show -

Earlier, Liverpool once again demonstrated their knack for scoring last-gasp winners, with Roberto Firmino finishing from close range following a goalmouth scramble.

Liverpool had looked set to drop points for just the second time this season after Wilfried Zaha cancelled out Sadio Mane's opener in the 82nd minute.

The European champions, chasing their first league title for 30 years, have now won 12 of their 13 Premier League matches this season and are unbeaten in 30 league games.

"We are not out there to show we invented football. We have a job to do to get results. We did that again," said Klopp.

"I have no problem that we were not brilliant today. You just have to make sure you are ready to fight for the result and we were that from the first minute."

Brendan Rodgers' Leicester kept up their dogged pursuit of the leaders, with second-half goals from Ayoze Perez and Jamie Vardy giving them a fifth successive league win.

- Mourinho effect -

In the early kick-off at the London

Will Mourinho show at Tottenham that he has learned from his mistakes?

MADRID

REAL Madrid and Barcelona both came from behind to seal victories that extended their advantage over the chasing pack at the top of La Liga on Saturday as Gareth Bale was jeered by his own fans at the Santiago Bernabeu.

Barca needed a late winner from Arturo Vidal to beat bottom-club Leganes 2-1 after Luis Suarez headed home a Lionel Messi free-kick to cancel out a brilliant opener from Leganes forward Youssef En-Nesyri.

Madrid were behind after 110 seconds against high-flying Real Sociedad but Karim Benzema scored his sixth goal in five games, before Fede Valverde and Luka Modric wrapped up a 3-1 win in the second half.

It means Atletico Madrid lost further ground by being held to a 1-1 draw at Granada, with Real Sociedad remaining fifth, five points off the top. Sevilla, in fourth, play at Real Valladolid on Sunday.

Madrid's comeback was overshadowed by the whistles for Bale after his controversial celebration following Wales' win over Hungary last week. He celebrated with a flag that read: "Wales. Golf. Madrid. In that order."

The fans jeered when his name was announced before kick-off and even louder when he came on as a substitute in the second half.

"I can't tell you it's fair or unfair," said Zidane after the match. "But we need our fans to be with us. I can't control it, neither can Gareth or anyone. But Gareth came on and he played very well."

Without Bale, Benzema continued his excellent form with another goal and an assist for Modric late on. In between, Valverde gave Madrid the lead with a deflected shot from the edge of the area.

Madrid's fans were also given the chance to see Martin Odegaard, their 20-year-old Norwegian loanee at Real Sociedad, who has been key to their strong start to the season.

Odegaard impressed, with one through ball in the first half even



Arturo Vidal scored the winner as Barcelona came from behind to beat Leganes in La Liga (AFP Photo)

drawing gasps of approval from the home support.

- Gritty Barcelona -

Barcelona's gritty victory will come as a relief to coach Ernesto Valverde too ahead of a testing month for his side.

They play Borussia Dortmund on Wednesday in the Champions League and a goalless draw against Slavia Prague earlier this month means qualification from Group F is no longer guaranteed.

After Dortmund, Barca then play at Atletico in La Liga to start a month that will include trips to Inter Milan

in the Champions League and Real Sociedad in La Liga before the season's first Clasico.

"It was a big win because the game was very difficult," Valverde said. "The pitch was dreadful, there was a lot of wind and they scored early."

"I don't want it to sound like an excuse but it made it hard and still we were able to win."

The home side made the perfect start as En-Nesyri beat Gerard Pique with a wonderful early strike.

Pique has spent the international break juggling football with the Davis Cup, the revamped tennis tourna-

ment in Madrid that he is organising through his marketing company.

"There is more noise outside the club than inside," said Pique after the match.

"I think it's got a bit out of hand -- whether I'm in Madrid, eating here, having dinner there -- it's all part of the circus. But I do my job. I come here, I play football. And that's it."

One pass from Roque Mesa was enough to set En-Nesyri free against the 32-year-old in the 12th minute. Pique jostled but was taken by surprise as En-Nesyri nipped inside and bent a shot into the far corner.

Suarez went close, Pique hit the post and Suarez did find the net, glancing in Messi's clipped free-kick for his ninth goal of the season.

Barca's second owed much to luck but it came from another cross. Pique rose to head in but the ball missed him and cannoned off the foot of Ruben Perez. Vidal was waiting on the line to prod in.

Atletico were unable to find a winner as they played out their seventh draw of the season, the joint most in the division.

Ronan Lodi scored his first La Liga goal after being slipped though by Hector Herrera but Herrera was at fault for the equaliser, losing his marker as German Sanchez powered in a superb header to earn Granada a point.

Southampton took an early lead at the Emirates through Danny Ings only for Alexandre Lacazette to level. James Ward-Prowse restored Southampton's lead in the second half but Lacazette saved Emery's blushes with a goal deep into stoppage time.

In-form Wolves won 2-1 at 10-man Bournemouth courtesy of a Joao Moutinho free-kick and Raul Jimenez's goal to climb to fifth in the table.

Norwich lifted themselves off the bottom with a 2-0 victory away to Everton while Burnley won 3-0 at Watford, who are now bottom.

Ole Gunnar Solskjaer's Manchester United face Sheffield United on Sunday with a chance to move into fifth place.

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Gwiji by David Chikoko



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Man City keep Liverpool in sights as Mourinho magic lifts Spurs

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DAR ES SALAAM

Arusha Boda Boda, Bajaj riders ready for soccer tournament

By Correspondent Marc Nkwame, Arusha

ARUSHA'S motorcycle riders are set to compete in a soccer tournament, known as 'Usalama Derby Cup,' in the region at the end of this month.

Mto-wa-Mbu Police Station has hosted the event. The two teams that are to face each other during the forthcoming 'Usalama Derby Cup' in Mto-wa-Mbu will be made of commercial cyclists, the three wheeled and two-wheeled motorcycle taxi operators.

"The target is reinforce peace and harmony among local residents of this valley which previously suffered serious crimes against humanity including robbery, rape and mysterious murders of women," the event's organizer, Peter Ngollo, said.

Motorcycles, coming in both the two-wheeled (Boda boda) and three-wheeled (Bajaj) types, are the common modes of transport in Mto-wa-Mbu area and now these riders will be pitched for the soccer competition on November 29.

The event will be played at Barafu grounds in Mto-wa-Mbu Township, and ward mapped within the Monduli District. The green valley area is also famous for rice, banana and potatoes' faming.

Ngollo, the Officer in Charge of the Mto-wa-Mbu Police Station (OCS), is of view that sports will help bring people together because they intend to form 'citizen on patrol' strategy to ensure that the precinct remains a safe haven.

"Meeting on informal grounds, makes it easy for residents to divulge sensitive information to the police, people do not want to report matters to police stations but when they come into contact with officers in friendly environment they tend to open up easily," he pointed out.

Kuruthum Hassan, the Ward Executive Officer, disclosed that the youths who work as motorcycle riders have managed to form groups that will also assist in maintaining peace in the locality.

"I also take this chance to praise the police officer for bringing young people together, creating a very united group of youths who will assist in divulging sensitive information should anything sinister occur," she stated.

Mdachi Hassan, the chairperson of the Bajaj riders in the precinct, said that crime cases have been reduced since the riders started organizing community based events.

On his part, Kelvin Michael, the leader of Boda-Boda riders' group, said his team is mostly made up of young people which means they are more energetic than the three-wheeled motorcycle riders' lot.

"We shall trash them black and blue," he boasted.

Kilimanjaro Queens, Kenya battle for CECAFA supremacy in Dar



Mainland Tanzania women soccer team 'Kilimanjaro Queens'.

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

MAINLAND Tanzania's women football team, Kilimanjaro Queens, will be seeking to defend their CECAFA Senior Women Challenge Cup crown against fierce rivals, Kenya, at Azam Complex in Dar es Salaam today.

Kilimanjaro Queens had to wait deep into injury time to conquer a fast improving Uganda side, posting 1-0 victory over the latter at the venue.

Kenya humiliated Burundi 5-0 in a one-sided encounter played at the venue earlier the same day.

The two sides meet for the second time in the final and third time overall. The two drew 1-1 in CECAFA 2018, while Tanzania won 2-1 courtesy of a Mwanahamisi Omary brace the last time these two met in the tournament final.

There was also one-all

draw in the group stage finals of the event's 2016 edition in Uganda.

There is little to separate the two teams. Both are yet to concede and have had a perfect run to the final.

Tanzania are ranked 19th in Africa and 137th worldwide according to the FIFA women's rankings for September. Kenya are placed 21st in the continent and 143rd globally.

Kilimanjaro Queens certainly did not have things all their own way in the thrilling semi-final win over Uganda, but the important

thing was the results.

They have won all of their matches, and must fancy their chances of a third consecutive title.

Due to experience, Kilimanjaro Queens came into the tournament as most people's pick and they are the slight favourites to beat a youthful Kenya squad.

Kilimanjaro Queens head coach, Bakari Shime, will bank on the experience of the true and tested captain, Asha Rashid, Mwanahamisi Omari 'Gaucho', Stumai Abdallah and Donisia

Burinja, who were crucial in the back-to-back title campaigns in Burundi and Rwanda.

The hosts, obviously, have plenty of firepower of their own, the quartet of Asha, Mwanahamisi, Stumai and Donisia have all together scored 15 goals which means Kilimanjaro Queens are not reliant on a single individual for goals.

Meanwhile, Harambee Starlets scored 17 goals in Group B to cruise past Uganda, Ethiopia and Djibouti, with the latter losing 12-0 to the group leaders.

The semi-final thrashing of

Burundi stretched Harambee Starlets' goal tally to 22, a fact that proves their ruthless streak, if needed proving at all.

They will be spearheaded by 17-year-old Jentrix Shikangwa who leads the top-scorers' charts with nine goals, having scored in every match so far in her CECAFA Senior Women Challenge Cup debut.

This is going to be a tough game for both sides, but one-day rest from the semi-finals could have an impact on the overall quality of the match.

Simba SC lucky to beat Ruvu Shooting, says Bwire

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe



Ruvu Shooting information officer, Masau Bwire

SIMBA Sports Club was fortunate to emerge victorious against Ruvu Shooting in the Vodacom Premier League clash, which took place in Dar es Salaam on Saturday, according to the Coast Region squad's information officer Masau Bwire.

Bwire felt the game was tough for both sides. Contrary to what the official claimed, Simba secured a comfortable 3-0 win thanks to a brace by Miraji Athuman and one goal by Tyrone Santos.

The Msimbazi Street-based club have reclaimed their top spot in the process in the ongoing league season.

Miraji beautifully flicked header from Shomari Kapombe's cross gave Simba, nicknamed the Msimbazi Reds, the lead on the 37th minute.

Brazilian defender Santos doubled his side's advantage two minutes after the restart, powering home from Francis Kahata's corner kick delivery that was not well dealt by Ruvu Shooting defense.

Miraji grabbed his brace and his sixth goal of the season when

he connected home another good delivery from Kahata 16 minutes from stoppage time.

The results extended Ruvu Shooting's winless run against Simba to 17 games since September 2010 which is a run of 16 losses and one draw.

In a post-match interview, Bwire was left feeling hard done by after the results. He expressed his belief that luck has played a huge part in Simba's latest victory.

"It is true we have lost against Simba. The game was tough for both sides, not just Ruvu Shooting. I don't think they have been much better than us. It's a fortunate result for Simba," Bwire noted.

"Was there any beauty? Did you see any build up in their goals? They scored through counter attacks, I think we matched them in every department but we were unfortunate to lose."

The Coast Region-based side has 72 hours to dust themselves off and regroup for Monday's fierce derby against JKT Tanzania, who also lost their Friday's match against Young Africans (Yanga).

Flexibles by David Chikoko

