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# Samia revokes title deeds for 11 farms

By Guardian Reporter

**P**RESIDENT Samia Suluhu Hassan has revoked title deeds in respect of 11 farms with a total of 24,119 acres in Kilosa District, Morogoro Region, which will be allocated to the people to be used for various activities including farming and livestock keeping.

The president has also endorsed the revival of 49 farms on 45,788.5 acres that were nationalized, but the residents had no certainty of their status to the now dormant farmland, where a huge chunk of the farmland will be allocated to residents in the area for farming purposes.

The president's decision was announced yesterday at Kilosa by the Minister for Lands, Housing and Human Settlements Development, William Lukuvi in meetings with leaders, officials and the people of Kimamba Village in the district as he continues with a tour of the region.

Revocation of the title deeds does not mean that the farms are up for any person to grab without following procedures, the minister cautioned, indicating that a special team has been formed to advise on his the farmland should be utilized.

"We must plan for the correct utilisation of the revoked farms and procedures have to be followed. No one should start grabbing farms," he emphasised.



Ilala legislator Mussa Hassan Zungu (2nd-L, foreground), Chairman of the Parliamentary Foreign Affairs, Defence and Security Committee, leads Home Affairs deputy minister Khamis Hamza Chilo (2nd-R, foreground) and members of the committee on an inspection tour of a Police Quarters construction project in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Photo: Home Affairs ministry

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# WFP nutritional project ending in four districts

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

THE government has appealed to the World Food Programme (WFP) and supporting partners to extend the 'Boresha Lishe' project to another phase and help improve nutrition countrywide.

The Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office (Policy, Parliamentary Affairs, Labour, Employment, Youth and the Disabled), Jenester Mhagama made this appeal following a field visit in programme implementation areas in Chamwino district, Dodoma region. 'Boresha Lishe', a euro13.4m project undertaken by WFP and government agencies, is aimed at improving access to and use of nutritious food by women and children through behaviour change by communication, diversification of food production and distribution of specified nutritious foods in Bahi and Chamwino districts as well as Ikungi and Singida districts in Singida region.

The five-year project launched in 2017 is being finalized this week, having helped to improve the nutrition level in the four districts covered.

The minister expressed satisfaction with the project results, saying it should be extended to other parts of the country since nutrition is one of the main challenges facing Tanzanians.

"From what I have seen and heard it is true that the project has been successful and I humbly request WFP and other partners to see the need to extend it to another phase and reach other regions in the country," she said.

She pointed out that malnutrition is a big problem in Ruvuma, Songwe and Iringa regions despite being major grain producing regions compared to the rest of the country. As the government plans to start the second phase of the nutrition programme, more stakeholders are encouraged to join the efforts through different approaches with the same goal, she stated.

Earlier, briefing the minister on the results of the project, WFP Nutrition Officer Neema Shosho said that minimum dietary diversity in women increased from 17 percent at the time of the baseline survey

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# Treasury is revisiting fiscal policy priorities - minister

By Henry Mwangonde, Dodoma

THE government has lined up a list of priority projects to be implemented in the 2021/22 financial year to stimulate economic growth, service debts and cut revenue wastage.

Finance and Planning minister Dr Mwigulu Nchemba made this remark when presenting budget estimates standing at 2.9trn/-for the ministry, as it will among other things carry out research on government revenue and expenditure systems to identify challenges and propose solutions.

"We will carry out studies on our financial models to identify investment opportunities and new revenue sources," he said.

Other priorities include executing the

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2022 population census, carrying out an analysis of national debt and coordinating strategies on finding soft loans to finance the national budget, he said, noting that the ministry will also develop the banking sector policy to make it more inclusive.

Other priorities include formulating a

Public Private Partnership (PPP) policy implementation strategy and carry out an evaluation of current guidelines on determination and implementation of development projects.

Dr Nchemba said the government has serviced debts amounting 6.84trn/- out of which internal debt was 4.10trn/-, where interest and profits was billed at 2.68trn/-.

Ensuring that there is control of wastage of government revenue needs that the ministry adheres to auditing and evaluating budget plans, he stated.

By late April a total of 24.74trn/- has been issued to fund the budget plan where 7.32trn/- was issued to finance development projects, he asserted, elaborating that the government has conducted verification of debt payments for contractors and compensations in road and airport projects.

By late April a total of 965.1bn/- had been verified and paid to various contractors and service providers, while in the just ending financial year, development partners promised 2.8trn/- and out of the money, 949.32bn/- was in grants and 1.925trn/- in soft loans.

"The government planned to borrow 3,035trn/- from foreign markets loans on a commercial basis but it managed to get 1.683trn/- to fund development projects," he stated.

The government strengthened revenue administration systems, thus collected 16.95trn/- equivalent to 86 percent of the 19.72trn/- target during financial year, he stated.

Local government revenues reached 607.41bn/-, which is 88.5percent of the 686bn/- target in the fiscal plan, he added.



# Remove sanctions on Burundi, govt appeals

By Getrude Mbago, Kigoma

THE government has called on the international community to intervene in appealing to the West to remove all economic sanctions slapped on Burundi to allow the country make economic growth, to serve its people well and facilitating the return home of its refugees.

Sudi Mwakibasi, the Director for Refugee Services in the Ministry of Home Affairs. Made this appeal at a joint press conference he held with ambassadors from Euro-

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pean Union (EU) member states, along with the United Kingdom (UK) and Switzerland.

The envoys made a four-day visit (June 1 to 4) to three refugee camps in Kigoma to see their operations and get a clear picture in regard to various challenges requiring diplomatic action.

The envoys were Peter Van Acker (Belgium), Mette Norgaard Dissing-Spandet (Denmark), Regine Hess (Germany), Didier Chassot (Switzerland) Jeroen Verheul (Netherlands) and David Concar (UK).

During the visit, the envoys met and interacted with refugees in Nduta, Mtendeli and Nyarugusu refugee camps. They met

with local authorities and humanitarian partners working in the region.

He told the envoys that Burundi has already regained peace, so supporting it economically will enable it to support safe and comfortable stay for the returning Burundians.

"Tanzania will stand and raise its voice for the removal of economic sanctions imposed on Burundi because the sanctions are not

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In regard to the 49 farms of 45,788.8 acres being revived, Lukuvi said 30,672.2 acres should be returned to the people, while the rest will be allocated for investors' use.

The people who will be given the farms are those who have no land at all and not given for the purpose of amassing land areas. The land should be given to those in need for income generation, he told gathered officials.

Regional Commissioner Martine Shigela expressed gratitude for the president's move both on title deed revocation and revival of other farms in the district, noting that the region shall work to resolve challenges that could arise during the land allocation exercise.

The RC vowed not to hesitate to take steps against village officials involved in measures that create chaos during the land allocation exercise.

Prof Palamagamba Kabudi, who is Kilosa MP and minister for Justice, also expressed appreciation for the president's move said the decision touches the people of Kilosa and especially Kimamba villagers. He appealed to them to support the president in her efforts to serve the people.

In the current financial year, 123 farms were verified in Kilosa, Mvomero and Morogoro districts out of which the ownership of 24,119 acres was revoked by the president for violating procedures for their development, the minister had indicated.



Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa draws the curtain to inaugurate the construction of a Vocational Training Institute building at Nandagala village in Ruangwa District yesterday. Others include Education, Science and Technology ministry permanent secretary Dr Leonard Akwilaipo and Vocational Education and Training Authority board chairman Peter Mabuki. Photo: PMO

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only affecting Burundians but the entire East African bloc," he said, commending the envoys for visiting the camps to witness how their funds are being spent in serving refugees and the host communities.

The international community needs to continue extending funds in support of refugee operations, as

Tanzania needs such support from development partners to facilitate safe and smooth stay of refugees and asylum seekers, he declared, underlining that the government will continue to keep its door open to genuine and credible asylum seekers and refugees, to uphold the right of international protection and asylum.

The country representative of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), Antonio Jose Canhandula said Tanzania started receiving refugees many years back even before independence and has

remained a peaceful hub to thousands of refugees from various countries.

UNHCR and the international community appreciate the government and people of Tanzania for providing a safe haven for decades for populations forced to flee their countries, he stated.

"UNHCR commends the government for its continued support to hosting the refugees and asylum seekers. We will continue strengthening our relationship with the government to ensure that the needy people stay safely and enjoy their rights," he affirmed.

Refugee operations in the country face a number of challenges which call for the international community to intervene, in particular its continued funding to address the challenges, the representative declared.

"We have challenges in financing for education in the refugee camps,

covering learning and teaching facilities. We are also facing underfunding challenges that thwart provision of health services and other basic services in the camps, so we are calling for more support to address these issues," he stated.

Speaking on behalf of the envoys, Belgian envoy Peter Van Acker commended Tanzania for its hospitality, urging it to continue welcoming all people who are in need.

He also urged the government and UNHCR to ensure that the repatriation of refugees to Burundi remains voluntarily and none should be forced to go back, underscoring that the embassies will continue campaigning and mobilizing resources to support refugee operation in the country.

High Commissioner Concar said the UK has contributed £17.6m of humanitarian aid to the camps since 2017 and will continue extending its

support to meet increasing needs.

Tanzania currently hosts 260,394 refugees and asylum-seekers (as of 30th April 2021), mainly from Burundi and DR Congo. About 85 percent of the refugees live in camps located in the Nduta, Mtendeli, and Nyarugusu camps.

UNHCR works with the government, donors, humanitarian agencies and the development partners to fulfill the agency's core objective - to provide refugees, asylum seekers, and other people of concern with international protection to await durable solutions.

Guided by the Refugee Coordination Model, the UN refugee agency coordinates the efficient delivery of services to maximize the impact of scarce resources and bring in all technical expertise to bear on the welfare of refugees, the representative added.

## Ministry vows to cooperate with human rights activists

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

THE Constitutional and Legal Affairs ministry has vowed to cooperate with human right defenders to ensure people's and human right are protected as it has been established in the constitution and Chama cha Mpinduzi (CCM) 2020 election manifesto.

Speaking during an engagement meeting with Human Right Defenders yesterday in Dodoma, the Minister of the docket, Professor Palamagamba Kabudi told the defenders that the government is ready to cooperate by improving the human rights institutional system.

Kabudi said the existence of The Commission for Human Rights and Good Governance (CHRAGG) which also performs as a national human right institution is a vivid example that the government of Tanzania cares much about human and people's rights.

"We are in the front line when it comes to the issue of human right, the government of Tanzania is aware that a better legal system could help the implementation of what has been hypothesized in our constitution" he insisted.

Prof. Kabudi also said the government work tirelessly to ensure various CSOs like Legal and Human Rights Center (LHRC) as well as hundreds of Paralegals and THRDC's members in the country provide legal aid services to people facing challenges in accessing legal assistance in conducive environment.

He also noted the contribution of CSOs, he called them to participate in implantation of Global Sustainable Development in which the Ministry supervises goal number 16 that devoted to enhancing peace, justice and strong institutions.

"Also Government submitted its voluntary report on the imple-

mentation of the Goals number 4, 8,10,13,16 and 17 in July to the UN General Assembly. The report showed the contribution of CSO in implementing those goals about education, employment and economic development," he noted.

Early during the introduction, the National Coordinator of Tanzania Human Right Defenders Coalition (THRDC) Onesmo Ole Ngurumwa told the minister that the current status of state cooperation, engagement and support where the government and CSOs have worked together, reveals some concerns in the relationship including misinterpretation of the work of human rights defenders including associating them with political movements.

"That problem affects many human right defenders, in Tanzania whoever dealing with human right activities should be associated with a political party, that is not true, and it has deteriorated the human right movements," He expressed.

He also told the minister that, the government is yet to ratify several important international conventions including UN Declaration on Human Rights Defenders of 1998, and the Protocol to the African Charter on Human and People's Rights, on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in Africa that would ensure the promotion of basic rights for the persons with disabilities and related matters.

Ole Ngurumwa also hinted at challenges that hinder access to justice include the shortage of judicial staff. According to information, there is a shortage of 4,404 workers in the Judiciary, which equals to 42.5 percent delays in granting copies of judgments; and, delays in conducting police investigations and constant adjournment of cases.



Tanzania Revenue Authority supervisor Joel Lema (R) pictured yesterday sensitising Kasulu District traders as part of the ongoing countrywide taxpayer education campaign. Photo courtesy of TRA

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to 49 percent in 2020, as minimum acceptable diet (MAD) for children aged six months to two years has increased from three percent at baseline moment to 35 percent last year. On the other hand, over 130,000 expectant and lactating mothers and children under two years received nutritious foods and exposed to education on health and nutrition in around 40 health facilities. At least 40,664 women and men were reached with nutrition messages and

counselling through village level care groups, with 56 community health assistants from the health facilities being trained on nutrition demands for maternal, infant, young children and adolescents, along with nutrition monitoring and evaluation.

"During the period 278 village community banks (VICOBA) were set up and 75 shallow wells dug in 124 villages, facilitating loans and a source of water for horticulture activities," the officer noted. At the same time 29,333 kitchen gardens and 48

community gardens were created, while 41,000 toilet slabs and 21,731 tippy taps were installed, thus improving wash and hygiene practices for the beneficiaries. Capacity strengthening on coordination, budgeting, monitoring and implementation of nutrition activities was progressively provided to the four districts through district multisectoral nutrition steering committees set up during the programme. WFP Head of Programme, Alessia Decaterina, thanked the government for close cooperation throughout the

project period. "The realized success is due to government commitment and cooperation at different levels," she said, urging that this spirit should be maintained. The project objective was to distribute specialized nutritious foods to pregnant and lactating women and children under two years of age, as well as to improve knowledge and technical capacity of health facility staff, community health workers and district-level staff, she elaborated. Others objectives were to improve knowledge,

attitudes and practices of caretakers regarding nutrition and water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) practices and services at the household and community levels. It was also aimed at supporting the production of diverse crops, small-scale livestock and dietary diversity, establish community-managed savings and loan groups as well as improve and strengthen data management capacity. The project sought to strengthen multi-sector coordination and implementation of nutrition-specific and sensitive

interventions with the main beneficiaries in the programme being expectant and lactating mothers, children under the age of two, households with minimal assets, female-headed households and households with dependents who are non-productive. In line with the Sustainable Development Goal 2, the overall objective of 'Boresha Lishe' was to improve food and nutrition security and ultimately contribute to reducing all forms of malnutrition in Tanzania, the programme facilitator added.



Dr Mark Mseti, medicine director with the Dar es Salaam-based Ocean Road Cancer Institute, speaks at a Cancer Heroes ceremony held in the city at the weekend. Left is Shujaa Cancer Foundation managing director Gloria Kida. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## World Bank reiterates commitment to continue supporting education sector

By Henry Mwangonde, Dodoma

THE World Bank has reiterated its commitment to continue supporting Tanzania's education sector through funding and resource allocation to facilitate quality education which will be accessible for all.

The commitment was given here yesterday by the Executive Director for the World Bank's Africa Group One Constituency, Dr Taufila Nyamadzabo saying they will ensure the quality of education is attained.

"What matters is not the amount we have given to support the sector but the output of the funding which is the quality education which is affordable that is why we are following up to see the implementation progress" said after the meeting with officials from the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology.

He said the quality of education is their key target as he promised for continued support to enhance the infrastructures.

Dr Nyamadzabo said they will ensure timely disbursement as they will keep on monitoring to ensure the facilities are used properly thus making the education sector accessible for all.

Speaking during the event, Prof Joyce Ndalichako said the education sector is among scores which have benefitted from the World Bank Support to improve the quality of education at all levels.

"We have improved the teaching and learning environment at all levels of education, the government recognizes world bank support as we have im-

proved our services delivery immensely, particularly increasing access to quality education" said Prof Ndalichako.

During the meeting which was also attended by the Minister of State in the President's Office, Regional Administration and Local Government Minister, Ummu Mwalimu.

Prof Ndalichako mentioned some of the world bank supported projects and programmes including the Education Programme for Results amounting 515 US million dollars aimed at improving students learning outcomes at primary and lower secondary education levels.

Another project is Secondary Education Quality Improvement Programme (SEQUIP) to increase access to secondary education, provide a responsive learning environment for girls and improve completion of quality education for girls and boys.

Under the programme, Prof Ndalichako said it will cater for construction of 26 modern secondary schools, each will accommodate 1,500 girls students majoring in science combination, the schools will be built in each region in the Mainland.

The World Bank also supports the School Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Project to increase access to rural water supply and sanitation services in 86 districts in 17 regions and strengthen the capacity of selected sector institutions to sustain service delivery.

Through the project, she said, 9,712 drop holes, 911 water tanks and hand washing facilities in 602 primary schools have been constructed to improve sanitation and hygiene facilities.

## Prof Mkenda calls on TFRA to attract more investors into fertiliser production

By Guardian Reporter

MINISTER for Agriculture Prof Adolf Mkenda yesterday tasked the Tanzania Fertiliser Regulatory Authority (TFRA) to come up with a new strategy for the establishment of new fertiliser factories, in order to increase the production of farm inputs in the

country.

Prof Mkenda made the directives when he visited TFRA offices in Dar es Salaam and his one-day working visit was aimed at seeing the authority's performance and availability of fertiliser in the country.

According to a statement issued by the Ministry of Ag-

riculture, Prof Mkenda held a working session with TFRA officials and the event was attended by the ministry's Permanent Secretary Andrew Massawe.

Prof Mkenda said that the TFRA board and management have a major role to play in ensuring that local fertiliser production is given

priority.

He said that in addition to the establishment of new factories it helps fertilizer to be available easily, and cheaply so that every farmer will be able to buy and use it, a step that will increase the production of quality products.

The minister also instructed the TFRA to develop a

strategy on how best to increase investment in the country.

"As that will be the real solution in ensuring the reduction of prices for various farm inputs including fertilizers," Prof Mkenda said, directing TFRA staff to increase control over fertilizer quality, especially in upcountry regions

with high fertilizer use.

PS Massawe also promised that he would ensure that the private sector involved in fertilizer production help farmers in the country so that they get fertilizer on time and cheaply.

He however commended efforts made by TFRA to make the agricultural sector

contribute positively to food, nutrition, and income for the people in the country.

It is estimated that that over ninety percent of fertilizer consumed in the Tanzania is imported and less ten percent is domestically manufactured by fifteen (15) fertilizer and fertilizer supplements manufacturers.

## TAWA licenses 31 game meat butcheries so far

By Guardian Correspondent, Morogoro

TANZANIA Wildlife Authority (TAWA) has so far sanctioned the opening of 31 game meat butcheries countrywide, 50 per cent of them were operating while the rest couldn't due to lack of game meat.

The remarks were made here at the weekend by TAWA acting Conservation Commissioner Mabula Misungwi when addressing reporters, saying that Tanzanians opened the butcheries on understanding of readily getting game meat for sale like it is for cow's and goat's meat.

"The availability of game meat is different to ordinary meat because game meat is obtained from hunters of wild life. Sometimes the hunters fail to make kills," he said.

Misungwi said so far only eight

game meat butcheries were operating after connecting owners thereof with hunters and educating them on game meat issues, its availability and how to get regular game meat supply.

He however called upon the people including owners of the butcheries to establish ranches for keeping wildlife which they can harvest game meat according to their needs, else they will continue to face game meat shortage.

Misungwi further said they have already started 28 animals' zoos in the country that will assist butcheries owners and other people to get regular supply of game meat.

He said an investor for animals' zoo should obtain a block for hunting the animals whereas the 28 zoos have been allocated to woo invest-

ment through tourist hunting business.


He named some of the zoos as including Selous GR MTL of 305 square km in the Julius Nyerere National Park; the 996 square km Rungwe River located near Rungwe National Park and Piti OA W in Chunya District, Mbeya Region.

He named others as Kizigo GR (E) Kizigo Game Reserve in Singida Region; the 3,088 sq km Lwafi-Nkamba GR in Lwafi Game Reserve in Rukwa Region.

He thanked the government for developing investments in Selous Reserve area, where work on the Julius Nyerere Hydro Power Project (JNHPP) was in progress, saying the investment will woo tourists as well as increasing tourism hunting activities.



Young Scientists Tanzania co-founder Dr Gozibert Kamugisha (C) briefs journalists in Dar es Salaam at the weekend on plans to hold YST exhibitions in 25 regions later this year, with some 300 science projects showcased. Others include incoming Shell Tanzania vice president and country chair Jared Kuehl (2nd-L) and Karimjee Jivanjee Foundation chairman Yusuph Karimjee (2nd-R). Photo: YST



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Moshi mayor Juma Raibu (2nd-L) cuts ribbon in the municipality at the weekend to launch a shop for the supply of D. Light solar energy equipment. With him are D. Light Africa chief operations officer Jacob Okoth (L), director Charles Natai (2nd-R) and the head of sales and distribution in Tanzania, Hamis Mruta. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## District sets aside 5.4 billion/- gender programme awareness

By Correspondent Michael Sikapundwa, Ikungi

IKUNGI District Council in Singida Region has allocated 5.4bn/- for the gender equality programme through empowering women and adolescent girls in short and long entrepreneurship courses.

The courses include cookery, tailoring, life skills and horticulture through drip irrigation technology.

The three-year (2020-2023) programme in Ikungi has already spent USD 900,000 funded by South Korea International Co-operation Agency (KOICA) with United Nations Populations Fund (UNFPA) and United Nations Women partnerships have increased women's income from their entrepreneurship activities that also produced trainers for others on the issue of equal rights of assets ownership in the community.

Sophia Rajabu, one of the project's beneficiaries, said after being trained in new technology in horticulture in value chain, she has managed to increase her sunflower harvests from five to 24 bags.

"I congratulate officials in Ikungi for their technical and moral support towards our farming activities, and I promise to share same skills with my colleagues who couldn't attend new technology classes in horticulture value chain," she said.

Ikungi's District Executive Director, Justice Kijazi visited four villages that benefited from the project - Kipumbuiko, Mnung'una, Irisya and Munyu, accom-

panied by UNFPA's Country Representative Warren Bright and UN-Women Tsitsi Matope.

He said apart from supporting them in entrepreneurship skills, the efforts towards the completion of three-year project was at final stages due officials working tirelessly to engage local communities on land demarcation process, which is part of efforts to strengthen the land security system and increase women's land ownership.

He added that through the tripartite agreement between KOICA, UNFPA and UN Women, he hopes their unique combination of efforts will support the women and girls' social and economic empowerment to acquire title deeds for land to enable them engage more in productive work in the agricultural sector



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## HESLB and RITA seal pact to improve loan application process

By Correspondent Theresia Victor

THE Higher Education Students Loans Board (HESLB) yesterday signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Registration, Insolvency, and Trusteeship Agency (RITA) to work together on the verification of certificates for students applying for loans.

Speaking yesterday soon after signing the pact, HESLB ex-

ecutive director Abdul-Razaq Badru said that applicants' birth or death certificates will be verified by RITA first before the applicants allowed to apply for loans.

"In this agreement, we'll work together in making sure applicants' certificates are being verified and certified before the loans application window is opened," said Badru.

He further noted that RITA

and HESLB have been working together since August last year and yesterday were making it official

According to him, the applicants should not wait until the deadline to start verifying their certificate, rather they should do it whenever they have a chance as the loan process directory for the year 2021/2022 will be available on the HESLB website in both

language Swahili and English, he explained.

"I urge the students to carefully read all the instructions given before applying once the application window has been opened from July 1st to August this year," he said, adding: "We'll open the loan applications for two months so that all the students/applicants are able to apply in higher volume."

"We're preparing to go

and visit all the students that have been selected to join the National Service training in the country so that we inform them on what is needed when applying for the loans."

Badru further noted that a total of 149,472 students have been allocated with loans worth 464bn/and the government has already allocated 395bn/- for the next fiscal year. According to him, HESLB

has already collected 168bn/- out of 190bn/- which was required to be collected in the 2020/2021 financial year.

RITA Acting Chief Executive Emmy Hudson said that the verification will be done online through the RITA website.

"Students need to verify their certificate on time so that even minor mistakes will be clarified and they will still

be able to apply for loans as no one will be able to apply on the loans board without being certified by us," she noted, urging students to send their certificates with clarity and making sure all the details are seen so that we can work on them as soon as possible because once we receive the request we take maximum three days to work on it and send the feedback to the applicants

## KADCO in new campaign to make KIA green again

By Guardian Reporter, Hai

THE Kilimanjaro Airports Development Company (KADCO) has embarked on a campaign to combat drought and make Kilimanjaro International Airport (KIA) and neighbouring villages green.

The campaign involves villages that are within the 110-square-kilometer of the air-

port.

KADCO acting managing director, Christine Mwakatobe unveiled this here yesterday when speaking during the commemoration of this year's World Environment Day and the launch of the campaign.

Mwakatobe said tree planting is one of the strategies to change the outlook of the airport facility.

"This will not only conserve the environment but could also be an economic opportunity and means address climate change," she said.

"In most cases, KIA is dry, a situation which is slightly different from other parts of Moshi and Arusha. That's why we're stepping in to plant more trees as possible and our plan is to plant 1,500 trees by this year," the official said.

"Tree planting is sustainable, and every year we will be planting more trees and do an evaluation on how many trees we planted and how many trees survived so that at the end of the day, we know the campaign succeeded. But, I'm we'll achieve this goal of ensuring that KIA becomes green," Mwakatobe stressed.

She however emphasized that the tree

planting has great results, because they are not far from Mount Kilimanjaro, and that is why they have called themselves Kilimanjaro International Airport.

"We will make a significant contribution to ensure that we restore the snow on Mount Kilimanjaro," KADCO official stressed.

KADCO Environmental Officer, Gasper Chovela, said that each year they produce more than 100,000 seedlings, and 50,000 seedlings are distributed in the community around the airport and the rest are planted within KIA.

"As this year's theme says, 'Ecosystem restoration' we're mandated to scale up environmental education to villagers around us and we're also encouraging the villagers to set up their own tree gardens," Chovela said. "The areas around us and we have put in place trees to deal with drought are KIA, Rundugai, Maroroni, and Majengo wards, and they have set up a meeting to discuss the issue in good neighborhoods and provide them with environmental training," he said.

KADCO director of finance and services, Mary Kimambo, said the trees being planted in the country are now economically productive, citing one mature tree that can absorb about 150 kilograms of carbon dioxide per year and thus help reduce heat on the earth surface and also help improve human physical and mental health.



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PricewaterCoopers Limited (PwC) invites eligible candidates to indicate their interest to provide individual consultancy Services as a **Sector Mapping Specialist** to the Field Support Services Project (FSSP) Tanzania.

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- Master's degree in relevant discipline, such as finance, economics or development, from a recognized University.
- Five (5) years of professional work experience in the international development sector in Tanzania.
- Five (5) years of professional experience in working with Development Partners.
- Five (5) years of professional work experience on inclusive growth and women's economic empowerment.
- Previous experience conducting similar scoping studies, preferably in the areas of economic growth, inclusive growth and / or women's economic empowerment.
- Experience working with stakeholders from Non-Government Organizations and Government

In addition to the key qualifications above, the incumbent is also expected to demonstrate the following skills and competencies:

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- Knowledge of national context for economic growth in Tanzania, including an understanding of relevant policies, priorities and programs of key institutions and development partners.
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- Knowledge of gender equality policy priorities and processes in Tanzania.

Interested individual candidates may obtain detailed description of these services by sending a request email to [procurement@fssptz.org](mailto:procurement@fssptz.org). Requests for further information will be received up to three working days prior to the submission deadline. Any request received later than that may not be responded to.

Interested candidates should send their Expressions of Interest (EoIs) ONLY electronically to [procurement@fssptz.org](mailto:procurement@fssptz.org) not later than **20th June 2021 at 23:59 hours**. Late Expressions of Interest shall not be accepted for evaluation, irrespective of the circumstances.

FSSP Manager

# Morogoro Region rice growers turn to improved varieties to raise production

By Guardian Correspondent, Morogoro

RICE growers in Morogoro Region are no longer using traditional seeds and instead, they use improved seed varieties, which have proved to be productive.

They said when using tradition seeds production of rice was at an average of five bags per acre, but now they harvest between 16 and 28 bags per acre. Good enough farmers are trained on how to grow improved seeds.

Chairman of the Itete rice irrigation scheme in Malinyi District, Aziz Mapend revealed this over the weekend when speaking at the training on how to produce improved rice seeds.

He said the production had increased for large and small-scale farmers in other schemes like Mvumi in Kilosa District and Dakawa in Mvomero District, noting that rice production has increased for low-income farmers from eight to 16 bags and higher farmers from 8 to 28 bags after adopting modern rice farming.

He said prior to the training, many farmers in the schemes were using traditional and low-quality seeds in the production of rice

crops, leading to an average yield of five to eight.

“Many farmers have been using traditional seeds that produce between five and six bags, but after training on quality seed production they have increased production to 16 to 28 bags per acre.

The administrative secretary in charge of economy and planning, Dr Rozaria Rwegasila described rice as the major food crop to be produced in Morogoro Region and the second is sugarcane.

He said that training on the production of quality rice seeds developed by the African Institute for Capacity Development (AICAD) will be able to increase the production of the crop and reduce costs for farmers to buy quality seeds produced from abroad.

He urged AICAD to look into ways to provide similar training for the production of quality rice seeds to other farmers from 40 schemes in the Morogoro Region so that they can eliminate the use of conventional seeds.

Speaking at the training, the Resident Director of the AICAD in Tanzania, Prof Bendantunguka Tiisekwa, said despite Tanzania producing the crop in the country the

production of quality seeds of the crop is still at 27 percent.

Prof Tiisekwa said currently the demand for quality seeds of the rice crop per year is 186,000 tonnes while the current production is 50,000 tonnes per year which also leads to poor production of the crop.

Due to the demand for quality rice seeds in the country, AICAD has started training farmers to produce quality rice seeds.

Prof Tiisekwa, said the aim of the training for farmers is based on studies showing that the use of quality seeds contributes about 50 percent increase in productivity and is one of the catalysts and tools to increase yields in bulk.

The training which involved 30 farmers from the schemes for rice production in Morogoro Region will later train farmers to produce better seeds and help Tanzania to avoid the use of seeds from abroad.

AICAD Tanzania Programme Officer, Florence Rugimbana, said the training will be provided jointly by local trainers from industry institutions, especially the Sokoine University of Agriculture (SUA) Tanzania Seed Quality Control Institute (TOSCI) and the Tanzania Agriculture (TARI).



Barrick-Buzwagi Gold Mine workers plant mango trees on the firm's premises at the weekend in marking World Environment Day. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

# Dar marks global road safety week

By Guardian Correspondent

THE Automobile Association of Tanzania (AAT) in collaboration with Federation International de Automobile (FIA) marked the sixth UN Global Road Safety week in Dar es Salaam yesterday.

The event was held at Olympio Primary School with National Traffic Police Commander SACP Wilbrod Mutafungwa presiding over the function.

AAT president Nizar Jivani thanked SACP Mutafungwa for the gravity of cooperation he has shown. The objective of marking the week as confirmed by AAT president is to maintain road safety through minimizing speed at the roads passing close to schools, hospitals, play grounds and public buildings with high concentration of pedestrians.

“School children are our future and it is very important for us all to establish Road Safety measures in order to save lives and understand the importance and create atmosphere for safe journey to and from school.

In the past AAT in collaboration with Tanzania Traffic Police Education Unit, Regional Commissioner's office have organised a number of road safety projects to minimize fatalities and save lives as per UN Resolution 2010 - 2030. Some of the projects included free training in riding to 5,000 Boda Boda riders,

AAT in collaboration with FIA donated 850 crash helmets which are UN homologated and TBS approved, trained Boda Boda riders on importance of wearing crash helmets.

AAT/ FIA/ Michelin have trained 985 drivers for trucks, buses, ambulance, school buses, UDART, buses, government hospital ambulances drivers including public & private companies on defensive driving comprising of new laws/signs, first aid & fire rescue.

AAT's chief executive officer Yusuf Ghor said the project is held worldwide between 17th - 23rd May to mark and emphasize on various road safety activities in reducing fatality.

He said this year's theme is streets for life that focuses on 30km/hr limited speed.

“We are requesting the National Traffic Police Commander who is The Executive Secretary of National Road Safety Council to look on this important execution and focus on speed 30km/hr near schools, hospital, public places etc” said AAT CEO.

Some of schools are on main road and it endanger children life by crossing the road total petition sign are 2,503 from 9 schools based in Ilala District, Olympio Primary School, Diamond Primary School, Meadows Academy, First Year Academy, Muhimbili Primary School, Umoja wa Mataifa Primary School, Tambaza Secondary School, Azania Secondary School and Jangwani Secondary.

The 30 kilometre per hour speed is at least believed to be less fatal and can possibly lead to minor injuries rather than instant death for injured pedestrian.

The chairman for Ilala District BodaBoda drivers Philipo Lucas had a short address which thanked AAT for road safety initiatives that included training of Bodaboda op-

erators and donation of high quality safety helmets. He presented a request to Mutafungwa that the government should ensure all imported crash helmets should be of high quality and not brittle. He said this will ensure safety conditions are adhered to.

The Boda Boda official declared that the speed limit of 30 km per hour when passing close to schools, hospital, and wherever there is high density of pedestrians is accepted. The regulation has a support of the entire Boda Boda fraternity throughout the country.

When Mutafungwa took to the stage he said it gives him great pleasure to attend the function to mark the 6th UN Global Road Safety week activity pertaining to streets for life focus on speed 30km/hr.

Traffic Police HQ is also very grateful to Automobile Association of Tanzania (AAT) and Federation International de Automobile (FIA) for organising the function and other joint road safety projects in collaboration with Tanzania Traffic Police Education Unit and Regional Commissioner's Office.

He said the petitions on reducing of speed and erection of 30km/hr speed limit near schools/hospitals and other public areas will hopefully be worked out with the government department concern.

National Road Safety Council will also work closely on question of crash helmet standard raised by Boda Boda official.

Mutafungwa went on to underline the need for all stakeholders in road safety to cooperate in dissemination training and safety awareness education.



## INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – PREQUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS FOR PROVISION OF VARIOUS SERVICES TO BE PROCURED BY GEITA GOLD MINING LIMITED (GGML), TANZANIA

### I. INTRODUCTION

Geita Gold Mining Limited (“The Company”) an AngloGold Ashanti’s (“AGA”) asset is located in north western Tanzania, in the Lake Victoria goldfields of the Geita region, about 5km from Geita town.

The Company is in the process of procuring various Service and is, therefore, inviting interested eligible service providers to submit Expression of Interest for the provision of the below service.

### Scope of work:

REFERENCE NUMBER	SERVICE DESCRIPTION
GGME01216	PURCHASE RH170 MAJOR COMPONENTS- ADDITIONAL

### 1. INFORMATION REQUIRED

PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS	10%
<b>COMMERCIAL</b>	
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Copy of TIN Certificate of Firm/company and VRN	1.25%
Copy of Current Business Permit/Trade license.	1.25%
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List of Directors	1.25%
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<b>FINANCIAL POSITION &amp; TERMS OF TRADE</b>	
Audited & certified financial statements (2018-2019)	2.5%
At least 2 references from the applicant's bankers regarding supplier's credit position	2.5%
<b>SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS</b>	
OSHA Compliance Certificate	1.25%
Environment Compliance Certificate	1.25%
Workers Compensation Fund Certificate/ any proof of compliance	1.25%
Safety and Environmental Policies	1.25%
<b>PAST EXPERIENCE</b>	
At least 3 names of the applicant's clients, value and duration of the contracts entered into with the clients in the past two years (must be listed)	1.25%
Signed contracts/LPOs (proof of the above)	1.25%
Acceptance certificates/completion certificates (proof of the above) where applicable	1.25%
Provide at least 3 recommendation letters from different clients	1.25%
<b>TECHNICAL CRITERIA</b>	
Warranty Terms	20
Dealership of CAT Parts	15
Ability to supply CAT Parts	40
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>

Interested bidders must submit their expression Letters of Interest (“LOI”) by quoting the **SERVICE DESCRIPTION AND REFERENCE NUMBER** of the service they intend to express interest on **THE SUBJECT OF THE EMAIL** together with supporting information to GGML, which states the full name, address, telephone and e-mail address of the bidder, name of the principal contact, and signed by an authorized representative. The LOI must outline a statement of firm capability to provide the relevant Services, including similar contracts undertaken over the past three years. All LOIs and support documentation must be received by the GGML Office via e-mail at [geita.eoi@anglogoldashanti.com](mailto:geita.eoi@anglogoldashanti.com) not later than 0830 A.M 16<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2021 (the “LOI” Submission Deadline). EOI submissions should not exceed 10MB per email. In case the size of the email exceeds 10MB, please split the submissions into more than one email.

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Saitoti Kitasho (R), chairman of Ilaramatak herders group based at Mitimirefu in Siha District, pictured at a meeting held at the village on Sunday elaborating on their decision to seek loans from financial institutions to increase their capital. Photo: Godfrey Mushi

## Invest in food safety and reap more, Tanzanians counselled

By correspondent Felix Andrew

TANZANIANS particularly producers in the food value chain have been urged to team up and invest in food safety today to harvest future rewards.

Speaking in Dar es Salaam over the weekend Mary Ottaru, the Standards Officer at Tanzania Bureau of Standards (TBS) said that more efforts are still needed to ensure safe food production in order to improve economic opportunities through market access and productivity as well as minimizing environmental damage.

She was speaking ahead of the World Food Safety Day which is celebrated on 7th June every year.

This year's theme, 'Safe food today for a healthy tomorrow', stresses that production and consumption of safe food has immediate and long term benefits for people, the planet and the economy.

She said that food safety is a shared responsibility between governments, producers and consumers. Everyone has a role to play from farm to table to ensure the food we consume is safe and healthy.

The government has put enabling environment to implement this assignment including establishment of policy, acts, principles and regulations, improving food markets to

ensure that the issue of food safety is strictly followed in the whole chain.

Narrating she said the government through TBS plays a major role to ensure food is safe through development of science-based food standards which addresses all food related issues such as contaminants, hygienic practices, additives and labeling. Apart from standards, she said that the watchdog has a role of conducting market surveillance, inspection and testing of food products, to see whether food sold meet the requirements of safety and quality.

"Inspection and testing are conducted to ensure that all food available in the market are of desired safety and quality," she said.

She said another role is training and awareness of all food stakeholders on food safety practices.

We have a training section at our organization which provides adequate training and awareness on various issues including food safety to all food stakeholders, she said.

She said that the public awareness campaign is sustainable and has been conducted across the entire country.

Moreover, she said agriculture and food producers have a role of making sure that they produce food products which meet the desired quality and safety through adopting good practices along the supply chain.

## New president of African Court of Human rights will restore Tanzania's membership, say activists

By Alima Nkwong

LEGAL and human rights stakeholders have said that the newly appointed president of the African Court of Human rights and people will help restore Tanzania membership to the court.

Justice Imani Daudi Aboud, recently elected in Arusha city becomes the 6th president, replacing her predecessor Judge Sylvain Ore.

Airing their views the Director of the Legal and Human Rights Center (LHRC), Anna

Henga said she is so happy to see a woman at the top of this legal entity adding that Tanzania is proud of her as she ascends to that position as the first female president of that court from Tanzania.

Henga also expressed hopes that the president of the court will succeed in convincing the government to reconsider joining the court by making them understand how important the court is to the nation and its citizens.

"Though she does not have the mandate to make sure Tan-

zania is joining again but she can advise, for is one of the best courts for administration of justice," she intoned.

She pointed out that Tanzanians have issues to address to the court but because of Tanzania withdrawal from article 34(6) of the African Charter's Protocol, clients have to go through complicated procedures so as to reach the court.

"If a person wants to go straight to the court right now, I fear he cannot do that because she will have to use another mechanism. Of the same court,

there are committees through which you can access the court and these committees are available in Banjul, Gambia or you can use a very competent advocate or NGO to help you out," she lamented.

On her part the Executive Director of Tanzania Women Lawyers Association (TAWLA) Tike Mwambipile, said that she is happy for her and that as a woman in that position much is expected from her. Adding that, at one point in time Tanzania thought of completely coming out of the court but

she hopes that her coming on board will be able to rebuild that trust.

"I believe that she will renegotiate with the government of Tanzania for us to resume our membership especially as we are in Africa we need to be part of those kind of structures," she said.

Mwambipile also said she expects her to run the court smoothly and speedup procedures involved in finalizing cases in the court compared to the previous times.

The Director of Tanzania

Human Rights Defenders Coalition (THRDO) Onesmo Olen-gurumwa said that he wants to believe that Tanzania will take this as an opportunity to strengthen her relationship with the court and allow citizens and Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) to access the court by resigning the article 34(6) of the African Charter's protocol which she withdrew from last year.

Adding that if Tanzania reconsider joining the court it will be of huge benefit to its citizens and NGOs as this will

give them more avenues to access justice.

"By so doing, the government will enable citizens and NGOs to challenge some of the issues which they feel are not doing well here in Tanzania to go and address it to the court directly," he said.

He also said that this will permit Tanzania to gain respect at the national as well as at the international level, because it does not reflect a good image to the country for hosting a court of which individuals cannot access.

## Tanesco rewards man 500,000/- for catching thieves of firm's property

By Correspondent Michael Sikapundwa, Morogoro

TANZANIA Electric Supply Company Limited (TANESCO) has rewarded 500,000/- to a man (name withheld) of Makunganya area in Mvomero District, Morogoro Region as a reward after identifying two suspects who are claimed to have vandalized properties of the state-run utility firm.

TANESCO Acting Morogoro Regional Manager, Eng William Masome told this paper recently that the suspects had stolen 15 polymeric insulators and its bolts worth over 2m/- from the 33kv transmission line with a 15MW – a gov-

ernment-funded project worth 2bn/-.

He named the suspects as Richard Peason and Richard Michael, saying these good citizens assisted TANESCO to keep going on with the transmission line project from Msamvu sub-station in Morogoro Region to Mvomero District earmarked to connect reliable power to Mtibwa sugar factory.

"The incident happened last week around 7 pm, just half an hour after our technicians left the site, the suspects came impersonating as TANESCO staff and managed to remove the polymeric insulators from 5 power posts. In the middle of questioning by the

good citizen, the suspects ran away leaving behind their vehicle with registration no T.982 ATP, a Toyota Corolla," Masome said.

In addition to the 500,000/- reward, Masome pointed to the Specific Task Employees (STE) whom he said TANESCO has been engaging in special assignments and after completion they became familiar with all installation skills.

"The suspects are among the STEs who were fired over fake certificates for having been employed in some other project before because we found them with electrical equipment which simplified the theft as persons without

such skills cannot steal the pieces of infrastructures from high tension cables," he added.

He warned STEs and others to immediately stop stealing TANESCO's property saying since the firm has engaged the community through Radio, TV and seminars on the economic and other benefits of electric energy, they have become aware of the infrastructures importance.

"No one will be safe for any kind of crime related with electrical equipment because TANESCO has already increased its agents within the community who guard our property," he added.



Tigo managing director Simon Karikari plants a World Environment Day commemorative tree in Hai District as part of the ongoing Tigo Green for Kilii Project. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

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### NOTICE OF THE 36TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the 36<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of **Swissport Tanzania Plc**, in respect of the year ended **31<sup>st</sup> December 2020**, will be held virtually on Tuesday, **29<sup>th</sup> June 2021** at **14:00 hours**.

#### AGENDA:

1. Notice and Quorum
2. Confirmation of the Agenda
3. Confirmation of the minutes of the 35<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting
4. To discuss matters arising from the previous meeting
5. To receive, consider and adopt the Directors' Report, Auditor's Report and Audited Financial Statements for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020
6. Appropriation of Profits
7. To fix directors' remuneration
8. Appointment of External Auditors for the financial year 2021
9. Any other business

#### NOTES

1. A member who intends to attend the meeting must register by submission of a copy of his/her share certificate together with his/her personal identification (Passport, National ID or Driving Licence) to [info@cadsecurities.com](mailto:info@cadsecurities.com). Registration will be closed at **16:00 hours on Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> June 2021**. Login credentials will be emailed to individual shareholders after successful registration.
2. A member entitled to attend and vote at the meeting is entitled to appoint a **PROXY** to attend and vote on his/her behalf in accordance with the provisions of the Articles and of Association of the Company.
3. A proxy form and identification of the proxy must be deposited at the registered office of the Company or emailed to [info@cadsecurities.com](mailto:info@cadsecurities.com) before registration is closed at **16:00 hours on Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> June 2021**.
4. For clarifications please call on **+255 777 787845** or **+255 742 691 550**

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

Dated at Dar es Salaam this 8<sup>th</sup> day of June 2021

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# Ruvuma farmers encouraged to grow avocado as cash crop

By Guardian Correspondent, Songea

IN a bid to introduce a third cash crop in Ruvuma Region Lusitu Agro-Business and the Southern Agricultural Growth Corridor of Tanzania (SAGCOT) are encouraging Ruvuma farmers to adopt avocado as a third cash crop along maize and beans.

Talking to agriculture reporters here, the Managing Director of Lusitu Agro-Business Company, Beno Mgaya, said the thrust of the joint move is to ensure initially the region has 2,500 avocado growers to allow sustainable exports to European markets. He said the crop has ready local and foreign markets, confidently insisting that Tanzanice and Pro-Organic companies will buy the entire avocado put on the market for export.

He said 2,500 avocado growers will be trained in the region to ensure they have the opportunity to access the market. Ten farmer groups with a total of 200 farmers have received orientation on commercial avocado farming, he said, adding

that the response is encouraging.

"Our research and soil tests show that this crop can be grown throughout the region. Soil in all the districts has nutrients that support profitable farming of the crop. Based on these scientific findings, we are appealing to farmers to seize this opportunity to transform their lives and the economy of the region," he appealed. Institutions of all brands should come forward and support this move to boost the region's economy, he pleaded.

Mgaya said to promote appropriate avocado crop husbandry, farmers have to pay 105,000/- to meet costs for education, farm preparation, soil tests, seedling nurturing and proper planting of 100 seedlings in an acre. "These are minimum costs to allow farmers to be part of this special project. It is a challenge to the country as a whole because it is a high-value crop and it will become a serious avocado growers," he said.

Mgaya explained that the strategy is to have 2,500 reliable and efficient avocado growers in the re-

gion that will form a solid base for sustainable business. He said once that base is in place, buyers who include Tanzanice will establish buying and packaging centres to allow the fruits to be flown to European markets.

"There is a ready market for these fruits. Tanzanice and Pro-Organic will buy the avocado because they have secure European markets," he assured adding that sustained exports to Europe and elsewhere will make Tanzania and Ruvuma region known to and respected by international avocado buyers.

Sagcot Chief Executive Officer Geoffrey Kirenga pledged sustained cooperation with the pioneer company because, he said, with good supervision avocado farming is bound to be Ruvuma Region's good third cash crop.

"We shall work closely with them. Avocado has the potential to become a good export crop for Tanzania," he commented, adding that such a move calls for support from all institutions in the agriculture sector.



Bonamax Mbasa, projects director with the state-run Institute of Rural Development Planning, displays a pumpkin and orange-fleshed sweet potatoes he had just harvested from a demonstration farm. IRDP is collaborating with UNDP in implementing a special project meant to empower farmers in Lake Victoria zone to beat poverty by cultivating the latter crop. Photo: Correspondent Valentine Oforo

# Kigahe lauds soft drink makers for taking full part in World Environment Day event

By Guardian Reporter

DEPUTY Minister of Industry and Trade, Exaud Kigahe has commended one plastic and six soft drink manufacturers for coming together on this year's World Environment Day that involved beach cleanup and plastic waste management awareness at Coco-Beach in Dar es Salaam.

The soft drink manufacturers were under PETCO Tanzania, which registered as PET Recycle Company (T) Ltd in March, this year and will be mainly responsible for collection and recycling of post-consumer PET bottles in Tanzania.

The founding members are Coca-Cola Kwanza, Pepsi Tanzania, SILA-FRICA Ltd, A-One, Sayona, Nyanza

Bottlers and Bonite Bottlers.

The deputy minister said: "I'm so happy to see competitors coming together for the good cause (environment), something which has a very public interest."

He congratulated the seven companies saying that the government is working together with industry owners for the purpose of our country's economy but also in preserving our country's environment. Speaking at the day of the event Coca-Cola Kwanza's Director of Public Affairs, Communications and Sustainability, Salum Nassor congratulated members of PETCO Tanzania for putting their business competition aside and coming together for a good cause.

"We are more than pleased to be part of this historic event, our

environment and our communities are the center of everything we do. We have seen as demonstrated by recyclers today that these PET bottles can be given second life post consumption, PETCO Tanzania will help us facilitate their collection and recycling".

SBC Tanzania (Pepsi) Head of Cooperate Affairs, Foti Gwebe said SBC Tanzania is happy to be one of the founders of PETCO Tanzania as he believes that PETCO Tanzania will help in reducing post-consumer PET bottle products and at the same time be a source of employment to Tanzanians. "It is my trust that this is a beginning of a long journey of partnering among us on environment preservation and sensitize our society on the importance of preserving our environment," he added.



## INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – PREQUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS FOR PROVISION OF AGA LOADERS REBUILD TO BE PROCURED BY GEITA GOLD MINING LIMITED (GGML), TANZANIA

### I. INTRODUCTION

Geita Gold Mining Limited ("The Company") an AngloGold Ashanti's ("AGA") asset is located in north western Tanzania, in the Lake Victoria goldfields of the Geita region, about 5km from Geita town.

The Company is in the process of procuring Aga Loaders Rebuild and is, therefore, inviting interested eligible service providers to submit Expression of Interest for the provision of the below service.

### Scope of work:

REFERENCE NUMBER	SERVICE DESCRIPTION
GGME01051	PROVISION OF AGA LOADERS REBUILD

### 1. INFORMATION REQUIRED

PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS	10%
<b>COMMERCIAL</b>	
Company Profile	1.25%
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<b>TECHNICAL CRITERIA</b>	<b>75%</b>
Warranty Terms	25
OEM Maintenance Support and Commissioning	
Dealership Proof with CAT	20
Ability to supply CAT Parts	15
Physical workshop to Refurb and Rebuild	15
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>

Interested bidders must submit their expression Letters of Interest ("LOI") by quoting the **SERVICE DESCRIPTION AND REFERENCE NUMBER** of the service they intend to express interest on **THE SUBJECT OF THE EMAIL** together with supporting information to GGML, which states the full name, address, telephone and e-mail address of the bidder, name of the principal contact, and signed by an authorized representative. The LOI must outline a statement of firm capability to provide the relevant Services, including similar contracts undertaken over the past three years. All LOIs and support documentation must be received by the GGML Office via e-mail at [geita.eoi@anglogoldashanti.com](mailto:geita.eoi@anglogoldashanti.com) not later than 0830 A.M 16<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2021 (the "LOI" Submission Deadline). EOI submissions should not exceed 10MB per email. In case the size of the email exceeds 10MB, please split the submissions into more than one email.

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## World Bank new loan rhymes well with changes in Third FYP strategy

FINANCE and Planning minister Dr Mwigulu Nchemba at the weekend took time off to brief media representatives of new loan arrangements with the global lender, the World Bank, which reflects the restoration of confidence between the country's authorities and global agencies. He said the World Bank has approved 2,339.1bn/- in concessional loan to Tanzania for implementation of infrastructure, education and electrification projects. The funds are meant for the improvement of rural roads to enhance social opportunities, along with a project to strengthen the teaching and training environment in higher education institutions, where plenty of complaints have been heard over employability of graduates, etc.

The World Bank board first approved three concessional loans totaling 2.012trn/- to Tanzania towards development projects and on June 3, the Bretton Woods institution again approved another loan for 326.6bn/-, taking the loan tally to 2,339.1bn/-. Projects to be funded by the loans include the Higher Education for Economic Transformation Project (HEET) involving \$425m, the Digital Tanzania Project (DTP) billed at \$150m and the Zanzibar Energy Sector Transformation (ZESTA) project, billed at \$142m.

The rural infrastructure, services and education (RISE) project will improve rural roads and provide about 35,000 income gain openings to rural dwellers. Community ability to maintain roads is being uplifted.

While the work of upgrading infrastructure all over the country is taking the country to the next stage in its development capacity, when the furthest points in all regions can be reached rapidly by truck or phone, there are other lessons that the government is not putting to application. It is a decision by the government to expand space for

the private sector to participate in the implementation of strategic projects to achieve the Third Five-Year Development Plan (2021/22-2025/26). The plan which takes off in the coming financial year a few weeks from now is being reviewed in its 'ways and means' aspect to that the government can improve or extend its social services reach, skipping overuse of revenues for fixed assets.

The minister dwelt on the project in an address to stakeholders from financial institutions discussing alternative financing of development projects, where Dr Nchemba said that evaluation conducted on the implementation of the Second National Development Plan showed little participation of the private sector.

Seeing that this harms ability of the government to do what only the public authorities can do, Treasury has thus decided it should discuss with stakeholders on the best way to get private companies on board. That is the pivotal element in discussions with the private sector for alternative ways to implement the projects

The minister did well to underline that it was important to have alternative ways to enable implementation of big development projects so that it meets its objectives in a flexible manner, as budgetary limits tend to be severe, while access to bank loans for private firms is not under such trappings. Government financing of projects faces absolute limitation when it comes to passing a certain level of resources without threat to equally important social objectives unlike joint ventures. This was one reason for the downfall of classical socialism, as it was replete with hardware, from old technology factories to nuclear energy and weapons systems, while lagging behind dramatically in research and application virtually in all other fields.

## Misuse of social media underscores need for all of us to be responsible

The modern world is ever more reliant on what is often called information and communication technology, ICT, and so much that is good and convenient comes from such technology that no one wants to retreat back into the sort of world we lived in as recently as 30 years ago.

But as with all such technology it can be used for good or misused for evil. However, wonderful the technology it is still used by human beings, and they have not changed. Social media platforms are not just fun, they provide many useful and often vital services. We saw this recently with just one platform, Facebook, when Australia was looking at changing its law to compel social media platforms to pay a fee for using copyrighted material, a not unreasonable legal provision.

Facebook upped the stakes by closing down almost all its platform in Australia, flexing its muscles in a big way and showing its own power. That shutdown did not just cut back the fund bits of social interaction, it also brought down a range of near-essential services such as weather warnings and hammered a wide-range of charitable organisations.

A lot of the dispute was resolved in talks between the Australian government and Facebook, with the platform making it clear that it could negotiate with a major sovereign state as an equal or superior, a rather blatant exhibition of just how powerful such global platforms have become.

Even in the US, where that platform's headquarters are based, it came in for a lot of criticism from all sides of the political spectrum over its decision to bar the outgoing US President Donald Trump following

an assault on the US Capitol by some of his more extreme supporters, again with that assault live on social media platforms.

And there was that horrendous example of a mass murderer in New Zealand streaming his killing spree in a mosque live on Facebook.

So even when there are attempts by platform owners to do some internal policing, these are not always successful.

And the vast bulk of those who use the platforms negatively, to spread fake news they have created, or fake news they have picked up, or the conspiracy theories they believe in do not get picked up.

So even at this lowest level, the fake news and conspiracy theory level, the only way of dealing with them is to upgrade educational systems and teach people to be discriminating, to be able to assess the worth of what they read or hear and make a judgment.

In the pre-ICT days, people were helped. Print journalism and broadcast journalism at its best sees rumours and reports go through vetting procedures to establish truth.

In most countries there are legal penalties for not doing this; there might be no laws saying what is permitted, but the ordinary civil laws of defamation, protection of the vulnerable and damages for reckless behaviour mean that irresponsible journalism ends up with large damages payments.

For some odd reason the same discrimination is often not applied on what comes through social media platforms. "Social media says..." is often seen. Social media, of course, says nothing.

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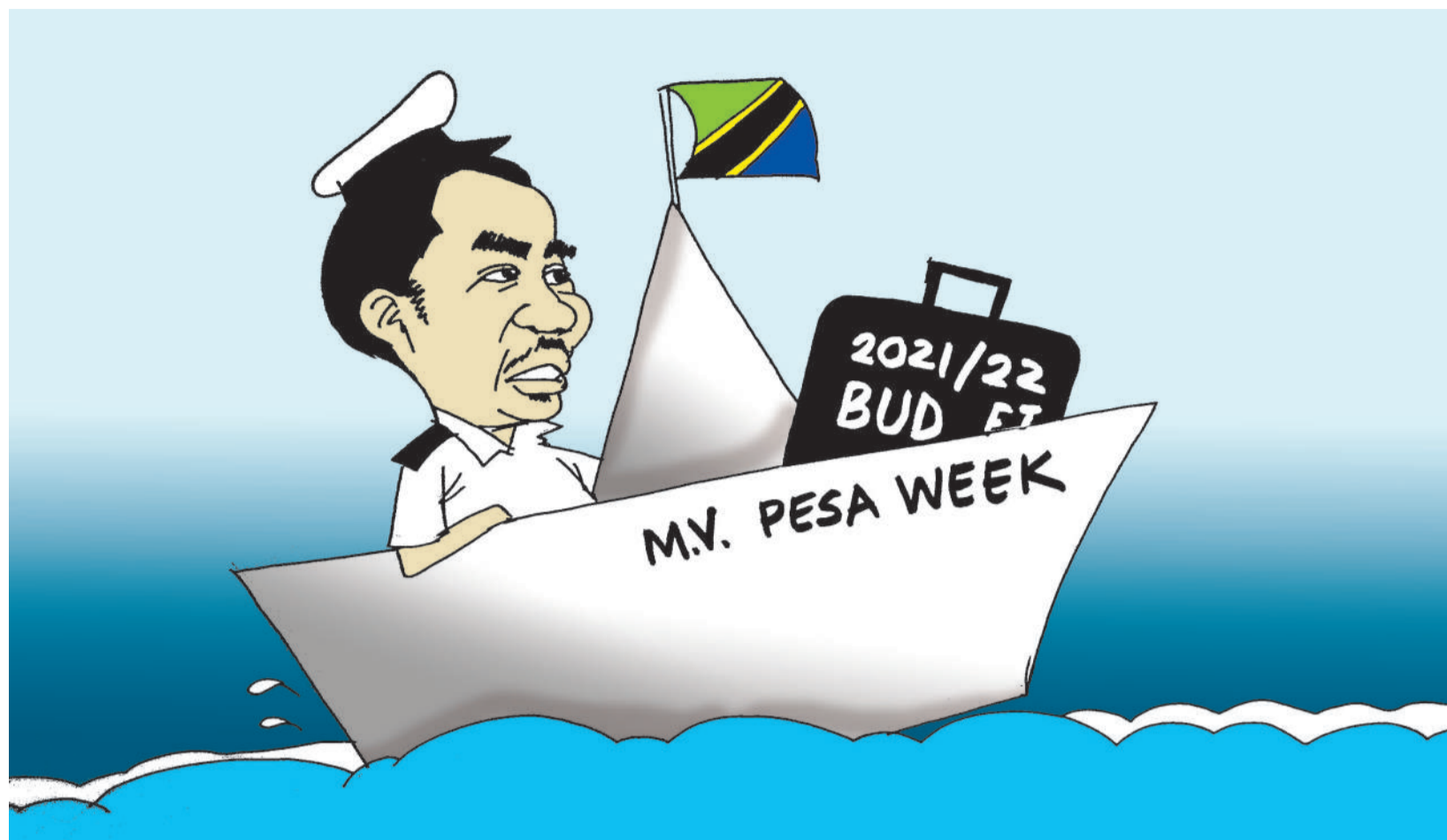
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## End Inequalities - End AIDS: Let us get this done!

Public health has dominated the world's headlines for more than a year. The devastating impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on people's lives and livelihoods and on economies worldwide has reminded us of the destructive power of a microscopic virus. In the shadow of the COVID-19 pandemic, the world will come together from 8 to 10 June to set out a bold new agenda to end another pandemic, 40 years after it emerged. At the 2021 United Nations High-Level Meeting on AIDS, in New York and online, leaders, activists and people living with and affected by HIV will forge a new United Nations political declaration to set the world on course to end AIDS by 2030.

Huge gains have been made since the first AIDS cases were identified four decades ago. After peaking at 1.7 million in 2004, global AIDS-related deaths fell to a little less than 700 000 in 2019. New HIV infections have similarly fallen, from 2.8 million in 1998 to 1.7 million in 2019. And HIV treatment has given hope to millions. What was once a death sentence can now be effectively managed. In June 2020, 26 million people were accessing life-saving antiretroviral therapy, a treatment that can give people living with HIV a normal life expectancy. However, these gains are insufficient, and the international community did not meet the 2020 targets despite significant advancements on knowledge, science, and technology to prevent every new HIV infection and each AIDS related death. The world is not on track to end the AIDS epidemic as a public health threat by 2030—a promise made by the United Republic of Tanzania, along with 192 other countries, in the Sustainable Development Goals and at the United Nations High-Level Meeting on Ending AIDS in 2016.

With the COVID-19 pandemic still impacting nearly every nation, it's easy to forget other public health crises. But the HIV pandemic is still with us. It is still real. And COVID-19 is impacting the progress on ending AIDS.

The HIV pandemic affects different groups in different countries. In Tanzania, it predominantly affects women, especially young women, and adolescent girls. In addition, men aged 25 years and above, key populations—gay men and other



men who have sex with men, sex workers and their clients, transgender people and people who inject drugs also bear the brunt. At the heart of it, inequalities are the fuel that drives the HIV pandemic.

COVID-19 has exposed weaknesses in health systems at the global, regional, and national levels, but the knowledge, expertise and infrastructure built up over 40 years of the AIDS response have been crucial in guiding a human-rights led, people-centred response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Investing in the global health infrastructure has aided the fight against COVID-19, but we have to do more and strengthen those weaknesses in health systems so that the next time a crisis strikes, the world is ready and able to act.

In March this year, the UNAIDS governing body adopted the Global AIDS Strategy 2021-2026, for which Tanzania contributed greatly to its development, which aims to close the gaps that are preventing progress to ending AIDS by focusing on the inequalities that drive the pandemic. It aims to promote fairer societies. It sets out targets that if met would place the world firmly back on track to end AIDS by the end of this decade.

Building on the global AIDS strategy, the United Nations High-Level Meeting on AIDS will endeavour to change the course of the HIV response. The political declaration that will result must be bold and must be ambitious. With so little time left, it must give the leadership the world needs to set the course for the last few years of the HIV response.

In being bold, the political declaration must ensure that no one is left behind. It needs to give strong support to issues that some may find uncomfortable—comprehensive sexuality education, sexual and reproductive health and rights, the human rights of everyone, including key populations, who are often marginalized and criminalized for their gender identities, sexual orientation, livelihoods, or dependencies, or for simply living with HIV.

The new political declaration must be backed up by political commitment. Where promises made in the past have not been met, it's been in part because the world failed to provide the support needed to build on those promises. We know that when the right level of investment is made in the HIV response, the money works. Each

additional US\$ 1 of investment in implementing the global AIDS strategy in low- and middle-income countries will bring a return of US\$ 7.37 in health benefits.

Now is the time to reenergize health on the global agenda. COVID-19 is the immediate priority, and with it the vital need to roll out vaccination for everyone, everywhere—the huge inequality in access to vaccination is nothing short of a scandal—but the world must not forget HIV. The United Republic of Tanzania must not forget HIV.

But we should be optimistic. The United Republic of Tanzania has already made great strides in the HIV response. Between 2016 and 2019, the proportion of people living with HIV diagnosed increased from 61% to 83%; those diagnosed and using ARVs increased from 95% to 98% and final those on ARV and virally suppressed increased from 87% to 92%. AIDS related deaths have declined by 50%. We know how to diagnose and treat HIV. We know how to prevent new HIV infections especially amongst adolescent girls and young women and from HIV infected pregnant mothers to their new-borns. We know how to save lives. Tanzania's support for a strong United Nations political declaration on HIV is vital if the world is to get to the end point after what, by 2030, will be nearly 50 years of the HIV pandemic.

**Now is the time to change the course of the HIV response. Now is the time to put the world on track to end AIDS. Let's get this done!**

Winnie Byanyima  
Executive Director, UNAIDS

### About UNAIDS

The Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) leads and inspires the world to achieve its shared vision of zero new HIV infections, zero discrimination and zero AIDS-related deaths. UNAIDS unites the efforts of 11 UN organizations—UNHCR, UNICEF, WFP, UNDP, UNFPA, UNODC, UN Women, ILO, UNESCO, WHO and the World Bank—and works closely with global and national partners towards ending the AIDS epidemic by 2030 as part of the Sustainable Development Goals. Learn more at [unaids.org](http://unaids.org) and connect with us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube.



# Moxibustion popularized in every household

As mentioned in the former article about cupping therapy, many physical therapies of traditional Chinese medicine (TCM) are closely related to daily life and many were developed based on the experience in daily life. Therefore, they are often easy to operate even for ordinary people. For example, moxibustion is an external therapy used as one of the methods of health preservation among every household. Moxibustion has been highly praised by traditional Chinese medicine doctors in the past dynasties due to its advantages such as pure nature, wide range of applications, convenient acquisition of materials, and simple manipulation.

## The History of Moxibustion

Moxibustion has been extensively applied by ancients and its efficacy has been highly recognized. It is recorded in *Yellow Emperor's Inner Classic (Huangdi Neijing)*, the founding work of traditional Chinese medicine, that moxibustion was developed in northern China based on their living conditions, living habits and characteristics of diseases, functioning as warming the meridians and dispelling cold, promoting the movement of Qi and blood, strengthening healthy Qi, and elevating yang and raising the drooping. In the Ming Dynasty, Li Bing even put forward in his book *Introduction to Medicine (Yixue Rumen)* that "For the diseases that medicine cannot treat and acupuncture cannot solve, moxibustion is necessary", which means that moxibustion must be operated if the effect of medicine and acupuncture is not favorable for a certain disease. No matter whether the saying is accurate, it illustrates that moxibustion was stressed by the ancients.

The main raw material of moxibustion is wormwood, which grows all over China. In ancient times, people harvested and stored wormwood around the Dragon Boat Festival as standby. The wormwood is made into moxa after picking. When applying moxibustion, one can make the moxa into the shape of cones in the size of wheat grains, mung beans, or garlic, and then directly place them on the body for moxibustion or separated by ginger, aconite, salt, and garlic. This operation is called "moxa cone moxibustion".

The other way is to make moxa into sticks. The moxa stick moxibustion is most convenient to manipulate in daily life. Usually, the mulberry paper is used to roll moxa into strips. There are various manipulation techniques for moxibustion with moxa stick, including mild moxibustion, rotating moxibustion, and bird pecking moxibustion. Mild moxibustion is a method to keep the burning end of the moxa stick about an inch away from the skin of the moxibustion site, so that the patient feels warm without burning pain; Bird pecking moxibustion refers to a moxibustion method in which the burning end of the moxa stick is moved up and down on the moxibustion site; Rotating moxibustion refers to a moxibustion method in which the burning moxa stick is moved in a circle above the moxibustion site.

Nowadays, the types and methods of moxibustion have expanded, and people who cannot stand the smoke of moxibustion can also choose smokeless moxibustion. There are also many types of moxibustion appliances, which brings people a more convenient experience of self-care moxibustion.



Moxa cone

## Effects of Moxibustion

Since moxibustion is so widespread and highly praised by many doctors, let's discuss the effects of moxibustion. Based on the records in the *Compendium of Materia Medica (Bencao Gangmu)* written by Li Shizhen in the Ming Dynasty, the effects of moxibustion were summarized as follows.

### 1. Dispelling cold and eliminating dampness

When the body is invaded by pathogenic Qi related to cold and dampness, symptoms such as feeling cold locally, pain, and diarrhea often occur due to poor circulation of Qi and blood, stagnation of meridians because of cold, and dampness and pathogenic Qi lingering in the limbs and joints. Moxibustion is a warming treatment method, which can effectively eliminate cold and dampness in the body, thereby alleviating the above symptoms.

### 2. Warming meridians and promoting the movement of Qi

Meridians are distributed inside and outside the whole human body. They connect to the zang-fu organs, and communicate with the muscles and limbs. They are the key to regulating the limbs and muscles, and also the channel for exogenous pathogenic factors to invade the human body and enter zang-fu organs. Once the Qi and blood of meridians stagnate or are blocked, symptoms such as swelling and pain will inevitably appear, and in severe cases, dysfunction may occur. At this time, using moxibustion at the corresponding parts of the body can make the meridian Qi return to normal, hence the body can recover. "Moxibustion is used where there is pain". This kind of thought was mentioned by Sun Simiao, the King of Medicine, from Tang Dynasty, in his *Valuable Prescriptions for Emergencies (Qianjin Yaofang)*, and the selected parts are called Ashi points. The Ashi point is not only a site for curing diseases, but also a reflection point of diseases.

### 3. Ascending up stomach-qi

The thought "moxibustion is needed for diseases with qi sinking characteristics" is mentioned in *Yellow Emperor's Inner Classic (Huangdi Neijing)*, which means that moxibustion is the most appropriate for symptoms caused by weakness of Qi and blood, such as Qi sinking, rectal prolapse, gastroptosis,

habitual abortion, chronic diarrhea and dysentery. Because Mugwort is warm with the nature of pure yang. Additionally, fire also belongs to yang. They are mutually beneficial, which has a better effect of strengthening and consolidating yang. For people with the above symptoms, moxibustion can be manipulated after choosing appropriate acupoints.

### 4. Removing toxins and purging heat

As mentioned above, moxibustion is a warming method. Since ancient times, many doctors have believed that it can only treat cold and deficiency syndromes. In fact, this is not the case. Many doctors have clinically proven that moxibustion can also be used for the syndromes and diseases of heat. There is a record of treating carbuncle by moxibustion in the *Yellow Emperor's Inner Classic (Huangdi Neijing)*. It is pointed out in Sun Simiao's *Valuable Prescriptions for Emergencies (Qianjin Yaofang)* in Tang Dynasty that moxibustion has the effect of purging the excessive heat of zang-fu organs. It can be seen that as long as the method is used properly, moxibustion can also be used for purging heat.

### 5. Disease prevention and health care

Moxibustion is one of the traditional methods of disease prevention and health care. There is a record of moxibustion in preventing infectious diseases in Sun Simiao's *Valuable Prescriptions for Emergencies (Qianjin Yaofang)*. It is recorded in Yang Jizhou's *Compendium of Acupuncture and Moxibustion (Zhenjiu Dacheng)* in Ming Dynasty that moxibustion at Zusanli (ST36) can prevent stroke. There is a Chinese folk proverb that "If you want to keep your body healthy, Sanli should often be worked on", which means that moxibustion at Zusanli (ST36) has the effect of strengthening the body and preventing diseases.

## Recommendation on Health Care with Moxibustion

There is a wealth of theoretical and practical experience of using moxibustion to delay aging in traditional Chinese medicine. For example, Sun Simiao advocated that even when the body was healthy and disease-free, one could choose several acupoints to apply moxibustion so as to dispel evil Qi and

strengthen healthy Qi. When many people go to the land of Wushu (referring to Sichuan, Jiangsu, Hunan and other places today), in order to avoid being attacked by the moisture weather there, they tend to properly receive moxibustion. Moxibustion is an indispensable choice for TCM practitioners when they preserve their health according to the theory of TCM. Among the 15 people lived over a hundred years old recorded in the Qing Dynasty in China, there were 11 who were TCM practitioners.

Moxibustion is characterized by comprehensive efficacy, convenient acquisition of materials, and simple manipulation, which is very suitable for family health care. Some of the common health care methods with moxibustion are recommended here based on the theory and practice of TCM. What needs to be mentioned is that to get better efficacy, it is necessary to consult a professional TCM doctor and customize a moxibustion program based on one's own personal situation. If you have no knowledge of moxibustion, it is not recommended to manipulate by yourself.

For adults to strengthen the body: moxibustion at Zusanli (ST 36), Zhongwan (RN 12), and Guanyuan (RN 4)

Zusanli (ST 36) is located 3 cun (a unit used with one's own fingers to measure the distance, and 3 cun equals to the breadth of four fingers except thumb closed together) directly below Dubi (in the lateral depression of the patellar ligament, when the knee is flexed), and one finger-breadth lateral to the anterior border of the tibia. Moxibustion at Zusanli (ST 36) can strengthen physical strength, relieve fatigue, and adjust gastrointestinal function.

Zhongwan (RN 12) is located on the anterior midline, 4 cun above the umbilicus. Moxibustion at Zhongwan (RN 12) has the effects of harmonizing the Spleen and Stomach, invigorating deficiency and Qi, and reducing dampness and turbidity.

Guanyuan (RN 4) is located on the anterior midline, 3 cun below the umbilicus. Moxibustion at Guanyuan (RN 4) can treat all deficiency diseases and strengthen the Qi of whole body.

The three acupoints can be used in combination or individually. When used



Moxa stick

together, they can exert the effects of replenishing Qi and blood, dispelling cold and dampness in the abdomen, and assisting the function of Spleen and Stomach.

Operation method: mild moxibustion, selecting 1-3 points at a time. For each acupoint, the moxibustion is manipulated for 15-20 minutes. It is suggested to perform during the daytime. After moxibustion, drink 300-500 ml of warm water, and pay attention to avoiding wind and cold. The method can be applied 1-2 times a week.

For children ( $\leq 14$  years old) to strengthen the body: Shenzhu (DU 12)

Shenzhu (DU 12) is located on the posterior midline, at the level between the spinous processes of the third and fourth thoracic vertebrae. When selecting the acupoint, naturally sit straight and bow the head slightly forward. Shenzhu (DU 12) is in the depression under the third thoracic vertebra. Moxibustion at Shenzhu (DU 12) can stimulate the Qi of the governor meridian, replenish the deficiency, calm the mind, and promote yang Qi. It is one of the key points for children's health care.

Operation method: mild moxibustion, no more than 10 minutes each time, once a week. It is recommended to apply moxibustion at daytime. After moxibustion, pay attention to avoiding wind and cold. Children often cannot well cooperate and may move frequently during treatment, so it needs to pay special attention to avoiding burns.

The moxibustion for health care should not be used for too long at a time. The key lies in a long-term persistence.

## Key Points and Taboos of Moxibustion

### 1. Moxibustion should be used in accordance with the time and weather in nature

TCM holds that spring and summer belong to yang, while autumn and winter belong to yin. During the dog days of summer, yang Qi is the most exuberant. This time of the year is very suitable for moxibustion when the effect of moxibustion can be enhanced with the help of climate. For example, for patients with symptoms and diseases such as asthma, rheumatoid arthritis, and chronic diarrhea, choosing the corresponding acupoints and Ashi points during the dog days can effectively alleviate them. Moxibustion during the third nine-day period after the winter solstice can strengthen healthy Qi and help the body resist the invasion of external cold pathogen.

### 2. The manipulation of moxibustion varies by part

Some parts of the human body are not suitable for a long-time moxibustion. For example, when applying moxibustion on the face, neck, and head, the time should not be too long to avoid excessive internal heat, causing symptoms such as mouth and tongue sores, swelling pain of head, and the feeling of fever. Acupoints on the waist, abdomen, and lower limbs are often chosen for moxibustion, which can not only warm up the lower jiao and cultivate vitality, but also make the rising fire descend, achieving the effect of guiding fire to its origin.

### 3. Moxibustion should not be excessively used to pursue the fast effect

The duration of each moxibustion should not exceed 30 minutes. The frequency should not be too high, and once a day or once every two days is recommended. Moxibustion for too long or too often can cause excessive internal heat, representing by red, swelling and painful eyes, sores on the mouth and tongue, dry eyes, and dry throat and so on.

### 4. Avoid cold during moxibustion

During moxibustion treatment, it is forbidden to drink cold water, eat ice cream, and stay in a windy and cold environment. After moxibustion, the hair and orifices of the skin are warmed and open, so the external evil Qi is easy to invade. Therefore, it is important to keep warm during or after moxibustion and avoid going to some cold and humid places.



Moxa



Moxibustion with moxa stick

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# Market for US oil acreage booms along with crude price recovery

By David French



**A** recovery in the price of oil to more than two-year highs is offering a long-awaited opening to companies and private equity firms to shed unloved assets in the U.S. oil patch.

Sales of land parcels worth \$6.9 billion have been announced in the first five months of 2021, almost eclipsing the \$7 billion recorded in all of 2020, according to data vendor Enverus. Last year was the worst for U.S. acreage sales since at least 2006, after energy prices plunged due to coronavirus-related demand destruction.

More deals are on the way. Land worth more than \$12 billion is either up for sale or being prepared to come to market in the United States, according to more than a dozen investment bankers and industry sources interviewed by Reuters.

A 43% rise in U.S. crude prices this year to their highest since October 2018 has made unloved acreage desirable enough for a small group of buyout firms, as well as some publicly listed energy companies with money to spend.

Those seeking to sell are oil and gas exploration and production companies seeking to pay down debt and redeploy capital for new drilling, and buyout firms that are often nursing losses on bets that went sour.

The sale of these properties could lead to their development, often following years of underinvestment, boosting U.S. energy production to meet growing demand, as the world economy recovers from the COVID-19 pandemic.

In one such example, Occidental Petroleum Corp is marketing 25,000 net acres (101 square kilometers) in the Delaware portion of the Permian Basin, likely fetching upwards of \$550 million, two sources said. The company has targeted raising more than \$2 billion from divestments in the first half of 2021.

**Occidental did not respond to a comment request.**

Ovintiv Inc completed in mid-May the \$880 million sale of its Eagle Ford position in south Texas to Validus Energy, and subsequently said it would repay debt worth \$1.1 billion.

Laredo Petroleum Inc agreed last month to sell a 37.5% stake in the hydrocarbons extracted from land in two Texas counties to alternative capital provider Sixth Street Partners. It plans to redeploy the proceeds to partly fund the \$715 million acquisition of private equity-backed producer Sabalo Energy, whose adjacent acreage will give it scale in drilling.

"The market is robust, especially when compared with this time a year ago. We are putting some money to work, but we are also seeing op-

portunities to exit," said Jason DeLorenzo, managing partner at buyout firm EnCap Investments.

Exxon Mobil Corp has said it may divest parts of its shale gas business in North America. Sources said the company has intimated to potential buyers this could start shortly.

**Exxon declined to comment.**

Publicly listed companies currently pursuing acreage sales include Occidental, Chevron Corp and Whiting Petroleum Corp, according to marketing documents seen by Reuters, as well as ConocoPhillips and Callon Petroleum Co, according to sources.

Callon declined comment. Chevron, Whiting and ConocoPhillips did not respond to comment requests.

The dealmaking upturn is also a boon for private

equity firms. Many of them bought land in the mid-2010s to exploit it just enough to prove its production viability and sell it at a profit. They were left nursing losses after a late-2018 drop in energy prices scared off potential buyers.

Delaware Basin producer Advance Energy Partners, majority owned by EnCap, is exploring a sale that could value it at around \$2 billion, people familiar with the matter said.

**Advance did not respond to a comment request.**

Private equity firm Warburg Pincus asked for indicative acquisition offers for North Dakota producer RimRock Oil and Gas in recent weeks, a deal that could exceed \$500 million, according to sources. Warburg declined comment. RimRock did not respond to a comment request.

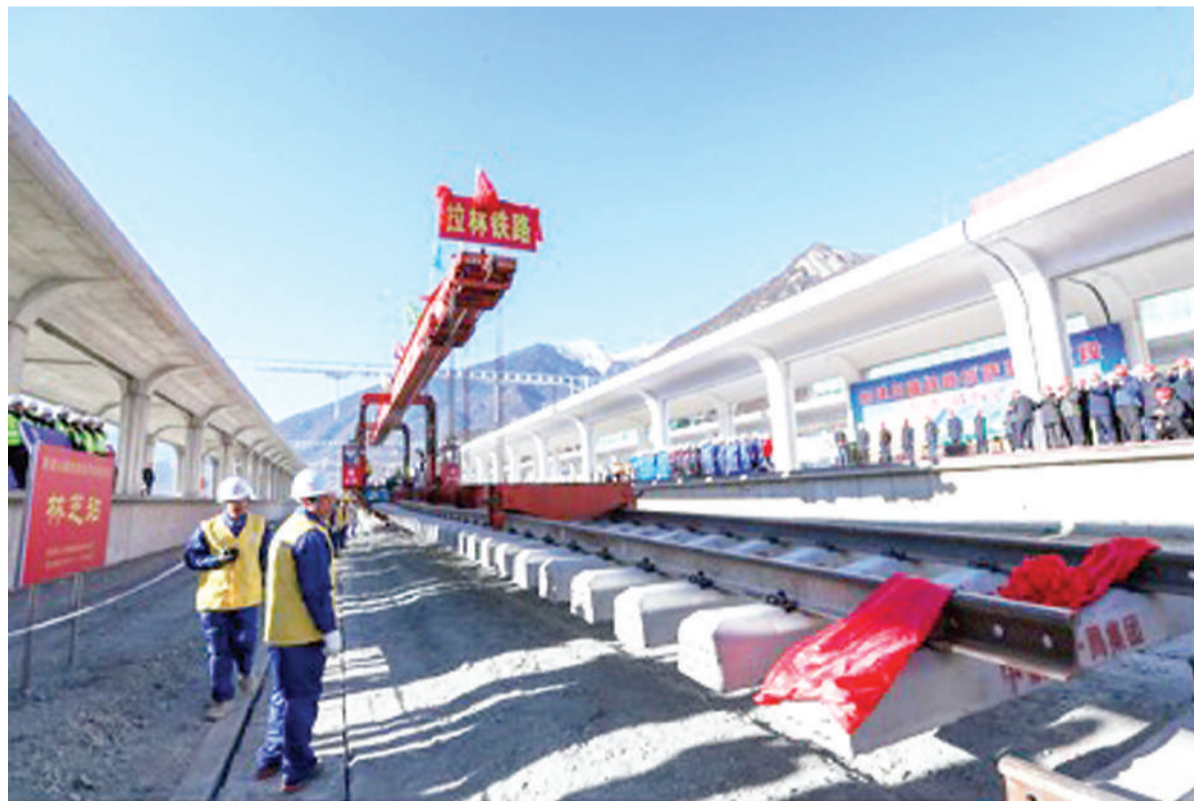
The Permian and North Dakota's Bakken have seen strong deal activity in 2021 as buyers focus on shale basins with the cheapest production costs. EnCap-backed Grayson Mill Energy bought the Bakken shale assets of Equinor earlier this year for \$900 million.

However, land in some Western U.S. shale fields, such as the Uinta in Utah and Colorado's Denver-Julesburg, has drawn limited interest because of regulatory concerns, including the Biden administration's halt on new drilling leases on federal land.

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# China's Tibet embraces new chapter in development in new era

By Shen Lin, Yuan Quan



The track-laying work of the Lhasa-Nyingchi Railway in southwest China's Tibet autonomous region is completed by construction workers with China Railway 11 Bureau Group Corporation, Dec. 31, 2020. (File photo)

**I**n the Ngokjetang neighborhood in Lhasa city, capital of southwest China's Tibet autonomous region, where streets are neat and tidy, stores see booming business, and good governance and social order are maintained, residents of various ethnic groups, including the Tibetans, the Han and Hui people, enjoy close ties of kinship, and always gather together when celebrating Spring Festival and the Tibetan New Year.

Thanks to the unremitting efforts of people of all ethnic groups in Tibet and with the vigorous support of the whole country, the region has bid farewell to poverty that had plagued it for over a thousand years and embraced a well-off life.

A brand new Tibet, which enjoys all-round social progress, economic and cultural prosperity, and a sound eco-environment, and sees its citizens lead better lives, has taken shape.

Due to historical and natural factors, Tibet used to be a region with the highest poverty incidence and severest level of poverty in China, where the cost of poverty eradication was the highest and the difficulty greatest in the country.

After painstaking and untiring efforts made by the Chinese government and the local people for many years, all the 628,000 registered poor people and 74 designated poor counties in Tibet have shaken off poverty, marking the end of absolute poverty in Tibet for the first time in history.

Last year, the average per capita disposable income of rural residents in Tibet reached 14,598 yuan (about \$2,279), up 12.7 percent over the previous year while representing double-digit growth for the 18th consecutive year.

Today, Tibet spends more than 70 percent of its fiscal revenue on safeguarding and improving people's livelihood every year, continuously enhancing local

people's sense of gain, happiness, and security.

speed Electric Multiple Unit (EMU) trains powered by both internal-combustion and elec-

tricity are expected to run along the railway.

The Lhasa-Shigatse expressway under construction in Tibet, which connects Lhasa and

Shigatse city of Tibet and is expected to stretch 166.98 kilometers, will cut the driving time between Lhasa and Shigatse to less than three hours from nearly six hours after it is completed.

From 2016 to 2020, Tibet's total length of highways in service rose to 118,800 kilometers, an average annual growth of 8,100 kilometers, according to the head of Tibet's department of transportation.

Apart from railways and highways, Tibet has also seen improvement in its electricity network. So far, four major electricity transmission and transformation projects have been built for Tibet, including a power grid interconnection project in Ngari prefecture of the region, which was put into operation in December 2020 and has ensured safe and reliable electricity for 380,000 farmers and herdsmen in 16 counties along the route.

As its infrastructure has been continuously improved, Tibet has attracted a lot of companies engaging in cloud computing, big data, artificial intelligence (AI), and other new industries.

"The Tibetan plateau has natural advantages for developing big data industry, such as the clean and low-sulphur air, cold climate, and cheap electricity," said Jiang Ning, president of Ningsuan, a Tibet-based big data service provider.

With an investment of 11.8 billion yuan, the company hopes to build a cloud computing data center that can accommodate 70,000 equipment cabinets in Tibet, according to Jiang, who disclosed that once completed, the data center will bring in an annual operating income of about 10 billion yuan.

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# South Korean firm expands its market footprint in Tanzania

By Guardian Reporter

SOUTH Korean multinational electronics company, LG yesterday unveiled plans to expand its market footprint in East Africa by opening new shops in four countries in response to the growing demand for home appliances, home entertainment, and air conditioning solutions.

The firm's East Africa Managing Director, SaNyoungh Kim said this yesterday in Dar es Salaam when speaking at the official launch of a new shop in Dar es Salaam.

He said that consumer trends point to steady growth in the business-to-consumer and business-to-business segments, with a notable increase in the purchase of premium products like refrigerators, TVs, and washing machines with the latest energy-saving technologies.

Kim said: "This is the second brand shop in Dar es Salaam after the re-amping of another shop at the Posta near Clock Tower."

According to him, the planned shops across the region will be high foot-fall, high sales stores designed to enhance the customer experience for the new technologies and products the company has to offer, like OLED TV, InstaView refrigerator, TWINWash washing machine, Neochef microwave, and AI DD AI-powered washing machines.

"Posta is a convenient location due to the number of shoppers that frequent the mall given that Tanzania is a hyper oriented market, we decided to



LG Electronics East Africa managing director SaNyoungh Kim speaks during the launch of a new brand shop in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

add another shop. We promise to give our esteemed customers quite a good and enhanced shopping experience where they can also get after-sales service by our experienced team of

experts," said Kim, as he called on Tanzanians to visit the two shops to get the experience.

On plans to roll out in other parts of Tanzania, Marketing and Sales Manager from LG

Electronics, David Kessy said since the market is dynamic and retail changes on a daily basis, they might consider opening more shops in the future.

"Over the last few years, we have been expanding our physical presence in the East Africa region. We plan to take this further by growing our premium category and providing the kind of experience our customers desire either as individuals or businesses seeking first-class technology with the right support," said Kessy

Kessy said electronic sales have benefitted from the continued consumer focus on the home, with customers buying up technology products for remote work and education as well as cooking, entertainment, and remodeling.

"It has become evident during the pandemic that technology is even more important in people's lives, coupled with innovations that support efficiency and healthy living," added Kessy.

He said LG is currently rolling out a number of premium products in East Africa with the latest core technology featuring intelligent applications that help households conserve energy, water and therefore are environmentally friendly while being easily usable, thus promoting diversity and inclusion, key Sustainable Development Goals.

Last year, LG also launched e-showrooms in Kenya in a bid to increase reach to tech-savvy consumers shopping for electronic appliances and devices online.

# Brewer reports removing PET from its production lines

By Guardian Reporter

TANZANIA Breweries Limited Plc (TBL) has removed all polyethylene terephthalate plastic (PET) from its production lines, in keeping with its commitment to sustainable and circular packaging.

The decision is in line with TBL's parent company AB InBev's goal of 100 per cent of product being in packaging that is returnable or made from majority recycled content by 2025. It is also aligned with the national FYDP III goal of environmental sustainability and the UN Sus-

tainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Although PET is recyclable, the proportion of recycled content in a finished product is typically lower than other materials such as glass or stainless steel, and PET contributes higher carbon emissions than other materials throughout its lifecycle.

Plastic pollution in Tanzania not only poses a danger to environmental health it clogs water and sanitation systems, particularly in urban areas during the country's rainy season.

According to the World Bank, the world generates approximately 242 million tonnes of plastic waste each year.

This waste clogs drains and waterways, causes respiratory issues when burned, shortens animal life spans and contaminates water bodies.

Plastics take up to 500 years to decompose, instead breaking down into micro-particles which disrupt food chains and degrade natural habitats.

TBL previously produced non-alcoholic malt beverage Grand Malt which is enjoyed by many men country-wide,

in the PET format but has moved production of the popular beverage to a highly sustainable, light-weighted, stainless-steel, recyclable can.

As a result, TBL has prevented 166 tonnes of virgin plastic and 10 tonnes of high-density polyethylene (HDPE) from reaching the Tanzanian consumers every year.

The new sleek aluminium cans are 100 per cent recyclable and manufactured with 31 per cent recycled content.

Jacques Els, AB InBev's procurement

director for the East Africa Business Unit, said: "We are constantly seeking solutions to increase the recycled materials in our packaging in a way that makes sense from a business as well as a sustainability point of view.

Our motivation goes beyond just the environmental impacts - circular packaging enables us to contribute to building economic security and resilience through the creation and support of networks of local businesses that improve livelihoods."

# SMEs, farmers in Tanga urged to be close to financial institutions

By Guardian Correspondent, Tanga

SMALL and Medium Entrepreneurs (SMEs) and farmers in Tanga Region have been advised to be closer to financial institutions to capitalise on various opportunities including business training and access loans provided by the institutions, so as to boost their capital while running their operations competitively.

The call was made over the weekend by Tanga Regional Administrative Secretary Ms. Pili Hassan while closing the eighth edition of Tanga Trade Fair held at Mwahako Grounds, Tanga involving various stakeholders including financial institutions, authorities and government institutions, tourism patrons, farmers and entrepreneurs from inside and outside the city.

"Among other things, I am very impressed with the participation of financial institutions in this exhibition. It is my hope that business people especially small business owners as well as farmers have made good use of these institutions' presence. My call to them is to stay close to these institutions so that they can benefit from them through their businesses and agricultural activities," she said.

Pili also asked the financial institutions to continue to open more doors for these groups by providing business education and how they can benefit from loans before lending, which will enable them to conduct their business professionally and repay on time while increasing their capital.

Commenting on the call, NBC's Business Development Manager Tanga branch, Aljiran Mbwani, said the bank has always realized the importance of entrepreneurs and farmers in the city and it has been at the forefront working with the groups to offer entrepreneurship and agribusiness training before providing loans.

"However, we have been getting more cooperation from large-scale farmers, especially sisal and spice crops, as we continue to awaken the small businesses and small-scale farmers. This is done through business training to entrepreneurs and education on the proper use of loans we provide to farmers." He said.



NBC Bank's business development manager for Tanga branch, Aljiran Mbwani (R), explains the bank's services to Tanga regional administrative secretary Pili Hassan (L), who visited the bank's pavilion at the just-ended eighth Trade Fair held at Mwahako grounds in Tanga city Photo: Guardian Correspondent

He mentioned some of the various products tailored to the groups include NBC Shambani account, Kua Nasi, Malengo account, Johari ac-

count which is specifically for women as well as credit services.

In addition to participating in the exhibition,

NBC Bank was one of the key sponsors of the exhibition which was held with great success as it attracted a lot of participants while also wit-

# Int'l NGO observes WED with clean water for rural Tanzania

By Guardian Reporter

EVERY June 5th, the World celebrates World Environment Day and what better way to commemorate search an important day than reaffirming dedication to ensure access to clean, safe water where it is needed the most, rural Tanzania.

Doing just that is uprising direct selling company QNET and Water for Africa (WFA), a movement that was started in 2015 by an Australian couple Julie and Phil Hepworth.

WFA works to address sanitation and scarcity of water in rural Tanzania by building wells.

Each well costs about US\$5,000 and provides water to 3,000 villagers. The first water well was built in Mtwango

village in Mufindi district, providing clean water supply for nearly 2,000 people.

By 2020, WFA had helped build a total of 45 wells which provides water to close to two million people in Tanzania.

Commendably, over the last five years, WFA, working with responsible partners like QNET, has given clean water to more than 1.7 million people in rural Tanzania.

QNET has worked extensively with WFA to provide underprivileged communities with access to water.

This partnership is in line with one of QNET's main core values, which is to advocate for and become a fully sustainable entity to safeguard resources for future generation.

"We constantly strive to become a fully sustainable entity

with a goal to safeguard the planet and its resources for the next generation," comments Malou Caluza, QNET CEO.

"We want to leave a positive impact on the world and minimise any harm towards the environment, whether it be through our products, operations, or partnerships," she added.

Farming for water sustainability: The Footprint Project According to him, WFA did not stop there, neither did QNET, together they set up a sustainable farming project dubbed; Footprint Project.

The project aims to provide opportunity and economic growth through farming macadamias and avocados on a 50 acre land in Iringa, Tanzania.

The profit from this farm funds the construction and

maintenance of the water wells for rural Tanzanian communities that have no access to clean water.

Thanks to the Footprint Project, the wells are sustained and the farm also provides employment for the local community.

The project also serves to empower and uplift women and girls in the community. It effectively allows girls to attend school instead of traveling for miles to fetch water.

Commenting on the project, James Raj said the idea of the plantation is to help sustain the building and the maintenance of the water wells without assistance from anyone else.

"Before this, the women and children in the area had to walk for 11 kilometres to get

their water supply, which most of the time is contaminated," he recalled.

"The people had to share the same water source with wild animals. They bring home the water and even though they boil it, they still contracted diseases. They have no choice but to keep going back to the same river because that is their only source of water," he said.

"With support from RYTHM Foundation, WFA is now able to automate the water indication and fixed solar power to be more sustainable," he said.

Most importantly, he was keen to point out that because of the farming project (Footprint project) funds are raised to maintain and dig new wells.

"When all this is in place, it creates a sustainable project so that when RF or WFA exit from

this project, the local people will be able to take ownership and may no longer need funds from foreigners to build water wells, he said.

In his testimonial, Hillary, a beneficiary of the project recalls how difficult life was for him and his family before the project was started and how life changed after he got employment with WFA and the Footprint Project.

"It was a hard life for me and my family. I have two children, Happy, 8 and Joanna, 3 and since my wife Regina was not working, we had to live on what I bring home, if I bring home anything at all," he lamented.

"So, I started working for them, three days in a week as a water technician where I repair broken or abandoned wa-

ter wells and install new ones. Then, two days in a week, I work on their Footprint Project where I learn to become a farmer, as I am taught how to clear land, plant seedlings and prune trees," he said.



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# Kenya's stamps issuance captures history, rich biodiversity

NAIROBI

**T**HE national archives building which is located at the heart of the Kenyan capital, Nairobi, can sometimes be rendered invisible by the overpowering honking and business charter synonymous with East Africa's largest metropolis.

Among the outstanding cultural artifacts and historical documentation it holds, is a remarkable Pan-African stamp collection amassed by a venerated cultural enthusiast Joseph Murumbi.

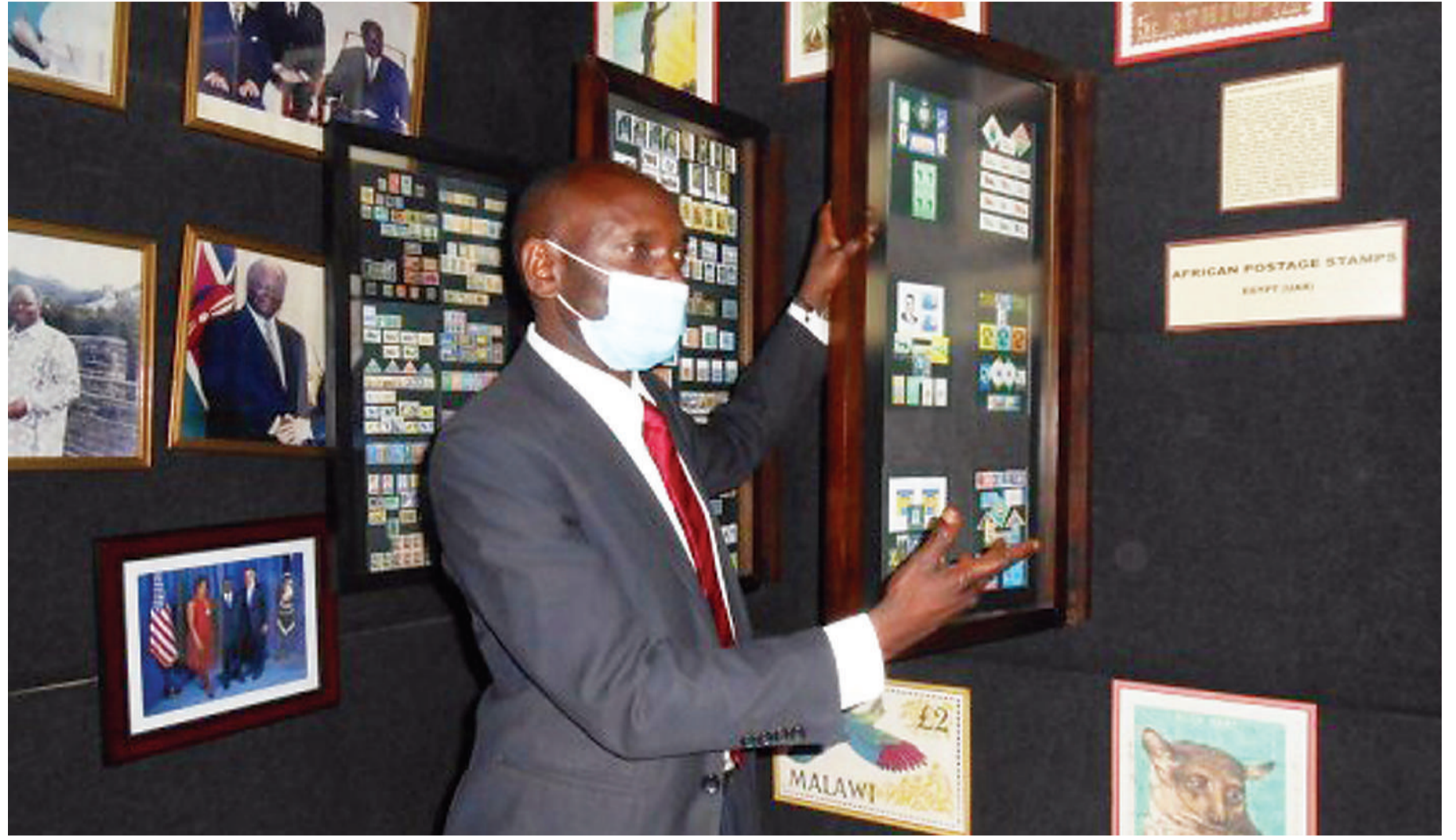
As stated by Francis Mwangi, director of Kenya National Archives, the accumulation is possibly the richest in Africa with the capacity to offer a glimpse into the history of some countries in the continent.

"These stamps were sold to us by the Murumbi Trust Foundation around 1976. The stamps were part of a large trove of collectibles from Murumbi and his wife. Philatelists visiting us have remarked that this accumulation comes second after the most comprehensive one believed to be in Britain," Mwangi told Xinhua during a recent interview.

Kenya can trace its usage of postage stamps to its history as a protectorate and colony under the British Empire. The first stamp was issued around 1890 by the Imperial British East Africa Company, the commercial association chartered to administer Kenya by Britain.

It bore the sun and crown motif and the value in annas and rupees. The ensuing years would see Kenya continue using postage stamps inscribed varying messages determined by the reigning imperial government which took over from the Imperial British East Africa Company, following its insolvency status.

After gaining independence, Kenya started deploying stamps that asserted her new status. Stamp issuance would now be guided by matters that were of signifi-



A curator stands beside a trove of stamps at the National Archives in Nairobi this May 28. (Xinhua)

## THE GUARDIAN SIMPLE WORD FIT // THE GUARDIAN CROSSWORD --00 162 00--

**IN THIS PUZZLE YOU HAVE NO CLUES, ONLY A LIST OF WORDS THAT ALL FIT INTO THE GRID. THE GUARDIAN HAVE GIVEN YOU A HEAD START**

3 LETTERS: STY, END, CCM  
 4 LETTERS: TEND, TIME, MEET, NEED, YUAN CENT, LAMP  
 5 LETTERS: PLATE, NAIRA, DEMON, YARDS ABOVE  
 6 LETTERS: NORWAY, KARATE, SHADOW, DEXTER ASSIST  
 7 LETTERS: THEATRE  
 8 LETTERS: CREATION  
 10 LETTERS: TANGANYIKA

**CLUES: Across**  
 1 Selling of human beings  
 5 having the power to do things  
 7 harbours  
 8 to desire something  
 10 take action  
 11 stages in process of developments  
 13 one as a number  
 15 a topic  
 17 follow a winding course  
 19 a succulent tropical plant with a rosette of thick tapering leaves  
 20 a mythical sea monster said to appear off the coast of Norway

**Down:**  
 1 frighten  
 2 a person that cooperates with another  
 3 music management software  
 4 discover the presence  
 6 a snake-like fish  
 7 set a device before using it  
 9 a length of water wider than a strait, joining two large areas of water, especially two seas  
 12 smaller upper assembly in US  
 14 a person who tunes musical instruments  
 16 domesticated for riding  
 17 a floor covering made of straw  
 18 all right

**SOLUTIONS**

**CROSSWORD**  
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cance to the new self-governing state. Current trends in stamp release by the Postal Corporation of Kenya showcase their usage to convey fundamental messages.

In 2018, the postal service company in association with the Kenya Wildlife Service launched a stamp bearing the image of Sudan, the last male northern white rhino, to raise awareness on the conservation of endangered species. The notable commemorative release came after Sudan died due to poor health while sheltered at a conservancy in northern Kenya.

Present-day stamp releases are being seen to send messages of advocacy, endearment, or current happenings of the country.

"Stamps can easily create an awareness of Kenya to a resident and non-resident as they provide information of the political scene, while others boast of Kenya's pioneering industries and its dominating position in global athletics," said Mwangi.

Some of the earlier stamps released to the public after independence were printed with the face of Kenya's founding father Jomo Kenyatta holding his recognizable fly whisker with the letters Uhuru (freedom in Kiswahili) inscribed either on the bottom of the small paper or vertically.

Depictions of Kenya's biodiversity also featured in the initial circulation. Inside the archive is a stamp of a fierce-looking lion in the savannah, a cheetah on the flight, and a docile-looking bush baby alongside other animals that pull tourists to Kenya.

According to Evans Okumu, a curator at Kenya National Archives, stamps go beyond being a requisite for letter deliveries, and they are a channel of engaging foreigners and citizens in

equal measure. "Stamps were crucial for African countries after they attained independence because whatever the country grew, made, or mined would be advertised through the adhesive stamp," said Okumu.

"Even now, new releases tell what our country has to offer; sprawling national reserves containing an assortment of animals, a robust cash crop industry, reliable transport industry, and a reputational education sector," he added.

Okumu decried the absence of brick and mortar philately stores in the country.

Nevertheless, he appreciated a sustained curiosity of philately going by the number of people visiting the facility. "The profile of philatelists has to be the older generation who are well-traveled to have access to different stamps across the world," said Okumu.

With the likelihood of letter correspondence being outdated due to the prevalence of faster means of communication, philatelists maintain that this scenario will make the hobby more exciting as everyone will be scrambling to get hold of the circulating stamps.

The archive is yet to receive another large collection. It is now calling upon members of the public to bring forth items or documentation that hold intrinsic value for posterity.

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## DCB Bank foresees bright banking industry future through digital innovation



DCB Commercial Bank Plc's chief commercial manager, Zacharia Kapama, addresses journalists in Dar es Salaam at the weekend. He is with head of marketing and communications Rahma Ngassa. Photo courtesy of DCB

By Smart Money Reporter

**T**HE future of banking in the country is bright thanks to a competitive market that has forced bankers to become more innovative and aggressive.

DCB Commercial Bank Plc's Chief Commercial Manager, Zacharia Kapama said in Dar es Salaam this week that despite the challenges facing the industry, the Dar es Salaam based lender is getting stronger each year.

“We have made losses in the past two years but have since recovered and started making profits last year,” Kapama said saying the coronavirus pandemic and government's decision to withdraw its cash from commercial banks to Bank of Tanzania's central account affected DCB's performance.

Established in 2002 as Dar

es Salaam Community Bank, Kapama said DCB has seen its capital from 1bn/- then to 15bn/- this time around with presence in five regions of the country. “We hope to open two new branches this year in addition to investing heavily in digital technology to extend our services to rural areas,” he added.

He pointed out that the period of turmoil is over and that DCB which is listed at Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange is heading towards sustained growth. “With the good supervision from Bank of Tanzania, the banking industry is recovering and has since started lending to the government after mobilising deposits from the public,” the DCB Bank Chief Commercial Manager noted.

Last year, the bank made 2.3bn/- gross profit being an increase of 43 percent compared to 1.6bn/- made in 2018. The

bank which made losses between 2016 and 2017 fiscal years, will hold a shareholders' annual meeting on Saturday this week.

Commenting on other major changes that the bank will undergo, the bank's Head of Marketing and Communication, Rahma Ngassa said they will launch a DCB Foundation later this year to take charge of corporate social investments.

“The foundation will also solicit funds from our partners and likeminded donors to back investments in community projects which will be part of giving back to the public,” Ngassa said while acknowledging that the bank has not been able to give back to the community in the past years due to poor performance. She hinted that the foundation will likely be launched during the third quarter of this year.

## Canadian-financed project sets out to build capacity of young entrepreneurs

By Correspondent Beatrice Philemon

YOUNG entrepreneurs are a target of Digital Opportunity Trust's new project dubbed ‘Daring to shift project 2020/23,’ which seeks to build capacity of their digital skills to transform their businesses.

Helen Fytche, Canadian High Commission's Senior Director of International Cooperation, said in Dar es Salaam last week that the project targets to recruit young entrepreneurs aged between 18 and 35 years who will get training of digital technologies and business management.

“This is a four year project funded by the Government of Canada through Global Affairs Canada and will be implemented in different regions of Tanzania Mainland and Zanzibar,” Fytche said saying under the project, the youths boost their digital and business skills while being connected to an ecosystem of

successful business owners to learn from them practically.

She said 200 women and 110 men will benefit to start with and will later go back to their communities with new digital skills and financial knowledge hence help train their communities as leaders with a target to benefit 9,000 young people in the four year period.

“We also hope to see another 150 young social innovators start their innovative businesses that will solve community challenges such as unemployment,” Fytche explained while revealing that the majority of the beneficiaries will be women.

“It is imperative that we equip youths with digital, leadership, entrepreneurship and 21st century skills to stand against negative impacts of the coronavirus pandemic,” she noted while stressing that during the four-year project, young women and men will be placed at the centre of inclusive

community development plans.

With support from Global Affairs Canada and UKAID through Human Development Innovation Fund (HDIF), DOT Tanzania has already benefitted more than 1,500 youths in areas of social innovation, business management with mentorship from role models.

DOT's Communications and Partnerships Manager, Ndimbumi Msongole said Tanzania is making significant and faster progress in technological innovation. “This is expected to contribute towards economic growth through creation of business opportunities,” Msongole said.

DOT Tanzania is a youth-led organization that empowers them with knowledge, skills, networks and resources to transform communities through social innovation and application of technology. It was established in December 2012.



One of the participants of the Digital Opportunity Trust training held in Dar es Salaam last week. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## Global food prices up at rapid pace last month

ROME

Global food prices rose in May at its fastest monthly rate in more than a decade, even as world cereal production is on course to reach a new record high, the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO) reported today.

The FAO Food Price Index averaged 127.1 points in May, 4.8% higher than in April and 39.7% higher than in May 2020. A surge in the international prices of vegetable oils, sugar and cereals led the increase in the index, which tracks monthly changes in the international prices of commonly-traded food commodities, to its highest value since September 2011 and only 7.6% below its all-time peak in nominal terms.

The cereal price index increased 6.0% from April, led by international maize prices, which averaged 89.9% above their year-earlier value. However, maize prices started to retreat at the end of May, mostly on improved production prospects in the United States of America. International wheat prices also showed a late-month decline but averaged 6.8% higher in May than in April, while international rice quotations held steady.

The vegetable oil price index gained 7.8% in May, mainly reflecting rising palm, soy and rapeseed oil quotations. Palm oil prices rose due to slow production growth in Southeast Asian countries, while prospects of robust global demand, especially from the biodiesel sector, drove soyoil prices higher.

The sugar price index increased by 6.8% from April, due largely to harvest delays and concerns over reduced crop yields in Brazil, the world's largest sugar exporter, even as large export volumes from India contributed to easing the price surge.

The meat price index increased by 2.2% from April, with quotations for all meat types rising due to a faster pace of import purchases by China, as well as rising internal demand for poultry and pig meats in the leading producing regions.

The dairy price index rose by 1.8% in the month, averaging 28% above its level of one year ago. The increase was led by solid import demand for skim and whole milk powders, while butter prices declined for the first time in almost a year on increased export supplies from New Zealand.

## Inaction on climate could cost G7 nations trillions



Danny Sriskandarajah, chief executive of Oxfam GB.

LONDON

Inaction on climate change could cost G7 nations 8.5 per cent in lost gross domestic product annually by 2050 and include heavy job losses, Oxfam said on Monday.

The charities group said more ambitious action is needed to tackle climate change if its worst effects are to be avoided by the world's biggest economies. Analysis of research by the Swiss Re Institute showed the world needs to cut carbon emissions more quickly and steeply, Oxfam said.

“The climate crisis is already devastating lives in poorer countries but the world's most developed economies are not immune,” said Danny Sriskandarajah, chief executive of Oxfam GB. “The UK government has a once-in-a-generation opportunity to lead the world towards a safer, more liveable planet for all of us.”

“It should strain every diplomatic sinew to secure the strongest possible outcome at the G7 and Cop26 summits, and lead by example by turning promises into action and reversing self-defeating decisions like the proposed coal-mine in Cumbria and cuts to overseas aid.”

Swiss Re looked at how climate change is likely to affect economies through gradual, chronic climate risks such as heat stress, higher sea levels, health problems and the effects on agricultural productivity.

Oxfam's analysis found the loss in GDP, assuming 2.6°C of warming, would be double that of the coronavirus pandemic, which has caused G7 economies to shrink by an average of 4.2 per cent. The UK economy is projected to lose up to 6.5 per cent of its value by mid-century, compared with 2.4 per cent if it succeeds in pushing other nations to

reduce emissions fast enough to meet the goals of the Paris Agreement. The US would be hit with a 7.2 per cent loss by 2050, Japan 9.1 per cent, Italy 11.4 per cent, Germany 8.3 per cent, France 10 per cent and Canada 6.9 per cent

The economies of all 48 nations in the Swiss Re study are expected to contract, with many of them predicted to be hit far worse than the G7 countries. For example, by 2050, India is forecast to lose 27 per cent from its economy, Australia 12.5 per cent and the Philippines 35 per cent.

Oxfam said the G7 nations have all set new climate targets but most are still below targets that would keep global warming below 1.5°C. They said the G7 was also collectively failing to deliver on a longstanding pledge by developed countries to provide \$100 billion each year to help poor countries respond to climate change.

# TCCIA president urges SMEs to merge and compete in market

By Francis Kajubi

**W**OMEN who own small and medium size enterprises have been advised to merge and form stronger companies that will be able to raise capital and produce goods and services that can compete in the global market.

Tanzania Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture's President, Paul Koyi said in Dar es Salaam last week when addressing members of Tanzania Saccos for Women Entrepreneurs (TASWE) who were attending a capacity building workshop that strong companies will also enable them get loans or attract equity from investors.

"When you join forces, you can meet criteria needed by financial institutions to lend your company which then becomes competitive in the market. Producers of a certain product can come together and form a company, register it and put down proposals for investors or financial institutions support in terms of capital," Koyi said.

He pointed out that the majority of entrepreneurs never live to see their success as each of them prefer to keep it alone hence fail to compete which leads to collapse of such businesses. Koyi revealed that TCCIA and TASWE will soon sign a memorandum of understanding for the purpose of enabling members to benefit from different business opportunities available at the chamber.

"One of TCCIA's mission is to help small and medium size entrepreneurs grow to the maximum. The memorandum that we are looking forward to sign in a few days to come will put TASWE members in the limelight and expose their businesses to a myriad of opportunities available at TCCIA," the TCCIA President added.

In her welcoming remarks to Koyi, TASWE Chairperson, Anna Matinde said that the main challenge that women entrepreneurs face is shortage of funds to grow their businesses and compete in the market.

"TASWE is an independent financial institution providing deposits and credit facilities to its members. In addition TASWE Saccos aims to provide support to members' economic activities," Matinde said. According to her, TASWE has established an online platform to enable its members to showcase and sell their products globally.



TCCIA president Paul Koyi has a word with Elizabeth Mkonya, an entrepreneur who attended capacity building training in Dar es Salaam last week. Looking on is TASWE chairperson Anna Matinde. Photo: Francis Kajubi

In a vote of thanks, one of TASWE members, Elizabeth Mkonya said she has been facing challenges in marketing her cookies and confectionaries. Mkonya said the four-days training helped her to acquire knowledge and skills on how to sell online especially at this time of the coronavirus outbreak.

In collaboration with GIZ's Business Scouts for Development department, a

German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) funded programme, TASWE's members are being trained and linked to market opportunities for their but also to investors or financial institutions. Through the training involved new innovative models related to products' branding techniques, marketing network, packaging, sales and customer relationship management.

# Anglo's coal spinoff is worth zero, research company Boatman says

JOHANNESBURG

Anglo American Plc's South African coal mines, which will be listed in a new vehicle this week, are worthless given the scale of environmental clean-up costs, according to a research report from short-seller Boatman Capital.

Anglo will list Thungela Resources in Johannesburg and London this week, handing ownership to existing shareholders, as part of its retreat from thermal coal, the most polluting fuel. The world's biggest miners have been looking to exit from the fuel amid intense pressure from activists and some investors.

Boatman says the company's clean-

up costs for the mines, which are all expected to close in the next decade, could be three times greater than the amounts currently disclosed to investors. Boatman says new liability rules in South Africa known as NEMA that are due to come into place later this month will significantly increase its closure costs.

"Our financial model attributes zero value to Thungela," Boatman said in the report on its website Sunday. "By seemingly underreporting its environmental liabilities, could Anglo and Thungela have misled investors over the true value of these assets?"

Anglo said in a statement in response to the Boatman report that the provision on Thungela's balance sheet is "over

and above the regulatory guidance applicable to miners in South Africa." "The basis for provisioning under the draft NEMA regulations simply does not accurately reflect the actual or likely sums needed to discharge such liabilities," Anglo said. "It is precisely because the amount required to be provisioned under the draft NEMA regulations is considered to be artificial, and arbitrarily inflated, that the draft has remained under review since 2015."

Boatman, which provides research for short-sellers, made its name three years ago when it published a list of highly critical claims against Babcock International Plc. Babcock's previous management consistently rejected the claims, but the defense company has lost million of pounds in value and earlier this year took a 1.7 billion pound (\$2.4 billion) writedown as part of a sweeping overhaul by its new management.

Anglo has been plotting an exit from thermal coal for more than a year, but will still own a coal mine in Colombia that it's also planning to dispose of and coking coal mines in Australia, used to make steel rather than produce power.

Chief Executive Officer Mark Cutifani has previously acknowledged that the company probably missed the best opportunity to get the highest price for the assets. Instead, he said the focus was on handing over the mines in a responsible way. Liberum Capital said last week that it expects the company to have a market value of \$440 million to \$950 million.



Anglo American Plc CEO Mark Cutifani.

# Saudi Arabia's Red Sea Farms secures \$10m in new funding

RIYADH

Agricultural technology company Red Sea Farms secured \$10 million to develop commercial farming using salt water sources to help improve food security in Saudi Arabia and beyond.

The latest funding round was led by a group of Saudi and UAE investors including Saudi Aramco's entrepreneurship arm Wa'ed, the non-profit foundation Future Investment Initiative Institute and King Abdullah University for Science & Technology (Kaust), the company said on Monday.

UAE-based venture capital group Global Ventures is also providing new investment. "The investment from our new partners will help us improve global food security while reducing the carbon and fresh-water footprint," Red Sea Farms' chief executive Ryan Lefers said.

The company, set up in 2018 by Mr Lefers along with Mark Tester and Derya Baran, aims to reduce the use of fresh water in farming by 85 to 90 per cent. It is based at Kaust in Thuwal, 60 miles north of Jeddah.

"The Red Sea Farms investment reflects our decade-long commitment to the Saudi start-up sector, where Wa'ed has deployed more than \$100m in venture capital investments and loans to more than 100 entrepreneurs," Wassim Basrawi, the managing director of Aramco venture Wa'ed, said.

"Red Sea Farms is a good example of a game-changing start-up whose innovations not only can transform markets but improve life for everyone in the kingdom." Food security has been made a priority for many Gulf nations in recent years, even before the onset of the coronavirus pandemic, which disrupted global supply chains. GCC states currently import as much as 90 per cent of the food they consume, according to Chatham House.

"Our investment in Red Sea Farms is an expression of FII-Institute's mission to support initiatives and projects which will have a positive impact on humanity," Richard Attias, the FII Institute's chief executive, said. The investment is FII Institute's first in the AgTech sector. Red Sea Farms is initially using its technology to grow and sell tomatoes in Saudi Arabia, but ultimately plans to sell entire growing systems to buyers around the world. In 2019, the company received a \$1.9m investment from the Kaust Innovation Fund and Riyadh-based Research Products Development Company.

Other governments in the region are also supporting companies developing AgTech. Last year, Abu Dhabi said it will offer more than Dh110m (\$30m) in financial incentives to companies in the sector looking to set up operations in the emirate as part of its Dh50 billion Ghadan 21 accelerator initiative.



Ryan Lefers - at left, co-founder and chief executive of Red Sea Farms, along with Mark Tester.

# Botswana suspends some SA animal, meat imports

GABORONE

Botswana said yesterday that it had banned imports of cloven-hoofed animals and their fresh products from South Africa after an outbreak of foot and mouth disease was detected in the neighbouring country.

The ministry of agriculture said it would no longer import live animals, their fresh products as well as veldt grass, bedding and manure contaminated products and vehicles from its southern neighbour to protect its lucrative cattle industry. Botswana is one of the largest beef exporters to the European Union but has often suspended sales in the past due to foot and mouth disease outbreaks from its neighbouring countries.

Beef exports amounted to \$61m in 2019, according to Botswana's central bank data. According to a media release by the Minister of Agriculture (DALRRD), another outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease (FMD), has, this time, appeared near Mtubatuba in KwaZulu-Natal.

The disease, which causes lesions and lameness in infected animals, was detected in South Africa's KwaZulu-Natal province last week after local veterinary officials noticed cattle showing suspicious lesions. South Africa said it was investigating the extent of the outbreak. Foot and mouth disease does not affect humans but poses a threat to cloven-hoofed animals such as cattle, goats and sheep.

# 'My foggy glasses solution helped me through Covid'

BBC

The pandemic has hit young people's work and career prospects particularly hard. For Alex Wickens, 22, the best response was to start a business designed to tackle a practical problem that has emerged in the era of Covid.

It is something many of us will have experienced for the first time, thanks to the pandemic.

You put your face mask on to enter a shop and your glasses start fogging up. All of a sudden you can't see the products on the shelf and you're losing your bearings.

Alex, from Sussex, noticed this problem working shifts at his local supermarket. He would struggle to read the package labels sometimes, when he was stacking shelves.

He hadn't planned to be working in a supermarket, but the pandemic had thrown all his career plans into the air, just when he thought he had his life sorted.

He had taken a year off after sixth-form college to figure out exactly what he wanted to do with his life - and realised he wanted to be a commercial pilot.

After a great deal of preparation and effort, he managed to gain a place at a flight training school.

But by spring last year it was clear that the pandemic was here to stay for a while. The aviation sector was very badly affected and all of a sudden it didn't seem a sensible career option. Alex was not willing to risk the huge fees involved, which he would have to borrow.

So he took a job at his local supermarket to weather out the pandemic, however long it might last. This brought him enough money to live on, since he lived with his parents.

It was at the supermarket he encountered his foggy glasses problem

- and he noticed that lots of other customers, who were trying to combine face masks with spectacles, were having the same issue.

Covid had created a new problem and if there was a solution, there was a possible business opportunity, he thought.

Searching online for a practical remedy he found that all it would take to fix the steamy glasses issue is a simple clip placed at the top of a mask.

This secures the top of the seam around the bridge of your nose, ensuring your breath exits away from your glasses. Several small companies make these. He found a firm in Normandy, France that made them to order, using banks of 3D-printers.

Normandy Ecospace makes the clips using by-products from the food industry, like corn starch, coffee grounds or finely ground mussel shells, rather than plastic, making them better for the environment.

He got in touch and organised to distribute their clips in the UK.

When not working at the supermarket - his new job became building a website for his MistyClip brand, creating a payments system and organising stock control and shipping.

As lockdowns continued, there has been steady demand for his product. His business took over parts of his parents' house and indeed, he had to enlist their help on occasions.

In his best month he took in nearly £3,000 in revenue - in most he takes around £1,000. He donates 10% of profits to a local charity called Trellis that supports homeless and unemployed people.

He's had positive feedback from a variety of customers, from people working on construction sites to fellow key workers in the NHS and su-



permarkets. Alex hopes he can still sell his clips to those who still choose to wear face masks as lockdowns ease, as well as professionals like doctors and food hygienists. He still wants to be a pilot, but thinks in the meantime, the business is helping him emotionally as well as (a little) financially. "When I had to put my dream job on hold - starting a business helped me fill the void, it gives me purpose," says Alex. "I feel like I'm doing something worthwhile and without it, to be honest, I would have been lost. "But I'm waiting for the pandemic to pass, so I can chase my dream."

## Gold is good but Bitcoin better for \$7.5bn hedge fund

NEW YORK

Gold will surge to fresh highs in the next year, but investors seeking currency alternatives as global debt balloons should look to Bitcoin, according to a \$7.5 billion hedge fund.

Both are likely to rally even as the Federal Reserve moves to taper asset purchases, said Troy Gayeski, co-chief investment officer and senior portfolio manager at SkyBridge Capital. The two are frequently compared by investors, with former Treasury Secretary Lawrence Summers saying cryptocurrencies could stay a feature of global markets as something akin to digital gold.

"We're going to stick to Bitcoin and crypto because we just think there's more upside," Gayeski said in a telephone interview last week. While there's more volatility, "you're going to capture a little bit more juice than you will in gold from that same phenomenon," he added.

Investors are tracking commentary by the US central bank as inflation ticks higher and policy makers move closer to paring the huge asset purchases that rescued the economy from the turmoil caused by the pandemic. The monetary support has driven the Fed's balance sheet to a record, while muscular fiscal spending has boosted government debt. Both may pose an eventual risk to the dollar's value, potentially tarnishing the appeal of alternatives.

"All fiat-currency alternatives - which have all gone through fairly recent substantial corrections - are in a much better place now to handle that eventual taper and gradual slowing of money-supply growth, than they were as they were making higher-highs after higher-highs," Gayeski said.

Both Bitcoin and gold have seen substantial swings this year, which unfolded amid a debate about whether the cryptocurrency was drawing demand away from bullion. The digital token soared to a record near \$65,000 in April, before plunging. It was last around \$36,600. Gold, meanwhile, came close to sinking into a bear market in March, but reversed course to erase year-to-date losses.

Leading Wall Street banks are divided

on the relative merits of the pair - Citigroup Inc. has said gold is "losing luster" to cryptocurrencies, while Goldman Sachs Group Inc. made the case that the two assets can coexist. Tesla Inc. boss Elon Musk, whose tweets have roiled Bitcoin prices this year, said in May he supports cryptocurrencies over fiat, or paper, currencies.

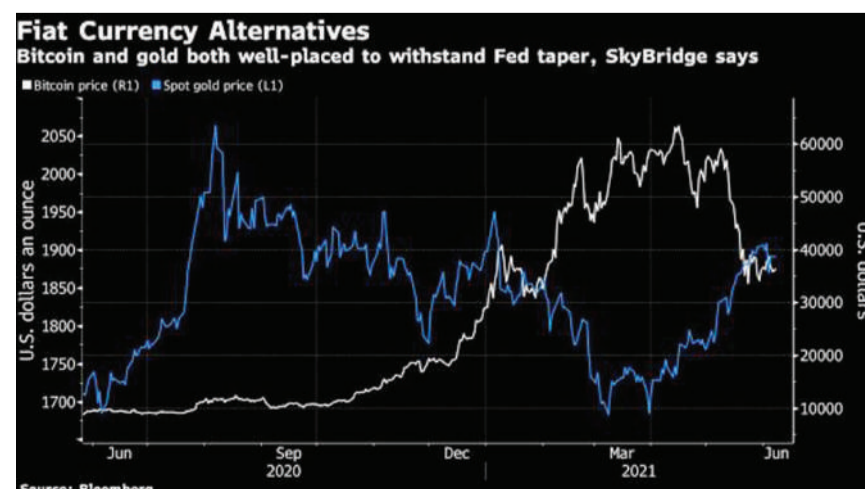
Bullion, which hit a record above \$2,075 an ounce last year, has now established a floor, according to Gayeski. A lot of the taper talk concerns have been pulled out of the market, and even when it's announced, the Fed is not going to start reducing the pace of its purchases until 2022, he said. "Going forward, the probability of gold continuing an uptrend is fairly high, making new highs over the next year," he said.

Even as signs of recovery accumulate, the Fed is still buying \$120 billion of Treasury and mortgage-backed securities a month, and its balance sheet has surged toward \$8 trillion, about a third of gross domestic product. Talk on tapering that support - which carries the potential to boost Treasury yields and the dollar, tarnishing gold's appeal - is moving closer.

SkyBridge, a fund-of-funds manager, has a small exposure to a gold miner that's leveraged to a continued gold price rally. Its primary exposures are to US cash-flow-generative strategies, backed by tangible assets, distressed corporate credit and convertible-bond arbitrage among others. The company's Bitcoin fund is up 51.2% since its inception last December through to June 1.

SkyBridge founder Anthony Scaramucci has teamed up with First Trust Advisors on an exchange-traded fund that plans to buy and sell Bitcoin, and Gayeski expects the Securities and Exchange Commission to approve the product by the fourth quarter of 2021 or the first quarter of next year.

"The only reason we exist professionally is to find interesting ways to generate attractive non-correlated returns that also have an attractive risk-reward profile," said Gayeski. "The mix of strategies in our broader portfolio is amplified by having a small-but-meaningful position in alternatives to fiat currencies like Bitcoin."



A gold performance graph.



Safaricom CEO Peter Ndegwa.

## Safaricom mulls writing off Telkom, Airtel Sh1.5bn debt

NAIROBI

Telecoms operator Safaricom is likely to write off a Sh1.5 billion debt owed by rival telcos Telkom and Airtel after it made provisions for loss of the funds.

Telkom and Airtel owe Safaricom for using its infrastructure known as co-location and interconnection fees from cross-network calls. Safaricom said they have to provision on a conservative basis when there are delays in collecting dues which increased the firm's expected loss.

"On expected loss, yes, I think we spoke about this in H1 as well we did see the accumulation of losses from Telkom Kenya, and overall co-location and interconnect all put together is the amount of about 1.5 billion, so that's the major chunk of the increase in expected loss you may have seen compared to last year," Safaricom Chief Finance Officer Dilip Pal said. Provisioning is an accounting practice where companies set aside part of their profits when they expect a decrease in the value of their assets as is the case when they are unable to collect a debt.

Safaricom did not reveal the break-

down of how much each of its rivals owes it. In an earlier letter to the Communications Authority of Kenya (CA) before the failed merger of its rivals, Safaricom had disclosed that Telkom and Airtel owed it Sh906.6 million and Sh390.7 million respectively for interconnection, co-location, and fibre services it rendered to them.

Part of the debt stems from interconnection fees which Safaricom indicated in the annual report it expects a credit loss of Sh664 million. The rest is accumulated losses from renting out its stations to other operators known as co-location.

Safaricom earned Sh4.9 billion in interconnection fees for the year to March 2020 compared to Sh4.6 billion the previous year. The telco made Sh1.8 billion in co-location fees in a similar period up from Sh1.7 billion in 2019, according to its annual report.

It is not clear whether Safaricom plans to pursue its rivals through court action or the regulator, CA. Telkom said they had a payment plan in place and would repay the debt while Airtel did not respond to emailed inquiries by the time of going to press.

"Telkom has an agreed-upon payments schedule with Safaricom; one that we are honouring and up to date with," Telkom CEO Mugo Kibati said. Safaricom has previously raised the issue of legacy debts whenever its rivals attempted mergers and acquisitions.

The company raised it again during the failed attempt to merge Telkom and Airtel when its then-acting CEO Michael Joseph wrote to the Communications Authority of Kenya demanding Sh1.2 billion before approving the deal. Mr Joseph said that since Airtel explicitly said it would not take up Telkom's liabilities it would be difficult to chase those debts after the merger.

In 2015 Safaricom also temporarily blocked the sale of Orange Group's majority stake in Telkom Kenya to UK-based, Africa-focused private equity firm Helios Investment Partners, over concerns that it would not be able to recover the funds it was owed by Telkom. The company said it was apprehensive of not being able to recover the Sh639.8 million it is owed by Telkom Kenya if Orange Group transferred a 70 percent stake to Helios.

VIEW FROM THE TOP

## WORLD

## Netanyahu now alleges Israeli poll fraud, accuses rival of duplicity

PRIME Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said on Sunday a newly formed Israeli coalition that is poised to unseat him was the result of "the greatest election fraud" in the history of democracy.

Hours after Netanyahu's comments, Naftali Bennett, a nationalist set to replace him as prime minister, called on Israel's longest-serving leader not to leave "scorched earth" behind and accept that "people are allowed to establish a government - even if you don't head it".

Netanyahu made his sweeping accusation at a time when Israel's domestic security chief has warned publicly about the prospect of political violence.

"We are witnessing the greatest election fraud in the history of the country, in my opinion in the history of any democracy," Netanyahu said in comments to legislators from his right-wing Likud party.

He focused his allegations on a broken campaign promise from Bennett, who

had pledged not to partner with left-wing, centrist and Arab parties.

On Wednesday, Bennett announced with opposition leader Yair Lapid that they had formed a governing coalition with factions from across the political spectrum following an inconclusive March 23 election, Israel's fourth in two years.

Under a rotation deal, Bennett will serve first as prime minister, followed by Lapid.

No date has been set for a vote in parliament to approve the new government.

In a televised speech, Bennett called on Yair Levin, parliament's speaker and a Netanyahu loyalist, not to try to buy time to encourage members of the new coalition to defect, and said he should hold the vote on Wednesday. There was no immediate comment from Levin.

"Let go. Let the country move forward," Bennett said, addressing his remarks to Netanyahu, who has been in



office since 2009. "Mr Netanyahu, don't leave scorched earth behind you. All of us, the entire nation, want to remember the good you did during your service."

Netanyahu's tenure has been clouded by a corruption trial, in which he has denied any wrongdoing, but he has won praise at home and abroad for Israel's quick rollout of COVID-19 vaccinations.

#### "Fraud and surrender"

The prospective new government caps political jockeying since the election. People angry at the planned alliance have held protests outside the homes of opposition politicians, whose security has been beefed up after threats on social media.

"We, my friends and I in Likud, we will vehemently oppose the establishment of this dangerous government of fraud and surrender," Netanyahu said. "And if, God forbid, it is established, we will bring it down very quickly."

In a rare public warning, the head of the Shin Bet internal security agency said on Saturday that increasingly extreme online discourse could lead to violence.

While condemning violence and incitement, Netanyahu, 71, repeated his designation of the Lapid-Bennett coalition as a leftist alliance that would put Israel at risk.

He said the diverse partnership would be unable to stand up to Washington over Iran's nuclear programme or confront Gaza's Hamas militant group that fought with Israel for 11 days last month before a fragile ceasefire went into effect.

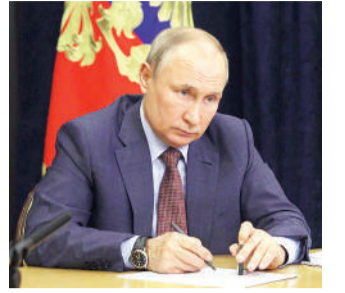
Bennett, who heads the far-right Yamina party and advocates annexation of parts of the occupied West Bank, said Netanyahu's description of the coalition as being "extreme-leftist" was "another lie".

Agencies

## Putin signs law to denounce Treaty on Open Skies

MOSCOW

RUSSIAN President Vladimir Putin has signed a law to officially withdraw Russia from the Treaty on Open Skies, the document was published on the official portal of legal information yesterday.



On May 19, Russia's lower house of parliament unanimously adopted the bill. The upper house followed suit on June 2 as the chamber unanimously approved the measure as well.

On May 27, US Deputy Secretary of State Wendy Sherman notified her Russian counterpart Sergey Ryabkov about Washington's decision not to rejoin the treaty.

According to the senior Russian diplomat, Moscow is not planning to change its position regarding the Treaty on Open Skies in favor of Washington.

Washington withdrew from the Treaty on Open Skies in November 2020, citing Moscow's alleged breaches of its clauses.

On January 15, the Russian Foreign Ministry announced that Russia was launching domestic procedures to withdraw from the Treaty on Open Skies, justifying this step by a lack of progress in removing obstacles in order for the treaty to remain effective after Washington's pullout.

In April, the US Department of State announced that US authorities have not yet made a decision to return to the treaty.

Washington has blamed Moscow for years for selectively adhering to the Treaty on Open Skies and violating a number of its provisions. Russia, in turn, has expressed grievances over Washington's implementation of the treaty.

The Treaty on Open Skies was signed in March 1992 in Helsinki by 27 member nations of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), known as the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE) before 1995.

The main purposes of the open skies regime are to develop transparency, render assistance in monitoring compliance with the existing or future arms control agreements, broaden possibilities for preventing and managing crises.

The treaty establishes a program of unarmed aerial surveillance flights over the entire territory of its participants.

## Pakistani train smashes into derailed carriages, 36 killed

ISLAMABAD

A train in Pakistan smashed into derailed carriages of another train yesterday, killing at least 36 people, government officials said, in the latest accident to highlight the perilous state of a more-than-165 year old railway system.

The death toll was likely to rise as rescuers struggled to reach people trapped in several mangled compartments strewn across the tracks in the southern province of Sindh.

A Pakistan Railways spokesman said at least 33 bodies had been taken to hospitals, among them two railway officials. More than 100 people were injured, he told Reuters.

Police officer Umar Tufail said the toll rose to 36, and that his men could see four more bodies stuck in the wreckage.

"We have not been able to take them out so far, but an operation is underway for that," he told reporters at the site. "We have saved three more people; they are injured," he added.

An injured passenger, who had been travelling on the train that derailed, recounted how one calamity led to another.

"We felt as if we had been thrown away," the man, who had a bandaged head, told a television reporter from hospital, speaking of the initial derailing of his train.

"The second train then hit our train that caused more damage," he said.

The Pakistan Railways spokesman said several carriages of the first train fell across the adjacent track after the derailling in the Ghotki district.

The second train, coming from the other direction, then smashed into them, he added.

"The driver tried to apply emergency brakes but the locomotive hit the infringing coaches," Pakistan Railways said in an initial report.

"The track has got issues on several points, the coaches are old, some as old as 40 years," railway official Khalid Latif told Geo News TV.

"I've told high-ups several times 'please do something about it,'" he said.

Prime Minister Imran Khan said on Twitter he was shocked by the "horrific" accident and was ordering a comprehensive investigation into railway safety.

Accidents on the decrepit system are common. In 2005, in the same district about 130 people were killed when a crowded passenger train rammed into another at a station and a third train hit the wreckage.

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## I saw how CPC leadership promotes human development - Belarusian party leader

MINSK

The Communist Party of China (CPC)'s governing philosophy helps promote the idea of constant human development, said a Belarusian party leader.

Under the CPC's leadership, China has become the only major economy in the world to see GDP growth in 2020 amid the COVID-19 pandemic, and "this is what speaks about the policy that is being pursued. It means that people are constantly developing," Aleksei Sokol, first secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Belarus, told Xinhua in a recent exclusive interview.

China has set "an example of what needs to be taken in the fight against such a terrible epidemic," Sokol (pictured) said.

The party leader noted that the main reason for the CPC's longevity is its ability to adapt

the Marxism theory to the Chinese context.

Having visited China many times, Sokol said he is deeply impressed by the country's rapid development, citing China's efforts in improving infrastructure, and advancing innovative technology, aerospace technology and biotechnology as examples.

With the CPC's leadership, China is "focusing not only on central cities, but also developing the periphery very seriously," he said, adding that China promotes a diversified development to increase the well-being of its people by any means.

Sokol said he is also amazed by China's poverty alleviation. "I saw how the leadership of the CPC promotes the idea of human development."

Behind China's eradication of absolute poverty is a certain human development potential,



which ultimately pushes forward the development of the whole country, he said.

All China's socio-economic achievements, fulfilled under the CPC's leadership, deserve respect, he said.

Members of the CPC have spearheaded the efforts to speed up China's development over the past decades, the party leader noted, adding that the Chinese people are hardworking, active and highly disciplined, which also contributed

to China's rapid development.

Sokol was invited to participate in the CPC in Dialogue with World Political Parties High-level Meeting in Beijing in 2017. He said he is deeply impressed by the remarks on jointly building a community with a shared future for mankind made at the meeting by Chinese President Xi Jinping, also general secretary of the CPC Central Committee.

"This is an excellent, wonderful and strong idea. This is a very promising direction," he said.

China has proposed to the international community an initiative that countries should unite to develop in a peaceful way, and the world should respond to the initiative, he said.

Sokol said his party has repeatedly sent members to participate in various international forums and seminars in China,

and also sent young Belarusians to China to promote exchanges with Chinese youths. "We have learned a lot both in theory and in practice from our Chinese colleagues thanks to these visits."

Noting that Belarus-China relations "are deepening every year," and that the two countries have great mutually beneficial prospects, Sokol praised the leaders of both sides for their invaluable role in promoting "such friendly relations."

Congratulating the CPC on its 100th anniversary, Sokol said he wishes China can further speed up the pace of its development in the future.

China should go forward and show the world that "socialism with Chinese characteristics is really a modern model. It is aimed at caring for people, at development," he added.

Xinhua

## G7 urged to vaccinate world by end of 2022

LONDON

AT the G7 summit starting on Friday Britain's Prime Minister Boris Johnson will urge leaders to commit to vaccinating the whole world against coronavirus by the end of next year, Downing Street said on Saturday, after a failure to break new ground at a meeting of the G7 health ministers a day earlier.

The United Kingdom is to host the event in Cornwall, southwestern England, with leaders of Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan and the United States attending.

Johnson will call on fellow G7 leaders to make concrete commitments to "vaccinate the entire world against coronavirus by the end of 2022", a Downing Street statement said.

"Vaccinating the world by the end of next year would

be the single greatest feat in medical history," Johnson was quoted as saying.

Downing Street pointed to the British government's successes in backing the Oxford-AstraZeneca vaccine and making it available at cost price worldwide, as well as its support for the COVAX scheme.

However, facing growing calls to ensure fairer global distribution of vaccines, the G7 health ministers at a meeting on Friday failed to break new ground, reiterating previous commitments to share doses through COVAX "as soon as possible".

Britain's efficient vaccine distribution has caused cases and admissions to hospital to fall greatly, but some experts warn that rising numbers of cases of the new Delta variant could threaten this progress.

The variant first identified in India is reportedly more



easily transmitted and more likely to cause serious illness.

Cases of the virus in the UK have recently begun rising more steeply, even though 27 million adults have received both doses. Britain has the highest number of coronavirus deaths in Europe, at over 128,000 on Sunday, according to Johns Hopkins University.

#### Record doses in Italy

Countries are speeding up their vaccine distribution. In Italy a record 600,000 doses

were administered on Friday, putting the country in second place in Europe for the number of people fully vaccinated.

According to the country's government, 37.06 million doses have been administered and 12.7 million people, or nearly 24 percent of the population aged above 12, have been vaccinated.

In Hungary, 54 percent of the population of about 10 million has received a first dose of a vaccine and 38 percent is fully vaccinated.

Hungary became a European Union leader in COVID-19 vaccinations after securing shots from Russia and China as well as from Western pharmaceutical companies that had deals with the EU.

Globally, inoculations against the coronavirus have reached 2 billion as the world races to contain the pandemic, but Bloomberg said that at the current pace it will take nine more months to vaccinate 75 percent of the global population needed to provide herd immunity.

Vaccination distribution has been uneven, mainly benefiting the developed world even as lower-income countries have struggled to obtain shots. The wealthiest 27 countries have administered about 29 percent of vaccinations globally but have only 10 percent of the world's population, Bloomberg said. Agencies

## Before talks on N Ireland, UK calls for pragmatism and EU seeks trust

LONDON

BRITAIN called on the European Union to be more pragmatic and Brussels urged London to help rebuild trust on Sunday, as the sides prepared for talks this week on a part of the Brexit deal that governs trade with Northern Ireland.

Since it completed its departure from the EU last year, Britain's relations with the 27-member bloc have soured, with both sides accusing the other of acting in bad faith over what

is called the Northern Ireland protocol.

The protocol introduced checks on some goods moving from mainland Britain to Northern Ireland, a British province which has a land border with EU member Ireland.

The checks have caused a perception among pro-British unionists in Northern Ireland that the Brexit deal divides them from the rest of the United Kingdom, a shift they say could sink a 1998 peace deal that ended three decades of violence.

"We ultimately need to re-establish a minimum level of trust that allows us to find solutions," Joao Vale de Almeida, the EU ambassador to Britain, told Times Radio before talks between EU and British officials that are expected to resume on Wednesday.

The envoy said no viable alternative to the Northern Ireland protocol, a measure designed to prevent a "hard" border between the EU and Britain on the island of Ireland, had been proposed. He called on Britain

to honour its agreements.

David Frost, Britain's minister in charge of EU ties, said EU negotiators needed to adopt a "new playbook" for talks.

In comments published by the Financial Times, Frost said the EU needed to show more pragmatism and less "legal purism".

"We continue to work for negotiated solutions which achieve this. But time is starting to run out. We need to see progress soon. I hope we can this week," Frost said.

Britain had made huge compromises to make the agreement work, he added.

Ireland's foreign affairs minister, Simon Coveney, said Frost continued to blame EU inflexibility for difficulties around the protocol.

"This is simply not the case... Is this about media messaging in UK or really solving problems together?" he said on Twitter.

Preserving the delicate peace without allowing the United Kingdom a back door into the EU's single

market via the Irish border was one of the most difficult issues of nearly four years of talks on the terms of Britain's exit from the bloc.

Some politicians fear the dispute could spill over into violent protest in Northern Ireland.

British Prime Minister Boris Johnson unilaterally extended a grace period on certain checks to minimise supply disruption. Brussels said the move breached the Brexit divorce deal.

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## Kremlin declines to comment on Trump's remark about Biden being mocked by Putin

MOSCOW

KREMLIN Spokesman Dmitry Peskov declined to comment on former White House occupant Donald Trump's remark that incumbent US President Joe Biden is being mocked by Russia.

"I don't think I should comment on Mr. Trump's remarks. You should ask him, what kind of mockery he was talking about. It's not our job to comment on such allegations," Peskov pointed out.

When speaking about Russia-US relations, the Kremlin spokesman noted that "the policy of sanctions continues, over 90 restrictions have so far been imposed on our country."

"It is an endless vicious circle and in theory, we need to get out of it because sanctions don't make it possible to achieve any goals.

They are never aimed at achieving anything, sanctions can't help achieve anything, it's not a tool that will work on Russia," Peskov emphasized. According to him, the only thing that works on Russia is dialogue based on mutual respect."

Trump said earlier that "Biden is being openly mocked by China's negotiators and Russian President Putin."

Agencies

## 'Uyghur Tribunal' neither legal nor credible - Chinese embassy in UK

LONDON

THE so-called "Uyghur Tribunal" is neither legal nor credible, but just another anti-China farce concocted by a few individuals with the end goal of using Xinjiang to contain China, the Chinese embassy in Britain has said.

The Chinese side is firmly opposed to it, the embassy said in a statement released on Sunday.

A four-day hearing scheduled to end on Monday is conducted by the "Uyghur Tribunal" in London and claims to gather evidence on whether the Chinese government committed "genocide" in northwest China's Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region.

This so-called "tribunal" is not a judicial organ or procedure as the term suggests, the embassy said, noting that it is composed of people with ulterior motives and carries no weight or authority.

"The pseudo tribunal puts together a group of individuals who make a living out of demonizing China," the statement said, adding that it is funded by the World Uyghur Congress, an organization dedicated to separating Xinjiang from China.

The so-called "experts" and "witnesses" include Adrian Zenz, who has long been spreading lies about Xinjiang, as well as several "actors" who have been found to be habitually fabricating all sorts of "persecution" stories that never happened, the statement said.

Its "chair" Geoffrey Nice reportedly used to be a British agent, who is known for filing frivolous lawsuits, and has close ties with various anti-China forces, according to the statement.

Xinhua

## UN envoy takes aim at coercive measures

LOS ANGELES

CHINA'S Permanent Representative to the UN, Zhang Jun, says unilateral coercive measures are "turning a health crisis into a moral crisis".

In a virtual webinar on Thursday, Zhang said the pandemic is far from over, amid surging new cases, more contagious variants and a widening vaccine divide.

However, "at this critical juncture", measures imposed by some countries are "undermining global response and threatening the health of people of targeted countries", he said.

Unilateral coercive measures "are illegal, unjustified and unreasonable", Zhang said. While the pandemic is natural, such measures "are man-made and turning a health crisis into a moral crisis".

The virtual webinar was on "the impact of unilateral coercive measures on national health systems of targeted developing countries", which China co-hosted with the permanent missions of Belarus, Bolivia, Cuba, Iran, Nicaragua, Russia, Syria, Venezuela and Zimbabwe.

Zhang said such measures violate international law. The UN Charter stipulates that states have a duty "to practice tolerance and live together in peace with one another as good neighbors", he said.

"No state shall apply domestic law to exercise long-arm jurisdiction over other countries. Such practices seriously violate the purposes and principles of the UN Charter, the fundamental principle of sovereign equality in international law and the basic principle of noninterference in international relations."

Some countries are using unilateral sanctions to suppress governments of other states and incite "color revolution" and regime change, he said, and some use unilateral coercive measures as "their tool for unfair economic and scientific competitions".

Such measures produce a human rights crisis, Zhang said. According to UN reports, no "high values" could justify the violation of fundamental human rights, including the right to life, the right to health and the right to food, he said. COVID-19 shows clearly that unilateral coercive measures can be deadly for vulnerable people, he said.

Such measures worsen humanitarian crises, he said. The UN secretary-general and the high commissioner for human rights have repeatedly called for the lifting of unilateral sanctions to meet humanitarian needs. In reality, humanitarian assistance and trade in goods, such as medical equipment and parts, software, drug and food, is constantly interrupted or restricted, Zhang said.

The UN General Assembly has adopted resolutions against "unilateral economic measures as a means of political and economic coercion against developing countries" every two years since 1989, he said, on the "necessity of ending the economic, commercial and financial embargo imposed by the US against Cuba" each year since 1992, and on "human rights and unilateral coercive measures" each year since 1997.

# Xi calls for joint efforts on climate

PRESIDENT Xi Jinping called for unprecedented efforts to improve global environmental governance as World Environment Day was celebrated on Saturday.

Xi said the international community should work together with unprecedented ambition and action to strive for a fair and reasonable system of global environmental governance featuring win-win cooperation, and should promote the sustainable development of humanity.

Xi made the remarks in a congratulatory letter to World Environment Day events held on Saturday in Islamabad, Pakistan, with the theme of ecosystem restoration.

He emphasized that Earth is humanity's shared home, and a sound ecosystem is essential for the prosperity of civilizations.

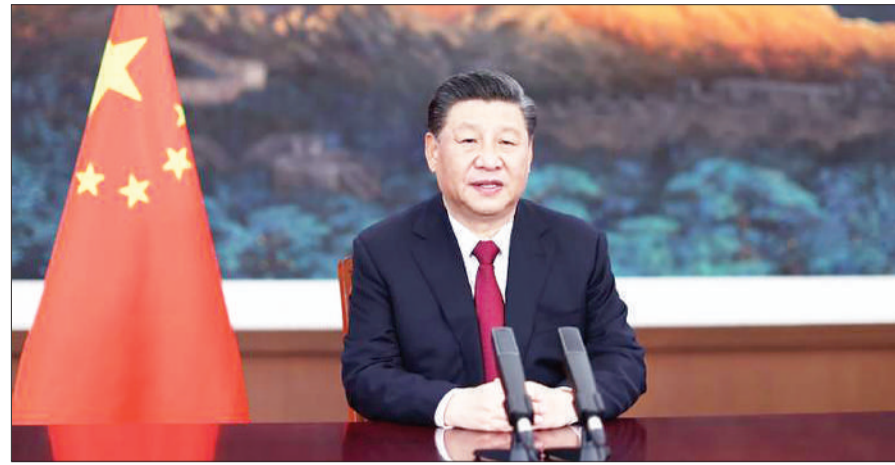
The human race should respect nature, follow its laws, protect it and endeavor to foster a new relationship in which humans and nature can both prosper and live in harmony, he added.

Climate change, biodiversity loss, worsening desertification and frequent extreme weather events have all posed severe challenges to human survival and development, Xi said, noting that the world is a community with a shared future where everyone is in the same boat.

Xi pointed out that Chinese civilization has always valued harmony between humans and nature, and that ecological conservation has been incorporated into the nation's overall plan for building socialism with Chinese characteristics.

As a participant, contributor and trailblazer in global ecological conservation, China is firmly committed to putting multilateralism into action and defending the international system with the United Nations at its core, as well as the international order underpinned by international law, in order to enhance global environmental governance, Xi said.

Noting that China will host the 15th meeting of the



Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity in October, Xi said China stands ready to discuss and draw up plans together with all parties for ecological conservation, inject new impetus into global environmental governance, foster a community of life for humans and nature, and jointly build a clean and beautiful world.

Also on Saturday, China held a national event for World Environment Day in Xining, the capital of Qinghai province, with the theme of living in harmony with nature.

While addressing the event, Minister of Ecology and Environment Huang Runqiu vowed to promote the country's accelerated green transition as it endeavors to address fundamental problems that jeopardize the harmonious coexistence of humans and nature.

Although China has made great en-

vironmental improvements, the progress is not yet enough to meet the public's expectations, he said.

Huang noted a series of challenges that China needs to address as it forges ahead with its progress of ecological civilization, a concept promoted by President Xi that advocates balanced and sustainable development.

"The country needs to revolutionize its previously shortsighted development approaches of going after near-term gains at the expense of the environment," he said.

Resource-intensive production and consumption modes involving large pollutant emissions should also be reformed, he emphasized.

Huang said the country will strictly restrict development of projects with high energy consumption and emissions as it fosters new development drivers by promoting green finance and develop-

ing low-carbon technologies and industries.

Stricter measures

To synergize pollution control and reduction of carbon dioxide emissions, the ministry is working on the draft of an action plan to peak emissions that will include intensified compulsory measures, he said.

Qinghai Governor Xin Changxing said the province in Northwest China will bolster efforts to contribute more to the country's climate goals.

China aims to peak carbon dioxide emissions before 2030 and become carbon neutral before 2060.

Xin said one of the targets in Qinghai's transition to a green development path is to build the region into a national base for clean energy industries.

In addition to solar, wind and hydroelectric energy, the province will also further tap its potential in developing geothermal resources, he said.

Xinhua

## Uganda closes schools, places of worship amid surge in COVID-19 cases

KAMPALA

UGANDAN President Yoweri Museveni on Sunday announced the closure of schools and places of worship following the upsurge of COVID-19 cases as the east African country faces the second wave of the pan-

demic. Museveni in a televised address said all churches and mosques in the country will be closed for 42 days. "Communal prayers will be suspended for 42 days," said Museveni. He said public gatherings have been banned for 42 days, except the Cabinet, Parliamentary meet-

ings. "Marriage ceremonies, parties and all other social gatherings are only allowed with a maximum of 20 people under strict observance of standard operating procedures," said Museveni. "House parties are strictly banned and this must be enforced without fail," he said.

President Museveni also directed the immediate closure of schools for 42 days, effective on June 7 at 8 A.M. local time. "All schools should close by tomorrow (Monday). All teachers to get fully vaccinated or they shall not be allowed to teach," said Museveni. He said the country

has experienced an increased number of clusters of infections in schools since March, with a total of 948 reported cases in 43 schools from 22 districts. "We believe this number is much higher, only that most schools are not reporting," said Museveni.

Xinhua

## Greater Bay Area, a unique blend of rapid development and downshifting lifestyle

IN Shenzhen Bay Park, south China's Guangdong province, visitors are wandering and enjoying splendid views of blossoming flower, while kilometers away, groups of tower cranes stand on the Shenzhen Bay Super Headquarters Base, erecting skyrocketing modern buildings.

The two completely different worlds along the Shenzhen Bay, which are totally compatible with each other, make a sharp contrast between a fairly laid-back lifestyle and an intense tempo of work, revealing the secrets to how the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area, also known as the Greater Bay Area, has made itself one of the most vibrant bay areas in the world.

The development speed of Shenzhen once astonished the world, as the completion of every storey of the city's Guomao Building, also known as the International Foreign Trade Centre, took merely three days. Today, such speed is prevalent in the whole Greater Bay Area.

As landmark projects, such as the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge and the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link, have opened to traffic, it only takes half an hour to drive from Hong Kong to Zhuhai and Macao, and the travel time between Hong Kong and Guangzhou is also shortened to less than an hour.

The Greater Bay area is also attracting entrepreneurs for its favorable business environment and high efficiency. The registration of companies there only takes less than a day, and over 90 percent of tax administration affairs can be handled online.

Hetao Shenzhen-Hong Kong Cooperation Zone for Technology and Innovation, located in Futian district of Shenzhen, is an area of only 3.89 square kilometers. However, it has attracted and implemented 138 projects, becoming a new innovation driver of the Greater Bay Area.

Rapid development brings more opportunities. In Shenzhen's Nansha district, CIC<sup>2</sup>, an incubator for young entrepreneurs, houses 74 entrepreneur teams from Hong Kong and Macao; in Qianhai, the Qianhai Shenzhen-Hong Kong Youth Innovation and Entrepreneur Hub has nurtured 356 entrepreneur teams with a total



A super headquarter base is being constructed in Hongshu Bay, Shenzhen, south China's Guangdong province, May 13, 2021. (File Photo)

financing amount of more than 1.5 billion yuan (\$234.9 million); in Zhuhai's Hengqin, the Hengqin-Macao Youth Entrepreneurship Valley has incubated 433 projects and introduced 50 high-tech firms.

Seeing such rapid development, emerging opportunities and continuously released dividends, more and more young entrepreneurs are joining the construction of the Greater Bay Area.

What the Greater Bay Area boasts includes not only the rapid development, but also a downshifting lifestyle of its people, which is mirrored by the increasing numbers of lakes, wetlands, and parks emerging there.

Nantou ancient town on Shennan East Road, Shenzhen is ruins of a battalion in Ming Dynasty (1368-1644). Outside of it is modernity, while inside there are remains of city walls, local bureaucrat residence, and memorial arches. Western-style buildings on the sides of the streets in the ancient town accommodate both internet-famous shops and time-honored stores. The town is now a popular destination for local residents on holidays and weekends. It is an epitome of a high-quality lifestyle that is gradually taking shape in the Greater Bay Area, glittering with its unique charm in a blend of history and modernity.

So far, 158 black and stinky water bodies, and 1,467 micro black and stinky water bodies in the city have been purified, and the water quality of 310 rivers improved.

As home to over 1,200 parks, Shenzhen is nicknamed "a city in a park." In Xinhui district, Jiangmen, Guangdong province, a 400-year-old banyan is standing like a big forest, serving as a rest place for over 30,000 egrets. Thanks to the joint efforts made by Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao, Cantonese opera has been listed as a UNESCO intangible cultural heritage item.

All of this is injecting vitality to the development of the Greater Bay Area and passing on the traditional culture of the region.

"The intense tempo of work means more opportunities, while the downshifting lifestyle means higher quality of life. That's exactly why the Greater Bay Area attracts me," said a young man from Hong Kong who has just settled in Shenzhen for work.

People's Daily

## Swiss to vote on becoming 1st EU nation to ban synthetic pesticides

SWITZERLAND could become the first European country to ban artificial pesticides in a June 13 referendum which backers of the initiative hope will trigger similar prohibitions elsewhere.

Globally, only Bhutan has a complete ban on synthetic pesticides, according to supporters aiming to outlaw the use of products made by agro-chemical giants such as Switzerland's Syngenta and Germany's Bayer and BASF.

Supporters of the ban say the artificial products cause serious health problems and reduce biodiversity. Manufacturers say their pesticides are rigorously tested and regulated, can be used safely and crop yields would slump without them.

Another initiative to be voted on the same day aims to improve the quality of Switzerland's drinking water and food by stopping direct subsidies to farmers who use artificial pesticides and antibiotics in livestock.

Switzerland has been starkly divided by an unusually bitter debate over the initiatives and the votes look set to be close. A recent Tamedia poll showed 48 percent of voters favoured the drinking water initiative and 49 percent supported the pesticide ban.

If adopted, the proposals give farmers up to 10 years to make the transition, which would allow Switzerland to become a pioneer in organic food as well as an example to the rest of the world, Swiss wine maker Roland Lenz said.

"Clean water, one of the foundations of life, is endangered," said Lenz, a 51-year-old organic farmer, whose vineyard is surrounded by farmers opposing the initiative.

Syngenta, which is headquartered in Switzerland and owned by China National Chemical Corporation, opposes both initiatives, saying a ban would reduce agricultural yields by up to 40 percent.

"The consequences of not using them are clear: fewer regional products, higher prices, and more imports. This is not in the interest of consumers, nor is it in the interest of the environment," a Syngenta spokesman said.

Life under siege

The clean water initiative also wants farmers to stop using imported animal feed, to restrict the numbers of cows, pigs and chickens in Switzerland along with the manure they produce that can pollute drinking water.

"People have been sold a romantic image of farming in Switzerland, which is far removed from reality," said Pascal Scheiwiler, a backer of the clean water campaign, which estimates 1 million Swiss people drink contaminated water. The Swiss Farmers Union said many of its members feel their way of life is under siege.

"A lot of people in cities think if they have two tomatoes growing on the balcony of their apartment they understand farming," said Martin Haab, president of the Zurich Farmers Association.

"I look back 200 years ago when we couldn't protect our plants and animals, and we had hunger in Switzerland and all over Europe," said Haab.

Martin's son Dominic, who runs a dairy farm outside Zurich, said the consequences for the rural economy would be brutal, with local businesses also being hit by a fall in animal numbers to comply with the fodder restrictions.

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Prince Dube

## Dube clinches VPL's May Best Player honour

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

AZAM FC striker, Prince Dube has been named 2020/21 Vodacom Premier League's May Best Player.

The side's head coach, George Lwandamina, has laid his hands on the top flight's Best Coach of the month's honour.

Dube and Lwandamina took home the awards after defeating other players and coaches who entered the finals in May in an analysis by the VPL Awards Committee.

The assessment is based on recommendations from coaches present in the top-flight clashes, held in various stadiums in the country.

The striker made a significant contribution to his team in May and showed an impressive level scoring two goals and involvement in one goal. Azam FC took part in two games and won both.

The other finalists are Kagera Sugar's midfielder Erick Mwijage, along with Yanga goalkeeper, Metacha Mnata, who had good standards for that month.

It is the second time for Dube to take the VPL award, he had previously lifted the honour in September last year, he then entered the final list of contestants in April and lost the prize to Simba's midfielder Clatous Chama.

The midfielder, Raphael Daud of Ifehu SC, was among April's honour's finalists.

Lwandamina won the award after seeing Azam FC come out victorious in two games.

Azam FC cruise to 2-1 win over Kinondoni Municipal Council FC, and went on to post 2-0 victory over Biashara United.

The two wins had Azam FC maintaining its third spot in the top flight standing.

Lwandamina defeated Kagera Sugar's head coach Francis Baraza and Abdallah Mohamed of JKT Tanzania.

Players who have taken the award for this season and their months in parentheses are Prince Dube (September), Mukoko Tomombe of Yanga (October), John Bocco of Simba (November), Said Ntibazonkiza of Yanga (December), Deogratius Mafie of Biashara United (January), Anury Jabir of Dodoma Jiji FC (February), Luis Miquissone of Simba (March) and Clatous Chama (April).

The coaches who took the award for this season include former Azam FC head coach Aristica Cioaba (September), Former Yanga head coach, Cedric Kaze (October), Charles Mkwassa of Ruvo Shooting (November), Cedrick Kaze, Yanga (December), Baraza (January), Zubeir Katwila of Ifehu SC (February), Mohammed Badru of Gwambina FC (March) and Didier Gomes (April).

Meanwhile, the Awards Committee has named Azam Complex's Manager, Sikitu Kilakala, as the winner of the Best Stadium Manager Award for May.

Sikitu's victory has followed the official's good performance in event management games held at the stadium in May with issues on infrastructure.

writing competition and fitness exercises, with all competitions taking place at Tumbaku grounds in Morogoro town.

Vijiji International's Executive Secretary, Gabriel Bakilama, said the NGO regularly organizes sports activities for children and conducts research, seeking to expose challenges facing children particularly those living in rural areas.

"Vijiji International schedules such outdoor sports activities like soccer, tug-of-war, and indoor activities like short stories writing

By Correspondent Michael Sikapundwa, Morogoro

MOROGORO'S non-governmental organization (NGO), namely Vijiji International, in collaboration with National Microfinance Bank (NMB), has conducted outdoor sports competitions involving youths, as the youths shape up for African Child Day celebrations, slated for June 16.

The outdoor events included soccer and tug-of-war, there was also indoor activities, short stories

competition to enable pupils to express their feelings," he disclosed.

"Failure to do that, the African Child Day celebrations will be useless" he noted.

He congratulated the competitions' winners, Isack Isack, who won the short stories writing contest, followed by Christina Benno, while Samira Nyemo was third.

Bakilama stated the pupils will be ambassadors to other pupils who did not participate in the competition.

He appealed to school teachers to assist pupils in writing, adding the instructors should see to it the youngsters visit several places to enable them to related theory and practice.

"When I was studying in secondary school in 1995, I won a short story writing competition, my story was titled 'History of the late Mwalimu Nyerere', I do appreciate my father's support because he met Mwalimu Nyerere at St. Peter's Church after a holy mass, from their encounter, I wrote an amazing article on the

incident."

Morogoro Municipal's Acting Educational Officer, Amina Kova, appreciated Vijiji International and NMB for their support.

She promised to enroll more municipal schools in the coming competitions, seeking to improve pupils' fitness and performance in classroom activities.

She noted: "From such tournaments, we sort out best players in all sports categories who will form regional teams for national inter-primary school games, which will take place in

## Goodluck to African stars in the NBA

By Correspondent Lloyd Elipokea

FOR us African fans of the prestigious American NBA basketball league, we have become accustomed through the years to reveling in the bedazzling exploits of many of our fellow African brethren on the sport's most demanding and testing stage.

Indeed, during the last couple of decades, a host of African basketball icons have memorably starred to distinction in the NBA.

This rollcall of African basketball greats includes the revered Nigerian center Hakeem Olajuwon, the respected South Sudanese forward, Luol Deng, and of course the pre-eminent Congolese shot-blocker Dikembe Mutombo among others.

One could ask, though: are there any African stars in the present-day who have quintessentially followed in the footsteps of the afore-said veritable continental basketball legends?

Well, Dear Reader, I'm delighted to report that a few notable African stars have accepted the baton which was being held out to them by the likes of Mutombo, Deng, et al.

One such star is the Cameroonian center, Joel Embiid, who plies his trade at the high



Tanzanian basketball player, Sudi Ulanga, prepares to feature for his outfit, UCU Canons, in a past Uganda National Basketball (NBL) tie.

flying Philadelphia Sixers, a team that has doubtlessly been firing on all cylinders this season.

Indeed, the towering Embiid has become such an integral part of the Sixers' league campaign in the recently concluded regular season and at one point, he was even in the running to claim the league's most prized individual gong, which is the Most Valuable Player (MVP) award.

It would be noteworthy, Dear Reader, at this point to mention that the NBA is split

into two phases season-in, season-out.

These two major stages are the Regular Season and the famed NBA Playoffs.

Each season, teams in the NBA vie determinedly to book a berth in the NBA Playoffs, which is unquestionably not for the fainthearted.

It should please you, Dear Reader, to learn that Embiid's team the Sixers are comfortably faring well in the NBA Playoffs this season, which can be likened to a bare-knuckle and epic gladiatorial battle.

Apart from Embiid, though, the Nigerian-born Greek forward Giannis Antetokounmpo has been earning rave reviews for his impressive and captivating displays in the NBA.

In addition to his eminent stature, Giannis has oft been credited with revolutionizing the very sport of basketball itself.

This is because despite being so extraordinarily tall, Giannis unbelievably possesses such deft and magical ball-handling skills, which is a central feature of his game that leaves fans oohing and aahing over his unique gifts.

Moreover, Giannis is regarded as having ushered in the winds of change as he has inspired other 'big men' in the NBA such as Nikola Jokic and Kristaps Porzingis to showcase their jaw-slackening array of riveting ball-handling skills.

But back to Giannis Antetokounmpo. A two-time winner of the coveted MVP accolade, Giannis has been successfully shepherding his team, the Milwaukee Bucks through the obstacle-strewn NBA Playoffs, and long may that continue.

Thus, Dear Reader, I'm certain you will join me in imploring the basketball gods to assist Embiid and Giannis as they bid for glory in the world's most challenging basketball league.

## Estim B cricketers outplay DCC B in Kazim Nasser Memorial League Div C

By Guardian Reporter

ESTIM B cricketers have moved to within reach of the knockout stage of the 2021 Dar es Salaam Cricket (DC) Kazim Nasser Memorial League (KNML) Division C following their 29-run win over Dar Cricket Club (DCC) B on Sunday.

Kishor Varsani, Estim B's skipper, was the top run-getter as they went in to bat first, posting 128 runs, dropping seven wickets in 20 overs.

Varsani opted to step up and compliment good knocks put to show by the opener, Bhimji Vekariya, top order batsman, Bhavesh Pindoriya, and Suresh Vekariya.

Opener Bhimji scored 24 runs which consisted of four fours and a six, making it a point the squad was ready to continue pushing for a good total much as top order batsmen, Hitesh Kerai, and Avinash Kerai, had faced early exits.

Bhavesh took the crease after Bhimji's dismissal, he went on to record 27 runs which consisted of four fours.

Bhavesh's exit, which came about after 12.3 overs, had left the squad with 82 runs and four wickets down.

The top run-getter, Varsani, later got his



Estim Cricket Club. PHOTO: COURTESY OF NIKHIL PUJARA

hands on the bat and played a pivotal role in his side's quest for nothing a bigger total.

Varsani went on to notch 31 runs not out, which included three fours.

Suresh stepped in after Vinod Jesani's early exit, seeing to it Estim B pile runs after scoring 22 runs which consisted of three fours.

The DCC B's Ally Hafidh and Junaid Usman took two wickets apiece in their respective four-over spells.

The DCC B lost steam in the chase, ending with 99 runs all out

in 19.2 overs.

Opener Deepak Joshi's 33 runs turned out to be the most notable contribution, with the batsman cracking three fours.

Joshi helped DCC B stay in control of the innings for almost 10 overs after skipper Faizan Osman, who had opened the innings with Joshi, had faced an early exit.

Ally Ishaq posted 16 runs, top order batsman Michael Kepha ended with 12 runs as DCC B's pursuit of a successful chase hit a snag.

Bipin Vekariya's three wickets in four overs and Hitesh Kerai's

two wickets in four overs gave Estim B an edge over DCC B's batting unit.

The DC organizes the annual tournament under the auspices of the Tanzania Cricket Association (TCA) intending to boost the game's promotion in the country.

Harab Motors Company, Shamsu Pharmacy, and Swebac Imports International are the tournament's sponsors.

The tournament is also backed by 3M Pharmacy and Funcity that will present free vouchers to players in divisions B and C events' knockout stages.

## Bank launches schools' tournaments in Morogoro

By Correspondent Michael Sikapundwa, Morogoro

MOROGORO'S non-governmental organization (NGO), namely Vijiji International, in collaboration with National Microfinance Bank (NMB), has conducted outdoor sports competitions involving youths, as the youths shape up for African Child Day celebrations, slated for June 16.

The outdoor events included soccer and tug-of-war, there was also indoor activities, short stories

writing competition and fitness exercises, with all competitions taking place at Tumbaku grounds in Morogoro town.

Vijiji International's Executive Secretary, Gabriel Bakilama, said the NGO regularly organizes sports activities for children and conducts research, seeking to expose challenges facing children particularly those living in rural areas.

"Vijiji International schedules such outdoor sports activities like soccer, tug-of-war, and indoor activities like short stories writing

competition to enable pupils to express their feelings," he disclosed.

"Failure to do that, the African Child Day celebrations will be useless" he noted.

He congratulated the competitions' winners, Isack Isack, who won the short stories writing contest, followed by Christina Benno, while Samira Nyemo was third.

Bakilama stated the pupils will be ambassadors to other pupils who did not participate in the competition.

He appealed to school teachers to assist pupils in writing, adding the instructors should see to it the youngsters visit several places to enable them to related theory and practice.

"When I was studying in secondary school in 1995, I won a short story writing competition, my story was titled 'History of the late Mwalimu Nyerere', I do appreciate my father's support because he met Mwalimu Nyerere at St. Peter's Church after a holy mass, from their encounter, I wrote an amazing article on the

incident."

Morogoro Municipal's Acting Educational Officer, Amina Kova, appreciated Vijiji International and NMB for their support.

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She stated: "Apart from sharpening pupils' minds, we hope our pupils will hold sway in examinations."

Lilian Abraham, NMB's Uluguru Branch Manager, requested parents to prepare a good future for their children through launching savings account.

She noted: "NMB offers kids' accounts which can be launched with a minimal amount of 5000/-, it is an amount a parent can afford, as parents open it they create their kids' better future.

## Belgium and Netherlands win final pre-Euro 2020 friendlies

LONDON

BELGIUM and the Netherlands completed their Euro 2020 preparations on Sunday with respective wins over Croatia and Georgia.

Belgium, the world's top-ranked side, beat the 2018 World Cup runners up 1-0 thanks to a first half goal from in-form Romelu Lukaku, fresh from winning the Serie A title with Inter Milan.

Roberto Martinez's side will be one of the favourites to win what would be their first ever major international trophy and line up in Group B alongside Denmark, Finland and Russia.

In a tight match it was Lukaku, 28, who was the difference between the two sides in a cagey contest, and he was unlucky not to open the scoring in the 31st minute with a wonder goal.

Holding off three Croatia defenders, Lukaku unleashed a curling shot which looked to be heading in before it crashed out off the bar, with Yannick Carrasco's header on the rebound also thudding onto the woodwork.

However he gave his side the lead seven minutes later when he pounced following confusion in the Croatia penalty area and lashed home his 60th international goal.

Few clear-cut chances came along after that, but Lukaku should have netted his second of the night with a minute remaining when his close-range header was somehow kept out by Croatia goalkeeper Dominik Livakovic.

The Dutch had an easier time of it with a 3-0 win over Georgia.

Frank de Boer's team will be aiming to make a big impression at their first major tournament since the 2014 World Cup and play all their Group C matches with Ukraine, Austria and North Macedonia in Amsterdam.

They took the lead in the 10th minute through a Memphis Depay penalty and the Lyon forward was unlucky not to double his tally six minutes later, with Giorgi Loria pulling off a marvellous save to deny him.

Loria made another magnificent stop just before the break, tipping away Frenkie de Jong's long-range drive which was arrowing into his top right-hand corner.

Wout Weghorst did make it two 11 minutes after the restart when he collected impressive Depay's well-timed through ball and lashed home from close range.

Loria continued his superb display between the sticks with another great save from Depay's drilled effort from the edge of the area, but couldn't stop Ryan Gravenberch from adding a third with 14 minutes left.

The 35-year-old had again denied Depay, this time from inside the area, but Ajax teenager Gravenberch followed up to nod home and complete the victory.

Denmark also go into the tournament on a high after seeing off Bosnia and Herzegovina 2-0 in Brondby.

Goals from Martin Braithwaite and Andreas Cornelius were enough for Kasper Hjulmand's side to grab the win ahead of their opening Group B fixture with Finland in Copenhagen on Saturday.

Austria drew 0-0 with Slovakia while Scotland scraped a 1-0 win over 10-man Luxembourg ahead of their first major international tournament appearance for 23 years.

AFP

## Russia chafes at Ukrainian team's shirt for Euro 2020

MOSCOW

A TENSE tug-of-war between Russia and Ukraine has spread to soccer, with Russian officials and lawmakers denouncing the design of the Ukrainian national team's shirt for this month's European Championship.

The yellow-and-blue Ukrainian design features a map of the country including Crimea, the Black Sea peninsula that Russia annexed in 2014 following the ouster of its Moscow-friendly president.

Most of the world hasn't acknowledged the annexation and international law still recognizes Crimea as Ukrainian territory. Russia also has cast its support behind separatists in eastern Ukraine, where seven years of fighting has killed more than 14,000.

Andrii Pavelko, the president of the Ukrainian soccer association, presented the new uniform on Facebook on Sunday, hailing it as a symbol of the "single and undivided homeland" that would inspire players to "fight for entire Ukraine."

Pavelko is a member of the executive committee of European soccer body UEFA, which signed off on the design for the tournament.

"The shirt of the Ukrainian national team (and of all other teams) for UEFA Euro 2020 has been approved by UEFA, in accordance with the applicable equipment regulations," the Switzerland-based organization said.

Russian Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova scoffed at the design as a "desperate" gesture.

She also ranted against the Ukrainian national slogan - "Glory to Ukraine, glory to the heroes!" - written on the uniform. Zakharova charged that the rant was used by Ukrainian nationalists, some of whom fought against the Soviet Union alongside the Nazis in World War II.

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# Who are the top young players to watch at Euro 2020?

LONDON

THE delayed Euro 2020 starts on Friday (stream live games and replays on ESPN+ in the U.S.) and there's plenty of talent on show among the 24 teams involved. Everyone already knows the likes of Kylian Mbappe (France), Phil Foden (England) and Joao Felix (Portugal), but who are some of the other young players to look out for? Norwegian football scout Tor-Kristian Karlsen examines some of the top prospects aged 23 or under.

**Alessandro Bastoni (22, CB, Italy and Inter Milan)**

Bastoni played a vital role in Inter's Serie A title-winning campaign but is still relatively inexperienced at international level with only five caps to date. An intelligent centre-back, who can hit a precise long pass and rarely throws himself into tackles as he prefers to wait for his opponent to make the first move, Bastoni impressed in Antonio Conte's back three for Inter, mainly playing on the left side of the trio. For Italy, the presence of captain Giorgio Chiellini (who is also left-footed) obviously makes it harder for Bastoni to



Nuno Mendes is reportedly being tracked by top clubs like Manchester City. (Agencies)

claim a starting slot if they play a back four but he was given a chance in the friendly win over Bosnia and Herzegovina. However, given that Chiellini is 36, Bastoni won't have to wait long to be promoted as his natural successor.

**Nuno Mendes (18, LB, Portugal and Sporting)**

Drafted into the Portugal squad as a traditional left-back, he mainly operates as a wing-back at club level for title winners Sporting and will compete with Raphael Guerreiro for a place in the starting XI at Euro 2020. One of the most exciting young players in Europe, Mendes' energy and stamina make him a threat throughout the game and he defends attentively and diligently while he's a real menace going forward too. His ball progression in the transitional phase can especially hurt opponents and he is certain to be scouted by all the European powerhouses

this summer.

**Jeremy Doku (19, FW, Belgium and Rennes)**

The winger, who predominantly plays on the right, joins up with the Belgium squad off the back of an impressive debut season for Rennes in Ligue 1. His direct, unpredictable style sees him run at defenders (he averages eight dribbles per match, of which 60% are successful) and is extremely hard to read in one vs. one situations. Doku is very quick, has a great change of pace and can strike the ball cleanly too. A real crowd pleaser, he could have a big impact this summer off the bench.

**Eric Garcia (20, CB, Spain and Barcelona)**

Garcia has suddenly (some would say prematurely) emerged as the go-to man to resolve the defensive woes of both Spain and Barcelona -- quite a daunting task for a 20-year-old with just 11 Premier League starts in his senior career to date.

As a product of Barcelona's La Masia academy, who spent the latter part of his formative years with Pep Guardiola at Manchester City before returning to Camp Nou on a free transfer this summer, Garcia is a centre-back with exceptionally good feet. With a passing accuracy well into the 90% range, he's accustomed to building from the back, can evade pressure and knows how to start an attack. For all his capabilities on the ground, he also times his aerial challenges well.

**Marcus Thuram (23, FW, France and Borussia Monchengladbach)**

The son of France legend Lilian Thuram, the 23-year-old is a versatile forward who can add value in attack, particularly down the left. He brings excellent aerial ability (useful in attacking and defensive set-pieces), directness in the last third and tends to speed up the tempo of the game as he plays with few touches. Though Thuram prefers to play wide left in the attack, he is comfortable in any role up front, including centre-forward.

**Adam Hlozek (18, ST, Czech Republic and Sparta Prague)**

A teenage sensation who's already been involved in the first-team

at Sparta for several years, he scored on his debut at the age of 16. His development has been positive and gradual, but since returning from an injury in the winter he has taken his game to another level with 11 goals in 12 league matches. Hlozek's talent is no secret to the top European clubs and he's been closely monitored for years, but an impressive showing this summer could mean a €20m+ move is on the cards. Physically strong, athletic and a natural goal scorer, he is capable of shooting well with either foot. As well as being an opportunist in the box, he's also happy to have a go from long range.

**Teun Koopmeiners (23, DM, Netherlands and AZ)**

A regular in the scouting reports of some of the elite European clubs, Koopmeiners is a dynamic, intelligent and combative defensive midfielder with the skill to hit accurate long balls as well as break lines with short, crisp passes. The left-footed Dutchman operates in the "quarterback" role made famous by Andrea Pirlo and can spot movements further up the pitch with his excellent vision. He has scored well into double figures

for the past two seasons at AZ, though he does take penalties.

**Eljif Elmas (21, AM, North Macedonia and Napoli)**

Despite his young age, Elmas has already accumulated 27 senior caps for his country and is comfortable playing either as an inverted winger or central attacking midfielder. A strong-running midfielder, capable with either foot, he's skilled at making purposeful runs into the box and is a fine finisher when he gets on the end of crosses or picks up loose balls. He scored the winner in the famous 2-1 victory against Germany in March.

**Donyell Malen (22, FW, Netherlands and PSV)**

Mainly used as a centre-forward for PSV, he averages about a goal every other game in the Eredivisie, but Malen is expected to feature on the left wing for Netherlands this summer. A quick forward with razor-sharp movement inside the box, a powerful right-footed strike and the knack of finishing with one touch. Lively, active and a real handful for defenders regardless of position, his understated celebrations can make you think that he only scores consolation goals. ESPN

# Grealish shows why he should start for England at Euros

MIDDLESBROUGH, England

IT took a while for coach Gareth Southgate to be convinced of Jack Grealish's worth in the England national team, but the Aston Villa midfielder now looks primed to get his chance at Euro 2020.

England's two warm-up games have effectively been an exercise in damage limitation, with several players managing their recovery from injury, others joining up late after prolonged club engagements and a disappointing sideshow around England's players being booed by some in the crowd for taking a knee before kickoff.

Southgate named two vastly different line-ups and secured two 1-0 wins, the second of which came on Sunday against Romania in their final outing before next weekend's opening Group D match against Croatia. Speculation will now begin in earnest about how Southgate will arrange the leading lights of an attack-minded squad, whether he persists with the 4-2-3-1 shape he used in both games here at Middlesbrough's Riverside Stadium or returns to a 3-4-3 that appeared his preference earlier in the season.

The case for Grealish being integral to either plan is growing. He settled this contest by winning the penalty that was converting by Marcus Rashford with 22 minutes remaining, duping Romania substitute Tiberiu Capusa into making contact in the box. It wasn't a vintage display from Grealish, in his seventh appearance, but he was lively throughout and ultimately cre-

ated the moment that secured victory.

Although Southgate declined to use Chelsea or Manchester City players in either warm-up game -- they only joined up with the group on Friday following their engagement in the Champions League final -- it feels significant that Grealish was utilised initially as a No. 10 in both matches. He moved out to the left when England switched to a 4-3-3 shape during a plethora of second-half changes, displaying a versatility that Southgate has come to value. It didn't matter that Grealish is still rebuilding his match fitness, having only returned to action on May 13 after three months out with a shin problem.

"We've seen with Jack in the two games that he has those moments where he can really turn matches," said Southgate. "He obviously did that from the left in this instance. We pushed him out there by that stage so it has been very useful for him to get those match minutes under his belt, to get closer to full match sharpness. That's been valuable for several of the players as well."

The 25-year-old has also been handed the No. 7 shirt, a symbolic gesture that hints at a significant role during the finals, and one Rashford feels Grealish is ready for.

"Grealish is a great player," the Manchester United striker told ITV Sport. "He'll definitely grow and grow in an England shirt, and we know from training and from the Premier League what he can do.

"For us, it's just about allowing him to reach



Grealish was bright and inventive for England in a playmaking role, showing that he can be a key contributor during the Euros. (Agencies)

that full potential in an England shirt. We'll get that out of him. We'll win more games with him."

There is fierce competition within the squad for those attacking places -- not least from Rashford himself, given that Harry Kane will return to lead the line, but also from Raheem Sterling, Phil Foden and Bukayo Saka. (The latter has a minor hip flexor injury and is expected to return to training in the next few days.)

Grealish, the most fouled player in the

Premier League over the past two seasons, showed some promising link-up play with Rashford, but England were once again reliant on a set-piece to win them the game, even squandering a second penalty late on when Jordan Henderson's effort was saved on his first appearance since Feb. 20.

England scored nine goals from set-pieces at the last World Cup -- the highest number since records began in 1966 -- and although they possess more dynamic

and differing options in 2021, the importance of dead-ball delivery remains high. That reliance means James Ward-Prowse has a strong case for taking the final place in Southgate's 26-man squad. The Southampton midfielder excelled in that capacity on Sunday, providing pinpoint free-kicks and corners from which England really should have taken advantage.

Trent Alexander-Arnold's thigh injury has created an opening for a set-piece specialist, and the Football Association are due to announce the Liverpool defender's replacement Monday. Ward-Prowse is in contention, along with Jesse Lingard and, perhaps, a defender in either Ben White or Ben Godfrey. But given his ability to play right-back and Southgate's affinity for a player he worked with in the Under-21s set-up, Ward-Prowse is surely favourite.

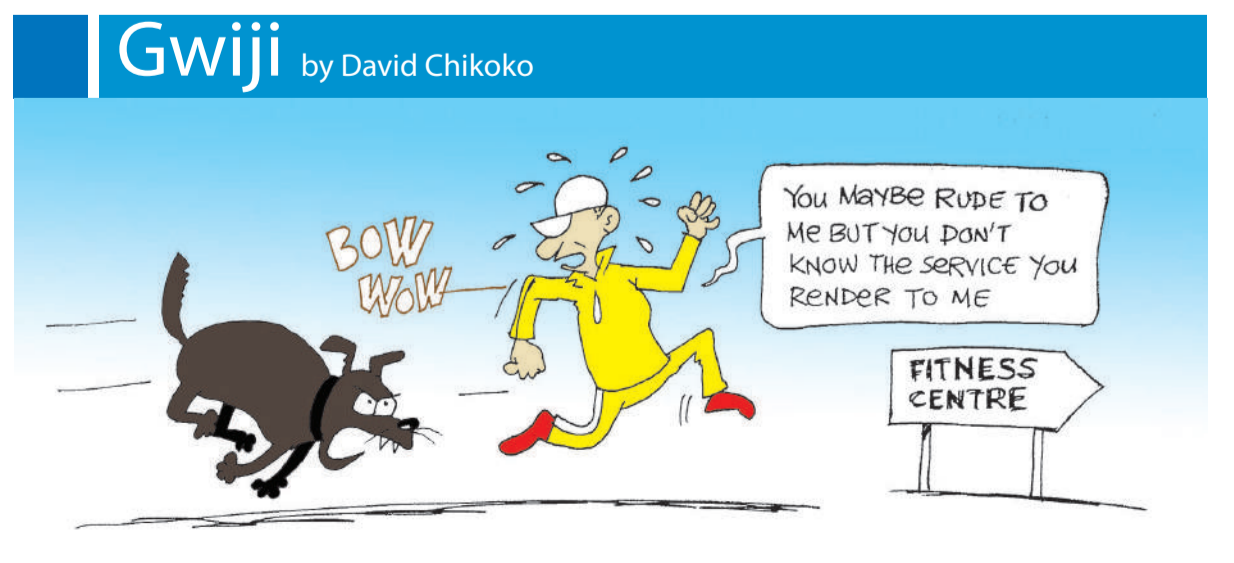
Southgate will take stock on a day when the football was marred by a sizable number of the 6,952 fans booing their own team as they took the knee, despite a clear, typically thoughtful and

impassioned explanation of the team's stance from the 50-year-old manager before kick-off. As if to underline the social responsibility many of these players have assumed, free school meals and anti-racism campaigner Rashford was named captain, the youngest England skipper since Michael Owen versus Slovakia in 2003. Yet the fans' mixed response to taking the knee means the issue will continue into the tournament, despite Southgate ideally wanting to focus on selecting his most effective lineup.

"There's got to be a balance to any team and there's a numbers game to be played," he said. "In the past couple of games, we've got four attacking players into the team. Different teams have different ways of doing that. Chelsea just won the Champions League playing with a three. We've got to find the right balance, find the players that are in form and the right players for different games."

At least Grealish has done plenty to feature prominently in his thinking.

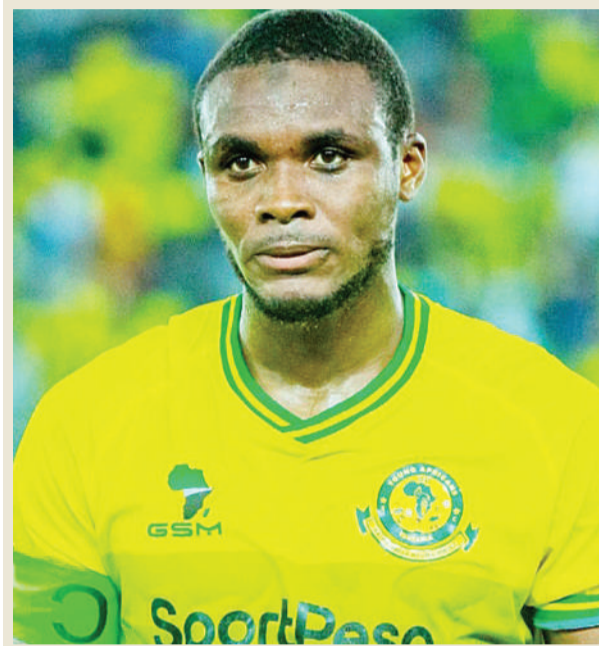
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Lamine Moro

## Sputanza set to sort out Yanga, Moro misunderstanding

By Correspondent Ismail Tano

THE Tanzania Soccer Players Union (Sputanza)'s Chairman, Mussa Kissoky, has said that they have invited Yanga and the side's center back, Lamine Moro, to sort out the misunderstanding between the two parties.

The statement has been issued by Kissoky, with the Ghanaian center back still yet to complain about his club, which recently meted out punishment on the player for alleged misconduct.

The Sputanza leader disclosed the union has, as a result, called Yanga officials and Moro to discuss the issue and reach an agreement.

Kissoky said so far neither of them has communicated with the association.

The Sputanza boss said: "So far we have not received any complaints from either Yanga or Lamine Moro, but if they have failed to resolve their differences come to the table and we will listen to them."

Kissoky stated: "I hate it when some clubs do not disclose their players' misconduct, no athlete in the world has succeeded without valuing respect."

"Then there is an issue that has arisen, which has some clubs punishing players once the players demand their payment."

The Ghanaian defender was recently removed from the team's camp in Mtwara region for what was described by the team's management as having clashed with head coach Nasreddine Nabi.

Nabi said to have forced Moro to continue taking part in training whereas the defender was injured.

Commenting on the incident, Moro said the text messages he received from a section of the outfit's fans scared him, he felt that he might be harmed by the enthusiasts, who had expressed anger against him.

"Fans are sending me threatening messages as if I haven't done anything for this club, this has led to my officials reporting on social media that I have committed misconduct, which is not true," he said.

The former Yanga skipper said it hurt him because he has been 100 percent committed to fighting for the team's success but he is surprised by what is going on right now that he has no discipline and has clashed with the coach.

He said he is awaiting a decision from the management to find out the future of the issue which has sparked much controversy.

He was adamant he is still a Yanga player and will continue to serve the outfit until the completion of this season's Vodacom Premier League, with his contract set to expire at the end of the season.

He said he can not say anything right now as he is still contracted to Yanga, and is waiting for his leaders to meet and decide on the matter and after that, he would know what to do but he believes the issue will be settled.

Apart from Moro, the club's other players who have been embroiled in a dispute and faced suspension are suspended are keeper Metacha Mnata, who was removed from the side's camp in Shinyanga, and Ghanaian striker Michael Sarpong, who was also sent back to Dar es Salaam from Shinyanga for alleged misconduct.

## Yanga Princesses' forward joins European sports agency

old striker.

The firm noted: "LTA Agency are pleased to announce signing a representation agreement with the young Tanzanian striker Aisha Masaka."

"Aisha is the first Tanzanian player represented by LTA Agency and one more African talent among the others that we already collaborate with."

"LTA Agency are delighted to welcome such a promising young player as Aisha and look forward to a long and successful relationship."

Aisha links up with the likes of Zambian striker Barbara Banda who plays professional football in China, PSG striker Signe Bruun, AC Milan Salvatore Rinaldi, and many others who are represented by LTA Agency.

Despite her tender age, Aisha has already earned four caps and scored two goals with Tanzania's senior national women team, Twiga Stars.

The striker further boasts great experience with national U-20 and U-17 national women teams.

She guided Tanzania's U-17 women team to clinch the 2020 U-17 COSAFA Cup in South Africa and finished as the tournament top scorer.

She was also the top scorer at the 2019 edition of the U-17 CECAFA CUP competition.

Overall, Aisha scored an incredible 27 goals in 14 matches for the national U-17 women squad.

At club level, the forward had an exceptional 2020/21 season with Yanga Princesses, helping the club finish second in this season's women's top flight.

She was moreover recently crowned Serengeti Lite Women's Premier League top scorer with 35 goals in 20 matches.

Her career began at Mwanza-based Alliance Girls FC where she played for two seasons before moving to Yanga Princesses.

She was the Mainland Tanzania Women Premier League's second-best goal scorer in the 2019/20 season and she was the third-best goal scorer in the 2018/19 season.



Aisha Masaka

## Azam FC striker, head coach win Premier League monthly awards

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe



Azam FC head coach, George Lwandamina. PHOTO: COURTESY OF AZAM FC

JKT Tanzania's Mohamed Abdallah.

AZAM FC head coach George Lwandamina and the squad's striker Prince Dube have both picked up accolades for this season's Vodacom Premier League month of May following Azam FC's impressive run of form in the top flight.

The duo was named winners for their outstanding performance and the award was announced on Monday by the Tanzania Premier League Board.

Lwandamina has been named the Vodacom Premier League coach Manager of the Month, whilst Dube has been named the League's Player of the Month.

The Zambian coach has guided Azam FC to close the gap with second-placed Yanga to one point after taking maximum points from the two league games played last month.

Azam FC has had impressive wins against visiting Mara side Biashara United and city rivals, Kinondoni Municipal Council FC.

Azam scored four goals and conceded just once in the process.

Lwandamina emerged the winner ahead of Kagera Sugar head coach Francis Baraza and

Zimbabwe striker Dube has impressed in front of goal during May, finding the net two times for the Ice Cream makers, having scored in both games against Biashara United and KMC FC.

The striker beat Kagera Sugar forward Erick Mwijage and Yanga goalkeeper Metacha Mnata to emerge winner of the award.

It is the second time this season that the former Highlanders' star has won the accolade after winning the award in August.

In April he was among the nominees for the monthly award that went to Simba and Zambia attacking midfielder Clatus Chama.

Other recipients of the monthly award include Yanga midfielder Mukoko Tomombe (October), Simba striker John Bocco (November), Yanga attacking midfielder Said Ntibazonkiza (December), Biashara United midfielder Deogratius Mafie (January), and Dodoma Jiji FC striker Anuary Jabir (March).

The Vodacom Premier League which has four rounds to go is on a two-week break and will resume next week with rescheduled games.

## Flexibles by David Chikoko

