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Exports by Tanzania to Africa zone rising: EABC

By Guardian Reporter

TANZANIA'S exports to African countries increased by 11.8 percent in 2020 to \$ 2.27 billion compared to \$ 2.03 billion recorded in 2019, the East African Business Council (EABC) has stated.

EABC CEO John Bosco Kalisa said at the launch of an internet trade platform application known as Mansa, backed by the African Export-Import Bank (Afreximbank).

'Mansa is a pan-African due diligence platform based on ratifying the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) to further boost business in the continent.

The EABC executive urged the private sector to seize the

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moment and explore opportunities availed by the 1.2bn population in the continental market.

.He urged the EAC bloc to align trade policy, eliminate non-tariff barriers, ease access to trade finance for small and medium scale companies, enhance production capacity and factor market integration to properly tap AfCFTA market potential.

Paul Makanza, the Confederation of Tanzania Industries (CTI) chairman, said that intra-Africa trade is still low at 16.6 percent of total exports by African countries.

He said January 1, 2021 signalled a new dawn for Africa as trading under AfCFTA commenced, with the African total workforce billed to reach 1.1bn by 2050.

Justin Marwa from the Tanzania Chambers of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture (TCCIA) said the Mansa application shall enhance the preparedness of women, youth and

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MPs want govt action on food scarcity, price rises

By Henry Mwangonde, Dodoma



President Samia Suluhu Hassan opens a Life Memorial Conference held in Zanzibar yesterday as a tribute to former opposition ACT-Wazalendo national Chairman and Zanzibar First Vice President, the late Maalim Seif Sharif Hamad - a veteran of Tanzanian politics. The audience includes Zanzibar President and Chairman of the Zanzibar Revolutionary Council, Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi. Photo: State House

'COVID-19 response tied to growth plans'

By Henry Mwangonde, Dodoma

HARMONISATION of the Covid-19 social economic response and recovery plan and the national development plan for 2022/23 is vital so as to create a development strategy that is ready for implementation, a parliamentary committee has suggested.

This standing committee of the National Assembly on the budget yesterday declared that harmonisation will help the country to directly start implementing development projects recently unveiled.

The lined up projects are contained in two documents relating to the use of funds from the International Monetary Fund (IMF) once the sums are disbursed, instead of discussing again what should be done and how much should be allocated.

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Daniel Baran Sillo, the committee chairman, said that harmonisation will help the government to avoid bringing a supplementary budget bill to Parliament as everything will be lined up for implementation under the two documents.

Presenting a report on the proposed national development plan 2022/23, he said that in the plan, the government seeks to implement key fiscal policies, enhance the participation of the private sector in development projects, scale up natural disasters resilience programmes, safeguard the peace and stability and ensure food security.

The government is projecting to collect and spend about 39.38trn/- in recurrent and development expenditure in the next financial year, an ambitious budget pegged to priority areas, including salary increment for civil servants.

Tanzania has been credited 1.3trn/- in a Covid-19 relief package from the IMF,

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MEMBERS of Parliament have advised the government to formulate strategies to avert a looming food shortage after the Tanzania Meteorological Authority (TMA) predicted that maize producing regions are expected to receive relatively below normal rains from this month to April next year.

Presenting report by the standing committee on the Budget in relation to the proposed 2022/23 National Development Plan, committee chairman Sillo Baran said the government should continue constructing silos for food storage by the National Food Reserve Agency (NFRA).

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age capacity remains 36-percent of additional cereals harvest in the 2020/21harvest," he said.

The government should facilitate NFRA with the necessary storage support to control price increases and export surpluses when the country is food sufficient, he stated, noting that the government should extend budget support to the Cereals and Other Produce Board of Tanzania (CPB) to carry out its duties effectively and in complementing NFRA efforts.

The report highlighted that an earlier food production analysis for 2020/21 and 2021/22 showed that production was likely to reach 18,425,250 tonnes, from 18,196,733 tonnes in the 2019/2020 period, a 1.3-percent increase.

The country is expected to have an extra 3,628,499 tonnes of food produce, with 1,222,103 tonnes of cereals and 2,406,396 tonnes non-cereal produce, he said, elaborating that the forecast by TMA calls for preparations by relevant authorities as it signals the likelihood of food shortage, touching off biting price rises.

TMA recently issued a weather outlook for the current season showing that rains are likely to be relatively below normal over Kigoma, Tabora, Katavi, Singida, Dodoma, Rukwa, Songwe, Mbeya and Iringa regions.

Similarly, 'normal to below normal' rains are expected over Njombe, Ruvuma, Lindi, Mtwara and southern parts of Morogoro region, it stated, underlining that from this month to January prolonged periods of dry spells are expected with slight increase of rainfall activity later in March.

The somewhat inadequate rains are expected to commence in the third week of November over most areas and cease between the second and third week of April next year, it added.

Govt seeks funds for Serengeti-Mugumu airport

By Guardian Reporter, Dodoma

THE government is mobilizing funds for the construction of the Serengeti Mugumu International Airport to reduce the number of airstrips in the park and facilitate tourist access to the nearby Manyara National Park and Ngorongoro Conservation Area.

Charter aircraft and scheduled carriers shall use the facility to be

"This will reduce the number of airstrips within the national park as travellers will be using the new facility

built as the National Environmental Management Council (NEMC) had already granted environmental approval for its construction.

The airport facility will be handling larger aircraft, enabling intense aircraft movement in the national parks zone, the govern-

ment has stated.

Mwita Waitara, the deputy minister for Transport and Communication, made this observation in the legislature yesterday when responding to Serengeti MP Jeremiah Mimi, who wanted to know when the government will reduce airstrips in the Serengeti and improve services for other entities close to the park.

Similarly, the government is

building the 90 kilometre Sanzate-Nata road expected to be completed next February, he said, underlining that the government was now looking for funds to facilitate feasibility study and detail designs for the airport project to ensure travellers access national parks easily.

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SMEs to tap into the continental market. He referred to a building bridges exercise in TCCIA, where it assessed the level of awareness of EAC protocols among clusters of the local business community. Francis Nanai, executive director for the Tanzania Private Sector Foundation (TPSF) called for deeper public-private dialogue on AfCFTA on key issues of trade, investment, infrastructure, capacity building of SMEs to enhance participation and ownership of the continental agreement. Maureen Mba, head of the Mansa repository platform said that it is one of Afreximbank strategic pillars geared to boost intra-Africa trade, industrialization, export development and trade finance.

The Mansa Africa due diligence platform and the pan African payment and settlement system (PAPSS), trade information portal are among innovative solutions put in place by Afreximbank to take trade in Africa to the next level, she stated.

The Mansa platform builds the visibility and governance structure of SMEs with

the Africa Entity Identifier (AEI) code enabling SMEs to leverage on AfCFTA opportunities, she explained. Information is vital to transform Africa and Africa's trade "and the Mansa Africa due diligence platform is a game changer solving the challenges African countries face in trading with each other," she elaborated. The Mansa platform provides 'know your customer' information and links investors and business partners together, she stated. Gamuchirai Moyo, a consultant at the platform said the platform will reduce risk perception of investing in Africa hampering access to financing and Africa's competitiveness in global markets.

Adrian Njau, an EABC policy expert said AfCFTA shall boost exports of the EAC bloc to the rest of the continent by an estimated two billion dollars, a whopping 45 percent increase from current levels, especially in textiles, manufacturing and processed foods. The Mansa platform launching event was attended by over 100 industry captains and leading business women based in Dar es Salaam, officials indicated.



Zanzibar's Fire and Rescue Force commissioner, Rashid Mzee Abdallah (R), briefs University of Dar es Salaam chancellor former President Jakaya Kikwete at Mizingani in Zanzibar on Thursday on measures taken during a recent fire outbreak at the university's Zanzibar-based Institute of Marine Sciences. Photo: Rahma Suleiman

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"This will reduce the number of airstrips within the national park as travellers will be using the new facility," he said.

In 2014, the Tanzania Civil Aviation Authority (TCAA) and NEMC granted approval for the \$350m Serengeti International Airport project.

The Senzate-Natta road project is

being built in two phases, first a 50 kilometer portion that was expected to have been completed last month, and the Senzate-Natta 40 kilometer portion slated for completion next July, the deputy minister stated.

The Tarime-Mugumu-Natta road, a 123.97 kilometer stretch will also be built in phases, with the process of finding a contractor now underway, he elaborated.

Last month, President Samia Suluhu Hassan suspended eviction of villagers in the Serengeti National Park buffer zone so as to find a solution to the long standing dispute between the national park and residents of 14 villages in the area.

The Serengeti spans large areas of Mara region with buffer zone stretching to village areas in Serengeti and Tarime districts, which puts resi-

dents in the area on constant threat of eviction. Villages benefiting from the president's decision include Bisarara, Bonchugu, Nyamakendo, Nyamburi, Machochwe, Mbalibali and Merenga in Serengeti district.

Gibaso, Kegonga, Kenyamosabi, Nyandage, Nyabirongo, Karakatonga and Masanga villages also benefiting are located in the buffer zone portion of Tarime district.



Joseph Sokoine (R), Permanent Secretary in the Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation ministry, has an audience with Norwegian Agency for Development (NORAD) director Bard Vegar Solhjell in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Photo: Foreign Affairs ministry

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thus the government set out plans for a long list of health and education sector projects in particular, which will help uplift liquidity as a whole, he said.

The country's economy

slowed down due to reduced demand touching off countrywide stagnation, thus the funds upon disbursing shall catalyze various activities, including enhancing bank borrowing as more business opportunities unfold, MPs noted.

Tanzania's economic outlook

deteriorated due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, chiefly from the collapse in tourism in the wake of travel restrictions, decelerating to 4.8 percent growth in 2020, while growth is expected to remain subdued this year.

With a balance of payments

gap of about 1.5 percent of GDP, the government has embarked upon a comprehensive plan to mitigate the effects of the pandemic and preserve macroeconomic stability. Early this year the country faced a mild surge of the third wave of the virus even as negative impacts in the mac-

roeconomic outlook are being resolved.

The health and wellbeing of the population was uppermost with the vaccination drive well underway, and expected distribution of the IMF funds to implement key projects.

Billionaires: Tanzania is now home to 5,740 in total - govt

By Henry Mwangonde, Dodoma

TANZANIA is home to 5,740 billionaires who own 4.2 percent of the wealth owned by 140,000 billionaires in Africa.

Minister for Finance and Planning Mwigulu Nchemba gave the figures in parliament yesterday when responding to a question by Mlalo legislator Abdullah Shangazi who wanted to know how many billionaires are there in Tanzania.

In response, the minister said out of the 5,740 billionaires in the country, 115 are Ultra High Net Worth Individuals who own \$30m/- which is 28 percent of the total net worth owned by all the billionaires in the country.

"The billionaires are registered by the Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) and have been categorized as large taxpayers in various sectors," he said.

According to the minister, the study was conducted by TRA in 2014/15 and was repeated in 2019/20.

The minister said the study which was supported by another report by Capgemini and RBC Wealth Management in July 2019 stated that there are 14 million billionaires globally of which 140,000 are in Africa.

According to recent released figures, the richest Tanzanian investors on the Dar es Salaam bourse have amassed a total wealth of \$81.77 million.

This is far lower than the wealth local individual investors in other African countries have in listed companies across the continent.

For a country with a 58-million population and a GDP of \$62.41 billion, the Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange has a market capitalization of \$7.14 billion, making it one of the most undervalued stock exchanges on the continent.

Govt set to review laws governing TAZARA for easier management

By Henry Mwangonde, Dodoma

THE government is in the process of reviewing laws that established the Tanzania Zambia Railway Authority (TAZARA) which will facilitate eradication of challenges that hinder investment.

Deputy Minister for Works and Transport Mwita Waitara made the remarks when

responding to a question by Mbeya rural legislator Oran Njeza who asked what was the government plan to renovate infrastructure within the railway.

In response the minister said the current investment in TAZARA does not add value to the shares that a country owns.

The MP asked "What is the government doing to renovate TAZARA railway

infrastructure which is dilapidated but is very important for economy of Tanzania and other neighbouring countries."

Tazara was established under the Tazara Act 23 of 1975 which was amended by the TAZARA Act 4 of 1995 and is co-owned by the government of Tanzania and Zambia.

The deputy minister said despite the challenges, the government of Tanzania

will continue to take serious steps to ensure the railway continue to offer services as the process to amend the law continues.

Waitara gave an example of the year 2017/18 where the government gave TAZARA a total of 10bn/- to purchase seven freight wagons saying this was part of the initiatives that the government was taking.

He said the government has continued

to pay salaries for TAZARA workers on the Tanzanian side whereby in the 2021/22 budget 14.98bn/- was set aside for the same.

He added that the government hopes that the law reforms will end soon after the Tanzanians finalized the process to elect their leaders in an election that ended recently.



India's High Commissioner to Tanzania, Shri Binaya Srikanta Pradhan (C, in black), plants a medicinal tree seedling at Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre in Dar es Salaam earlier this week to celebrate Ayurveda Day. The Day is celebrated primarily to promote an ancient Indian healing system. Looking on are Traditional Medicine and Environmental Protection Organisation secretary general Boniventura Mwalongo (L, in suit) and other officials from the high commission and the centre. Photo courtesy of Indian High Commission

Tour operators produce 'blueprint' for industry revival after pandemic

By Marc Nkwame - Arusha

OVER 300 local tour operators have embarked on a programme to revive the industry after two years of slump following the global outbreak of the Coronavirus.

However, speaking here under the auspice of the Tanzania Local Tour Operators (TLTO), the industry stakeholders feel the 90.2 bn/- stimulus package being offered by the government to help resuscitate the ailing sector was inadequate.

"The tourism industry, which mostly comprises the private sector, plays a crucial role of creating employment, bringing foreign currency, marketing the country as well as conserving nature while protecting natural resources," pointed out the TLTO Deputy Executive Secretary, Manasseh Mlumba.

Now that the travel, tourism and hospitality sectors shoulder great responsibility in lifting the country's economy back to track, Tour Operators appeal to the government to allocate more funds into the industry for quicker recovery.

Mlumba said nearly over 34 individual tour companies that are members of the organisation have expressed financing needs for a long term and very affordable financing options from the government.

The operators want a larger chunk from the grants that the IMF injected into Tanzania to help the country fight back from negative effects of Covid-19 pandemic.

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) recently loaned Tanzania more than half a billion dollars in emergency funding to offset the burdens that the coronavirus pandemic weighed on the country's economy and critical tourism sector.

The funds translate to nearly 1.3 trn/- and tour operators here suggest that, at least 50 percent of the amount should be pumped into the tourism industry and related sectors as they command high 'payback potential.'

"That can be realized through refinancing their existing capex loan liabilities with the commercial banks in Tanzania which has attracted accumulated penal interests significantly when their businesses were completely down during the pandemic," said the operators in a joint statement.

They also want to obtain a working capital supplementation to facilitate kick-starting of their business operations; a need for long term investment financing options to be able to acquire their companies' working equipment, such as vehicle fleets, among others.

"We are finally confident that this funding application will reduce exponentially increased worry of youth and women unemployment in the tourism sector in Tanzania, providing sources to the GDP contribution, reinstating the principal of Corporate Social Responsibilities and as well as boosting the forex inflows to the economy which ultimately will contribute to national and global goals of contributing to reduction of poverty and hunger," they added.

New technology helps curb road accidents, improve bus safety - LATRA

By Correspondent Emmanuel

Onyango

THE recently applied technological systems by Land Transport Regulatory Authority (LATRA) of vehicle tracking for buses plying between Dar es Salaam and up-country regions has helped reduce major road accidents in the country.

The system which is incorporated by the traffic division in the police force since it started three years ago, has helped reduce to a greater extend the

number of major accidents which had been occurring in various inland routes in the country.

Members of the police force have used the technology to trace the behaviours of notorious drivers who do not want to obey traffic rules as required of them while driving along main roads in various regions in the country.

LATRA's Director of Road Transport Johansen Kahatano when interviewed by The Guardian in his office in Dar es Salaam said that, over 6,000

buses operating in up-country regions have been connected under the system.

One of the most achievable factors is that, the technology has helped close monitoring of the speeding vehicles from far flung areas, a factor that has reduced unnecessary accidents.

In addition, the system has provided safety of vehicle owners against arbitrary abductions by armed thugs along the road while travelling long distances for more than 12 hours the whole day.

According to Kahatano, driv-

ers of buses are now afraid to drive at a high speed, knowing well that they are monitored and after all would be held accountable for any damages caused in case they are involved in any accident caused by reckless driving.

"For more articulate safety, the system is linked to the main police controlling security points along the specific routes through which such buses travel," he said and added that the signal gives them all information related to the whereabouts of the vehicle

and also the operating devices have been connected to the phones of vehicle owners.

Within the period under which the system has been in operation, it has demonstrated remarkable results in saving lives and properties.

This is a most remarkable achievement because it has helped security forces to easily deal with defaulting drivers who do not want to abide by traffic rules and regulations while driving on the road.

Under the system, officials of the LATRA monitors the ve-



hicles and talk to their drivers if need be who are conspicuously seen while driving and nothing is hidden on their part. "We are able to monitor drivers wherever they go and spot their location," he said.

In addition, as part of sustainable development LATRA is also planning to introduce passenger information system which will include their reports from where they started their journey and final destination points.

In another development, the technological use of electronic

ticketing programme or e-ticketing to be applied by all buses operating all over the country is in pipeline. The programme is being rolled out and once is completed, will soon come out as required.

According to LATRA, the Msamvu bus stand in Morogoro and Magufuli up-country bus station located in Mbezi on the outskirts of Dar es Salaam city will be the bus stands for the pilot projects. This is done through involvement of stakeholders, public and private partners.

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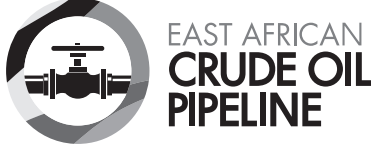
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Mwanza regional commissioner Robert Gabriel (C, in glasses) joins small traders earlier this week at a roast-beef eating 'party' in Mwanza city's Mchafukoge area. He was there chiefly to assess the state of infrastructure at markets to which the traders, until recently operating at unauthorised spots, are being shifted. Photo: Correspondent Neema Emmanuel

Most Lugalo Military Hospital staff receive Covid-19 vaccines

Correspondent James Kandoya

THE Lugalo military hospital management said yesterday that a good number of its staff have received Covid-19 vaccines, linking the situation with increased awareness on the benefit of the jobs.

The head of the military hospital, Brigadier General Fred Kivamba made the statement in Dar es Salaam when speaking after conferring Diploma to 84 students from the Military College of Medical Science (MCMS) who graduated in medical science and midwifery.

He said that most of the military staff resolved to get the jabs due to the fact that their activities involves interacting with many people especially when accomplishing special United Nations (UN) missions.

"My call to army officers who have not taken the jab it is for them to protect themselves and their families against COVID-19," he added, noting that getting the vaccine was one of the best ways to protect them from the disease.

Brigadier general Kivamba urged graduates to take the knowledge they acquired as a ladder to pursue further studies including Degree and Masters. He encouraged them to

continue reading to further broaden their understanding on medical issues.

Acting Head of MCMS Lieutenant Colonel Sisco Kihongola said the college was initially established in 1982 under Lugalo military hospital.

He said since its inception the college has offered courses to junior and senior medical staff officers at different levels including diploma in nursing and midwifery.

He said that this year, the college had increased the number of courses by introducing a Diploma course in dentistry. A total of 18 students graduated from the course, he added.

Colonel Kihongola said the college has a total of 68 students, of the number, 12 were military officers.

He said that among them, three students were militia officers, while nine were junior staff and 56 civilians.

He said the number of students graduated in medical science were 56 less noting that 12 students failed to meet the criteria and standards.

Kihongola said the midwife course involved 41 students, among them, 19 were militia-one officer, nine junior militia staff and 31 civilians.

TAMWA hails appointment of women as heads in Zanzibar DPP's Office

By Guardian Reporter

TANZANIA Media Women Association's - Zanzibar (TAMWA Zanzibar) has congratulated Salma Ali Hassan Khamis and Mwanamkaa Abdulrahman Mohammed upon their appointment to head the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions in Zanzibar.

According to a statement issued by TAMWA Zanzibar director Dr Mzuri Issa, the office of the Director of Public Prosecutions in Zanzibar is entrusted with a range of responsibilities including receiving and inspecting all files from the police, analyzing investigative evidence from the police, submitting case files to the court,

conducting court proceedings on behalf of the government and to appeal if it is not satisfied with the court's decision.

With this appointment made by Zanzibar President Hussein Ali Mwinyi recently, Salma Ali Hassan Khamis is becoming a director and Mwanamkaa Abdulrahman Mohammed the deputy director of Office of Public

Prosecutions, Zanzibar.

"They are the first women leaders to lead the office in these top positions and thus increase the number of women in leadership positions which is important for the development of an individual woman and the nation at large," Dr Mzuri said.

She added: "TAMWA Zanzibar believes that with the presence

of these leaders, cases of abuse and violence against women and children will get a new push in follow up and investigation in timely fashion in order to get rid of the infamous acts which affect mostly women and children."

According to statistics from the Office of the Chief Government Statistician, a total of 838

cases of abuse were reported from January to August, 2021 where women were 679 equal to 81 percent and men were 166 equal to 19.8 percent.

Most disheartening is the heightened cases of women and children slashed with swords for no good reasons with majority of the perpetrators roaming the streets freely. Therefore, we ad-

vised the new directors to design a special system in co-operation with the police force for close investigation into such incidents.

"TAMWA Zanzibar wishes the duo all the best in their duties and may Allah increase their wisdom, prudence, participation and integrity as they move into these new assignments," Dr Mzuri insisted.



Minerals minister Doto Biteko addresses a news conference in Dodoma city yesterday on the ministry's achievements. It was all in continuation of a series of updates by senior government officials in the run-up to the commemoration of the 60th anniversary of Tanganyika's Independence (December 9). Photo: Correspondent Ibrahim Joseph

Mbozi women benefit from ActionAid training on GBV

By Correspondent Beatrice Philemon

MORE women in Mbozi District, Songwe Region are now aware of their rights and can demand them at village government, court and police, thanks to the training on women rights and gender based violence (GBV) offered by ActionAid Tanzania.

The training was conducted to women from Iyula, Zelezeta and Itaka villages in collaboration with the Mbozi, Ileje and Isangati Consortium (MIICO).

Chairperson of Iyula women platform, Rose Mwalalende, said apart from knowing their rights, women have also benefitted with the training on agro-ecological farming.

"Women are now confident to discuss issues that influence the rate of violence against women and girls and submit their opinion to gender desk officer," she said.

ActionAid Tanzania is implementing a five years project (2019-2023) dubbed 'Strengthening Social Accountability and Oversight Capacity for Rights-based Public Resources Management in Health and Agriculture in Southern Africa (PSA)' which includes increasing awareness on women's rights as well as girls.

It is implemented in five villages within Mbozi District namely, Itaka, Zelezeta, Hasamba, Idiwili and Iyula with funding from the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) focusing on Public Resource Management (PRM).

One of the training beneficiaries, Jackline Ayoub said before introduction of the project she was aware of her rights to own land. She added that most of them could not even report GBV incidents to police or at village government. "We are glad for what we have achieved because men have begun to allow women and girls to own or inherit land pieces after the death of their spouses.

She added that they have been using village meetings to convey message on women rights, thus making many people aware of them.

Angela Nswima said women in the five villages have suggested the need for men to change their mind-set and allow women to own land and take part in economic activities.

"We need to have our own land because right now more women are engaged in agro-ecological farming, but the main challenge is land ownership," she said.

Even though the constitution and village land Act guarantees that women, just like men have the right to land and other productive resources, many of them are still left out due to tradition and cultural practices.

Cassava farmers appeal for govt support to tap into China market

By Guardian Correspondent, Singida

CASSAVA farmers in central zone production corridor have appealed to the Tanzania Agriculture Research Institute (TARI) and Tanzania Official Seed Certification Institute (TOSCI) to come up with strategies for enhanced production and availability of 'Mumba' seed variety.

The concern surfaces following unavailability of the favourable cassava variety in central zone regions as the current plants have gone out of planting potential cycle and the responsible breeder have yet to purify seedlings.

Mumba is the only superior cassava seed which has so far proved to flourish well in Dodoma and Singida regions.

In May 2017, Tanzania signed phy-tosan-

tary protocol with China—the bilateral business development which apart from green lighting local companies to directly trade with China, it opened market access for dry cassava from Tanzania.

China's annual cassava demand from Tanzania stands at 2 million tonnes.

From 2012 to 2016, the Mennonite Economic Development Association (MEDA) was funded by TARI to research and breed best cassava varieties with an eye to improve productivity among cassava farmers in the country, the vital program which saw introduction of the Mumba variety.

Stephen Magige, Country Manager for MEDA said the initiative was gearing to improve livelihood among cassava farmers from across the country.

"Under the project, farmers formed

groups through which they received special training on best agronomic methods to multiply the seeds, and TARI was responsible for producing pre-basic cassava seeds and made them available to the farmers," he explained. Magige expressed dismay over failure by TARI to ensure availability of the crucial seed to farmers.

"I will communicate with TARI to see what happened, because our prime focus was to see farmers benefiting from the China market by producing quality cassava in large quantities," he said.

In separate interviews in Mkalama District, Singida Region, farmers said their production morale was being diluted by absence of Mumba variety.

"In 2006, TARI through MEDA project introduced to us the Mumba variety, but cur-

rently we have been restricted to recycle the seedlings because the breeder said the seeds are out of planting potential cycle," said Ipyana Mmota, chairperson of the farmer's cassava seeds production association in central zone.

"The farmers are stranded because they're not in any assured position of getting the seedlings for the envisaged cultivation season," he said.

He said it was disconcerting and unprofessional that the government on the one side keep on sensitizing the farmers to engage into mass cultivation of the economic cash tuber crop to meet the China market demand while on the other side it negate farmers output. The farmers asked the government to mull over possibility of assisting them with cassava drying and

processing machines as well as other vital technologies to meet cassava standards set by China.

"Farmers are facing major challenge when it comes to dry the cassava chips due to absence of drying machines, the situation which saw huge percent of crops being rotten on the field due to excessive rains," "We appeal to the government to construct a warehouses and mobile cassava drying machines to rescue us from often experiencing great loss," he said, noting, the drying machines are sold at between 100m/- and 200m/-.

Dr Esther Masumba, plant breeder and national coordinator for root crop research at TARI-Kibaha, said the institute cannot purify the Mumba seedlings without receiving demand order from the farmers.

Mpango calls upon African countries to improve independence of judiciary

By Guardian Reporter

VICE President Dr Philip Mpango has urged African countries to put more efforts in tackling corruption, invest in ICT and enhance the independence and the impartiality of the judiciaries so as to build trust of the legal bodies and facilitate the delivery of justice.

The VP made the remarks in Dar es Salaam yesterday when opening the 5th African Union Judicial Dialogue.

According to him, the independence and impartiality of the judiciary is paramount in the quest to building trust in African judiciaries.

He said for people to have confidence in the judiciary, justice must not only be done for them, but must also be seen to be done, and for justice to be seen to be done the independence and impartiality of the judiciary must be guaranteed.

Dr Mpango said corruption undermines public confidence not only in African judiciaries, but also in governments. Corruption also fosters criminality and slows down efforts to eradicate poverty.

He further explained that another priority area with a great potential in building trust in African judiciaries is harnessing the use of ICT in court proceedings and other functions. I believe the judiciary may win the confidence of the people by increasing its transparency and accessibility. In this regard, the judiciary must expedite the use of technology in preparation and filing of court documents, conducting hearings through videoconferencing, and accessing of court documents. I believe this will increase transparency and build the confidence of the people in the judiciary.

"As I travel around the coun-

try, I have encountered a general public outcry regarding shocking or unpleasant experiences with the courts such as cases being adjourned many times or left pending for years in which case the legal maxim which says justice delayed is justice denied remain a cry in the wilderness; I also encountered complaints about unbearable costs of litigation; cumbersome court procedures; court summons and judgements written in foreign languages; discrimination against women, people with disability and the poor; delayed execution of valid court orders; and people losing cases simply for lack of legal know how of filing a case even when it is clear that they have a genuine claim. Surely, victims of such malpractices will have little trust in the judiciary and allied institutions," he asserted.

Dr Mpango further said Tanzania actively and passionately worked for the establishment of the regional courts cognisant of the fact that, Africa needs her own regional courts to provide African solutions to African problems and challenges.

He said Tanzania continues to maintain a good working relation with both courts who have their headquarters in Arusha Region.

"Allow me at this juncture to correct the wrong impression that is parlayed that the United Republic of Tanzania has withdrawn from the African Court of Human and Peoples' Rights. That is not true at all. Tanzania instead, has withdrawn from the Declaration made under Article 34 (6) of the Protocol on the African Charter for the Establishment of the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights, which permits individuals and Non-Government Organisations directly accessing the court. Tanzania remains party to the

Protocol and is allied to the mandate and spirit of the Court. Access to the Court remains as stipulated under Article 5 (1) of the Protocol for the Establishment of an African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights," he said.

Justice Iman About, President of the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights (AfCHPR) said the 5th Judicial Dialogue held by the African Court under the aegis of the African Union (AU) has elected to debate the recurring question of the independence of the judiciary.

"I would like to make a few observations on the context in which judicial independence is currently debated not only by academics but also by courts whether national or international. A first observation worth being made is that judicial independence is so intimately connected to social behaviour that it cannot possibly be assessed and debated away from non-legal parameters such as sociology, psychology, idiosyncrasy, and even religion.

While these parameters belong more to the personal and individual sphere, one should not lose sight of the fact, even acting under the guise of the institutional body of a bench, courts of law are only the result of merged individual and personal agents influenced by the same parameters," she said.

"As this 5th Judicial Dialogue discusses questions of efficiency and effectiveness of the judiciary, there is no better time to recall that the principles of complementarity and subsidiarity apply to any debate on judicial effectiveness.

As some of you might be aware, the bulk of the cases that make their way to the African Court arise from and relate to proceedings in domestic courts," she added.



Shinyanga regional commissioner Sophia Mjema (2nd-L) cuts ribbon to launch the regional referral hospital's advisory board yesterday. With her: Board chairman Frank Samwel (R, foreground), hospital in-charge Luzila John (L) and regional administrative secretary Zuwena Omary (to the RC's left). Photo: Correspondent Marco Maduhu

Zanzibar due to form legal waste management agency

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

ZANZIBAR plans to come up with an official organ with legal mandate to manage the collection of various types of waste in the Isles.

This was revealed here yesterday by Zanzibar First Vice President, Othman Masoud Othman at a special meeting that assessed his recent tour on environmental issues that involved officials from Zanzibar city councils, municipalities, environmental management council, and the Ministry of State in the President's Office (Regional Administration and Local Government) and special Zanzibar government units.

He said apart from the government spending more than 21bn/- in a heavy investment towards infrastructure construction of the modern waste dump at Kibele, it was not being utilized due to human resources challenges and op-

eration costs.

He said the decision to come with the organ was essential in helping Zanzibar to put in place better and appropriate waste collection and disposal.

He explained that the Kibele dump has a better waste disposal system in separating various types of waste and its capability to produce other products including farm fertilizers, but some of its costly equipment remain idle due to various reasons.

He said the Kibele waste dump is among modern dumps and has cost the government a lot of money, hence due to lack of an official organ with legal authority in waste management; the dump will be meaningless in environmental preservation.

At the meeting, the First Vice President also called upon authorities involved in the dump's management to make sure they have in place better plans for solv-

ing some of the existing challenges including shortage of human resources and fuel for operating some of the dump's machinery.

For his part, the Kibele dump manager, Hassan Mohammed Ali said the dump is among the best in Africa, but is faced with many challenges including some of its machinery remaining idle and disposal of dangerous waste including hospitals' waste.

He also said Zanzibar lacks official statistics on waste management whereby so far there are no reliable statistics that evaluate and classify the waste being produced, including the volumes produced on daily basis.

Acting Minister of state in the First Vice President's Office, Dr Khalid Salum Mohammed said there is a dire need to find out the correct usage of the dump, since it has cost the government a lot of money.

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ZANZIBAR PORTS CORPORATION TENDER NO. SMZ/F.123/CS/EoI//2021.2022/01 CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR PREPARATION OF MARKET STRATEGY FOR ZANZIBAR PORTS CORPORATION.

REQUEST FOR CONSULTANTS FIRMS EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

1. The Zanzibar Ports Corporation (ZPC) has allocated public funds in its 2021/2022 budget and intends to apply a portion of the funds to eligible payments under the Contract for Consultancy Services for **Preparation of Market Strategy and Implementation Plan**.
2. ZPC now invites eligible **qualified consultancy firms** to express their interest in providing the above consultancy services.
3. Consultant's firms will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Assets Act No. 11 of 2016.
4. In assessing the submissions, consideration will be given to the technical competence of the consultancy firms, the qualification and experience of the consultant firms likely to be proposed for the assignment, experience on similar projects and capacity to undertake the assignment. A final consultants firms invited to submit proposals for this assignment will be prepared from consultants responding to the notice. Only consultants' firms that with demonstrated experience and excellent track records in similar assignments of similar nature and magnitude, availability of appropriate skills among the staff will be considered for short listing.
5. This is not a request for proposals. After a review of Expression of interest, a shortlist will be prepared, and those consultants firms short-listed will be invited to submit their proposals through a letter of invitation including specific Terms of Reference.
6. The Expression of Interest shall be submitted to the office of **Secretary of Tender Board, Zanzibar Ports Corporation, Head Office Building, Malindi -Zanzibar** The deadline for the submission of the EoI is **Thursday, 18th November, 2021 at 11:00 hours**. Envelopes containing the Expression of Interest shall be clearly marked **Tender No. SMZ/F.123/CS/EoI/2021-2022/01 EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR PREPARATION AND IMPLEMENTATION PLAN OF MARKET STRATEGY FOR ZANZIBAR PORTS CORPORATION -Not to be opened until 18th November 2021 at 11:00 hours**
7. The Expression of Interest (EOI) will be opened immediately after deadline for submission in Public and in the presence of Consultants' representative who choose to attend in the Conference Room of the Zanzibar Ports Corporation Head Office, Malindi Street, Zanzibar.
8. Any request for clarification with regard to this assignment shall be addressed to **Secretary of Tender Board, Zanzibar Ports Corporation, Head Office Building, Malindi-Zanzibar, P. O. Box 263, email: pmu@zpc.go.tz** during office hours.
9. The Client shall respond to clarifications received not less than Five days before the deadline for submission.
10. Late Expressions of Interest shall not be accepted for evaluation irrespective of the circumstances.

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'Global 'net zero' to transform conservation finance in Africa'

By Guardian Reporter

KENYA President, Uhuru Kenyatta hosted the COP26 side event on carbon opportunity demanding for companies and countries to go carbon neutral and transform conservation finance in Africa by compensating the continent for storing carbon and tackling climate change.

During the side-event organised by Space for Giants attended by representatives of the presidents of Gabon, Uganda, and Rwanda, President Kenyatta said: "Our savannahs, mangroves and swamps, our coral reefs and our marine reserves, are the carbon sinks of the world. They are the basis of the very oxygen that we breathe every day." He said that Africa accounts for 18 percent of the world's population but less than 4 percent of global greenhouse gas emissions.

"Yet that great public benefit that the African ecosystem provides to the world has not yet been fully acknowledged. And it is neither sufficiently protected and we have certainly not been compensated for it. It is for this reason that many of these natural ecosystems have been degraded often by our own local communities, who have few economic alternatives," he said.

Investors, consumers, and shareholders were beginning to demand their companies start a process of decarbonizing their activities, and

moving towards a much more carbon neutral world, President Kenyatta said.

He added: "Restoring and protecting these carbon sinks can help create hundreds of thousands of critical green jobs, drive enterprise away from destructive forms of land use, can help us tackle poverty, combat illegal wild wildlife trade, and also prevent future pandemics, and ensure that the diversity of life on which all depend continues to endure."

Dr Max Graham, founder and CEO of Space for Giants who chaired and moderated the event, compared the \$100bn/- that rich countries promised to developing ones to help tackle the climate crisis with the hundreds of billions more consumers spent on indulgences like pets, ice cream, beer, and coffee.

"If we collectively spend hundreds of billions of dollars on items that are not essential for our survival, it seems completely inexplicable that we are not paying for the price of something we need for our children's future," Dr Graham said.

Carbon offsets presented the opportunity, he added, "to rewire the economies that have paid the cost of goods that we actually need, specifically, in today's case, the restoration and protection of Africa's carbon sinks".



Hanang' District Council chairperson Rose Kamili speaks at meeting for councillors from across the district held earlier this week. Photo: Correspondent Gift Thadey

CCM hails Dr Mwinyi on first year accomplishments

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

CCM in Zanzibar is satisfied with work being done by President Hussein Ali Mwinyi who in the period of one year since taking office has controlled corruption, embezzlement of public funds and assets and brought unity among Zanzibaris through the government of national unity.

The remarks were given on Wednesday by a Member of the party's Central

Committee, Leilah Burhani Ngozi when addressing reporters at Zanzibar CCM Headquarters at Kisiwandui as President Mwinyi clocked one year since taking office.

She said during the one-year period, President Mwinyi has implemented many development projects, including placing curbs on corruption and embezzlement of funds in various government institutions, especially at the Zanzibar Port and Airport.

Ngozi said President Mwinyi has also continued the fight against drug abuse as well as controlling acts of gender based violence with recently appointing women as the new Director of Prosecutions (DPP) and her deputy who for the first time are holding the posts to effectively deal with such cases.

She added that in efforts to strengthen the Isles economy, President Mwinyi has opened investment doors by talking to various international investors to come

and invest in the country in building hotels and factories for people to get employment.

She said during the one-year period, President Mwinyi directed the people of Pemba to be formal owners of cloves farms which in the past were rented to them under the government supervision.

Ngozi further said President Mwinyi has been mobilising the people over the issue of cleanliness in towns and the

City of Zanzibar, and the environment in general to ensure Zanzibar becomes clean due to its economy depending on the tourism sector.

"As of now, we have been witnessing him laying cornerstones to various big development projects including international hotels which are big employment opportunities for our people via the tourism sector, and stressed for the priority to be accorded to the youth," she said.

RUNAPA introduces hot air balloon safaris in effort to lure more tourists

By Correspondent Friday Simbya,

Iringa

TO increase the number of visitors at the Ruaha National Park (RUNAPA) in Iringa Region, the park has introduced hot air balloon safari, calling for investors to venture in the profitable project.

This was revealed recently by RUNAPA conservation officer in the tourism unit, Amina Salum when briefing journalists on the park's plan to attract more foreign and local visitors.

Amina said hot air balloon safari tourism is a new investment at the park adding it is expected to attract more tourists and ultimately promote the tourism sector in the southern circuit as it is the case with the northern circuit through the Serengeti National Park (SEN-APA).

She added that Ruaha National Park is known for its large elephant and cape buffalo herds, greater and lesser kudu, sable and roan antelope.

The park has a large number of predators including lions, leopards, cheetahs and the increasingly rare African wild dog, she said.

She said that tourism using hot air balloons would attract

more tourists to the park who will have an opportunity to view the park with abundant game and spectacular landscapes.

Amina called upon potential investors to invest in the hospitality industry especially construction of hotels and tented camps.

She said visitors to the park are insisted to adhere to COVID-19 prevention measures upon arrival at the park's gates.

Chairman of the Iringa Press Club (IPC) Frank Leonard said the main purpose of visiting the park was part of efforts to promote domestic tourism across the country.

RUNAPA is the second largest national park in the country and the third largest in Africa, blessed with a large number of animals such as lions, elephants, giraffes, buffalo, greater and lesser kudu and many others.

Tanzania has a number of national parks including Ruaha, Katavi, Kitulo, Serengeti, Saanane Island, Burigi-Chato, Rubondo, Gombe, Ibanda-Kyerwa and Rumanyika-Karagwe national park.

Others are Kigosi, Ugalla River, Tarangire, Arusha, Mkomazi, Lake Manyara, Kilimanjaro, Saadani, Mikumi and Udzungwa Mountains national parks.



Small traders until only days ago conducting business in unauthorised areas in Arusha city move timbers shortly after demolishing their stalls yesterday, ready for relocation to spots the government has earmarked for them - at Mrombo in Murit ward. Photo: Correspondent Daniel Sabuni

Ngara coffee farmers to build 691m/- worth processing plant

By Guardian Correspondent, Ngara

NGARA Farmers, the primary cooperative society for coffee farmers in Ngara District, Kagera Region has set aside 691m/- for building a coffee processing factory in order to reduce processing costs done elsewhere.

It has also appealed to the government to intervene to stop some traders who have been pestering farmers to sell their coffee crop off the farms thereby denying

the government of its revenues.

The remarks were made yesterday by Zephaniah Munyonyela, the Cooperative Society's Manager, during the function to distribute 57,000 Robusta coffee seedlings provided for free to 7,200 farmers in the presence of the District Commissioner, Col. Mathias Kahabi at Rulenge Town.

Munyonyela said they have allocated 691m/- for building the factory, out of which 140m/- will be for constructing a perimeter fence around the factory, and

547m/- for purchasing the processing plant, and added that the money is a loan from Tanzania Agricultural Development Bank (TADB).

He said they have been incurring huge costs for processing the coffee at a privately owned factory - Arab Globe International Ltd who have been charging them 200/- per a kilo of coffee and added that during the last three years the society spent 760m/- to process their coffee.

Airing the society's complaints on trad-

ers who directly approach farmers in the fields to purchase coffee, Lunyonyela said: "In the last season we bought 2,400 tonnes of coffee and paid back to farmers 80/- per each kilo, or 116m/-, now if farmers sell the crop secretly to private traders, they cannot get the second payment."

For his part, the cooperative society chairman, David Bukozo said they have provided the 7,200 farmers with 92,500 robusta coffee seedlings aimed at increasing production and it is expected that in

2025 they will produce 5,000 tonnes of coffee. Ngara District Commissioner Col. Mathias Kahabi banned farmers to sell their coffee to traders who follow them to their households and directed them to sell it to the cooperative society.

Speaking on behalf of the coffee growers, Mulishad Manisha said the primary cooperative deducts 200/- for every kilo of coffee for processing, the situation that forced them to build the coffee processing factory.



Kivukoni Sharik Choughle (in red T-shirt), councillor for Dar es Salaam's Kivukoni ward, pictured earlier this week presenting to Upendo Ferry entrepreneurs group secretary Rukia Somali a dummy cheque for 10m/-, the Dar es Salaam City Council has donated to women, youths and people with disabilities. Photo: Correspondent Jumanne Juma

230 poachers, illegal fishers held in Ruaha National Park

By Guardian Reporter

AT least 230 poachers and illegal fishers were arrested in Tanzania's Ruaha National Park, which covers 20,226 square kilometers, in 2020-21 periods which ended on June 30, an official said on Monday.

Conservation officer for tourism and security unit of the Ruaha National Park Jackson Laizer said most of the arrested suspects were engaged in poaching, illegal fishing and encroachment to the park.

Laizer said the poachers and illegal fishers were arrested during the period under review following beefed-up anti-poaching activities that were fully supported by the

government.

"Poaching of elephants has now been controlled but we are facing poaching for game meat and encroachment of livestock keepers who seek pasture for their cattle," said Laizer.

Ruaha National Park offers excellent wildlife viewing, and is particularly good for spotting predators, including very large prides of lion and the endangered wild dog. Elephants and a big variety of antelope species are another big draw to the park.

Tanzania has 22 national parks, including Serengeti National Park, a world heritage site.



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Adhere to standards, motor vehicle spare parts dealers urged

By Correspondent Felix Andrew

THE government has asked stakeholders of motor vehicle spare parts and automotive maintenance workshops to adhere to the required standards and regulations while performing their activities in order to save peoples' lives and income to the state and individuals.

This was said yesterday in Dar es Salaam by the Director-General of Tanzania Bureau of Standards (TBS) Dr Athuman Ngenya while officiating at a one day workshop for vehicle

spare parts dealers and owners of the automotive workshops.

Dr Ngenya said already the government in collaboration with other stakeholders has come up with the standards that they are required to be adhered to.

He said already TBS has formulated the Tanzania standards no 1960 :2017 for motor vehicle spare parts general requirements, TZS 2010:2012 automotive maintenance workshop requirements and TZS 698:2012 Road vehicle code of practice for inspection and

testing of used motor vehicles for roadworthiness.

Dr Ngenya said the meeting was called to remind stakeholders on the introduced standards and apply while performing their activities.

"You know that inspection and testing of used motor vehicle imported into our country is now done locally, you have to make sure that the vehicles to be sent at your garages or workshops meet the required standards," he said.

He said the government recognizes the role played by the stakeholders and it would con-

tinue to engage them in standards related matters.

Dr Ngenya also asked them to comment or air their views or complaints regarding the operations of the bureau for the development of the nation.

"We are all stakeholders you have to tell us where you see any challenge so that we rectify the situation for the betterment of both parties," he said.

Speaking on behalf of others, a stakeholder identified as Eng Shabbir Khataw, commended TBS for organising such workshop.

He said the workshop was

supposed to be organised last decade because the government has been losing a lot of income through importation of substandard motor vehicle spare parts.

However, he said introduction of the new standards would help reverse the situation and provide an opportunity for them to engage into various activities.

Launching the TBS new board of directors last August, the Minister for Industry and Trade Prof Kitila Mkumbo was quoted as asking it to adhere to integrity and perform its du-

ties according to the law and regulations for development of the economy.

Prof Mkumbo said the Board of Directors plays a crucial role for the development of standards related issues hence integrity among its members is highly needed.

He said the board members were elected after meeting some criteria; hence the government wants them to meet its expectations.

"You will be working on behalf of the government, make sure that the TBS management is implementing what is

required for the benefit of the shareholder and stakeholders," he insisted.

He said the board should make sure that the TBS management is conducting its assignments without interference.

"The board and TBS management should play their roles there is no need of interference," he explained.

Minister Mkumbo also insisted the new board members to be cognizant of the roles of TBS, and know its objectives and mission.

Govt allocates over 38 billion/- for construction of 758 health centres, dispensaries for this financial year

By Guardian Reporter, Dodoma

THE government has set aside 38.15bn/- for the construction of 758 health centres and dispensaries in the 2021/22 financial year.

According to the deputy minister in the ministry of State President's Office, Regional Administration and Local Government, Dr Festo Dugange out of the funds Kakonko district has been given 150m/- for three dispensaries.

Dr Dugange made the remarks in parliament when responding to a question by Buyungu legislator Aloyce Kamamba who wanted to know when the government will construct health centres in Kakonko district.

The deputy minister said the government has already dished out 55.25bn/- from the online transaction levies for the construction of 221 health centres in wards which have no dispensaries with ability to offer surgery services.

He added that the government will continue to construct more health centres in Kakonko as the budget allows.

At the same time 34bn/- has been issued for purchasing health equipment in 67 hospitals in the first phase.

The deputy minister said the government has also issued 35.7bn/- for the construction and renovation of 83 health centres and dispensaries.



Sri Sathya Sai International Organisation representative Jasson Kalemela (in glasses) presents a white cane to Tanzania League of the Blind chairman Omari Mpondelwa during the commemoration of White Cane Day held at national level in Kibaha District, Coast Region, yesterday. Photo: Correspondent Miraji Msala

Gender equality central to SADC regional integration programmes

By Guardian Reporter

GENDER equality under the Southern African Development Community's (SADC) Regional Indicative Strategic Development Plan (RISDP 2020-2030) is important for the successful implementation of regional integration.

This is because SADC recognises gender equality as a fundamental human rights and an integral part of regional inte-

gration, economic growth and social development.

SADC is committed to removing all forms of gender inequalities at the regional and national levels through a series of goals and actions derived from legally binding international, continental and regional instruments.

Gender equality plays a pivotal role in the socio-economic transformation of the SADC Region, along with sustained

peace and security, and is one of the issues that cut right across each of the three pillars on industrial development and market integration, infrastructure development in support of regional integration, and social and human capital development, as well as the foundational pillar on peace, security, and good governance.

Gender equality is central to ensuring that the formula-

tion, deliberation, adoption, and implementation of regional protocols, strategies, policies, and programmes, underpinned by critical existing instruments such as the protocol on gender and development and the regional strategy for development of statistics, are undertaken in a manner that does not marginalise sections of SADC's population.

The RISDP 2020-2030 aims

to enhance gender equality as well as women's empowerment and development, and elimination of gender-based violence. This will result in increased participation of women in regional development and enhanced equal access to opportunities and gender parity.

Key interventions include accelerating the implementation of prioritised areas of the protocol on gender and

development, implementing policies on equal access to benefits from development resources, services, and opportunities, strengthening of leadership skills of young women, and creation of a cadre of transformative young women leaders, and the promotion of women in leadership in political and decision-making for the attainment of gender parity.

SADC is strengthening gen-

der mainstreaming at both national and regional levels through the domestication of the protocol on gender and development as a measure to ensure promotion of women's empowerment. A monitoring, evaluation, and reporting system to ensure effective gender mainstreaming is being fully integrated into the SADC monitoring, evaluation, and reporting system.

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Low rise in oil price shows optimum policy feasibility

WHAT often measures good economic policy is resilience in the face of acute pressures, none of which is more debilitating for many relatively poor countries than a surge in oil prices.

There was some panic in the past two months over rises in oil prices, as crude oil prices in world markets climbed swiftly from historic lows during the Covid-19 pandemic lockdown in major Western economies to a rapid uptake as transportation swung back to life.

There are other complicating factors for instance measures in some countries to limit consumption of coal in particular, which pushes up the price of oil to fill the gap.

With the rising prices much of this apparently positive environmental initiative will be scaled back as consumers - who are also voters - will not take higher prices as a tariff to curb environmental damage from large scale use of coal especially in firing power stations.

It means that better energy sources will have to be in place to replace fossil fuels without excessive or additional costs to consumers, which is something a broad range of environmental activists make an effort to skip. Swedish environmental teenage celebrity Greta Thunberg was full of indignation about inaction and apathy for not realising this link.

Two related events disrupted somewhat Tanzania's development trajectory between the late 1960s and the early 1980s.

One was the collapse of the Bretton Woods parity of the US dollar and an ounce of gold (at seven dollars per Troy ounce) in 1969, while

the other was the devaluation of the dollar in 1971.

Oil exporters lost in the devaluation, and the depreciation that has permanently continued. The structure of commodity pricing including exports of cotton, coffee, sisal, cashewnuts and cloves collapsed, and never really recovered, such that by 1985 what we could buy with a tonne of cotton in 1965 now needed ten or so tonnes. It was this message founder president Mwalimu Julius Nyerere took around the world, berating 'imperialist exploitation'.

But those are far-off days, as we now produce natural gas and don't overly rely on imported refined oil as was the case then, and the oil sector parastatal is spearheading a shift to using natural gas in motor vehicles.

Our minerals sector is much stronger, just like our tourism is, while we earn decent amounts of forex from agro-based exports, and even fish.

But more significantly, we have a breadth of sources of revenue and the government could even afford eliminating levies on oil extracted by parastatals handling oil imports the moment the cargo arrives. With that step the price rises abate, though without really falling.

This situation is substantive policy-wise in that oil prices continue to rise in world markets but action is now being taken to halt the trend, in the main by raising production levels.

Cutting prerogatives of big parastatals stopped the price rises as it carried risks of desperation in society. It is genuine cause for gratitude.

World Tsunami Awareness Day of acute relevance to Tanzania

THE United Nations has been marking November 5 as World Tsunami Awareness Day since 2016, the event coordinated by the UN Office for Disaster Reduction (UNISDR).

This implies that it is in local terms somewhere between the disaster relief unit in the Prime Minister's Office and the Fire and Rescue Force now under the Home Affairs ministry.

On the particular anniversary, all UN member States are invited to participate, on the basis of the fact that no country is immune from earthquakes, tsunamis and other natural catastrophes.

We in Tanzania don't have many tsunami stories, but the "bits and pieces" we have experienced ought not to be forgotten, with one telling case having occurred though on a minor scale back in December 2004.

It all illustrates why World Tsunami Awareness Day should be respected by all nations in that oceans propagate such dangers far and wide, and with ease that can scarcely be imagined, as happened at that time.

There was a massive 9.1 measure on the Richter scale off the Sumatra Island coast in northwest Indonesia, which chroniclers say ruptured a 900-mile stretch along the Indian and Australian plates 31 miles below the ocean floor. It killed nearly 230,000 people chiefly in the immediate vicinity but also in East Africa.

Were it a land earthquake, even a ghastly destructive quake on land that far away

would have been of cursory interest for television viewers or radio listeners.

When it is however a massive seaquake, it is different as it lifts giant waves at times from very high up when falling on the land, sweeping everything before it like any other ocean storms.

That tsunami killed thousands of people in Indonesia, hundreds in Thailand and India, dozens on the Somalia and Kenya coastlines, and ten or so on Dar es Salaam's Kunduchi beach. So, it was a truly global catastrophe.

Thinking about tsunamis rekindles worries about rising sea levels and how this phenomenon makes potential tsunamis even more devastating than they would otherwise be.

Sea storms have become hugely rainy wind systems, striking southern Africa in 2019 and another in Mozambique early this year. Experts often shudder to think about the impact of rising sea levels, thus also tsunamis, as Zanzibar, Pemba and Mafia islands are overly exposed just as Dar es Salaam city is.

That is why Tanzania needs active engagement with the relevant UN and other agencies and experts to be more closely involved in monitoring such events, and to be linked to mechanisms of respond in real time were any such grotesque event to occur in future.

As a country with a long coastline that is vital for tourism and other economic spheres, we can't ignore this parameter. It could cost us heavily.

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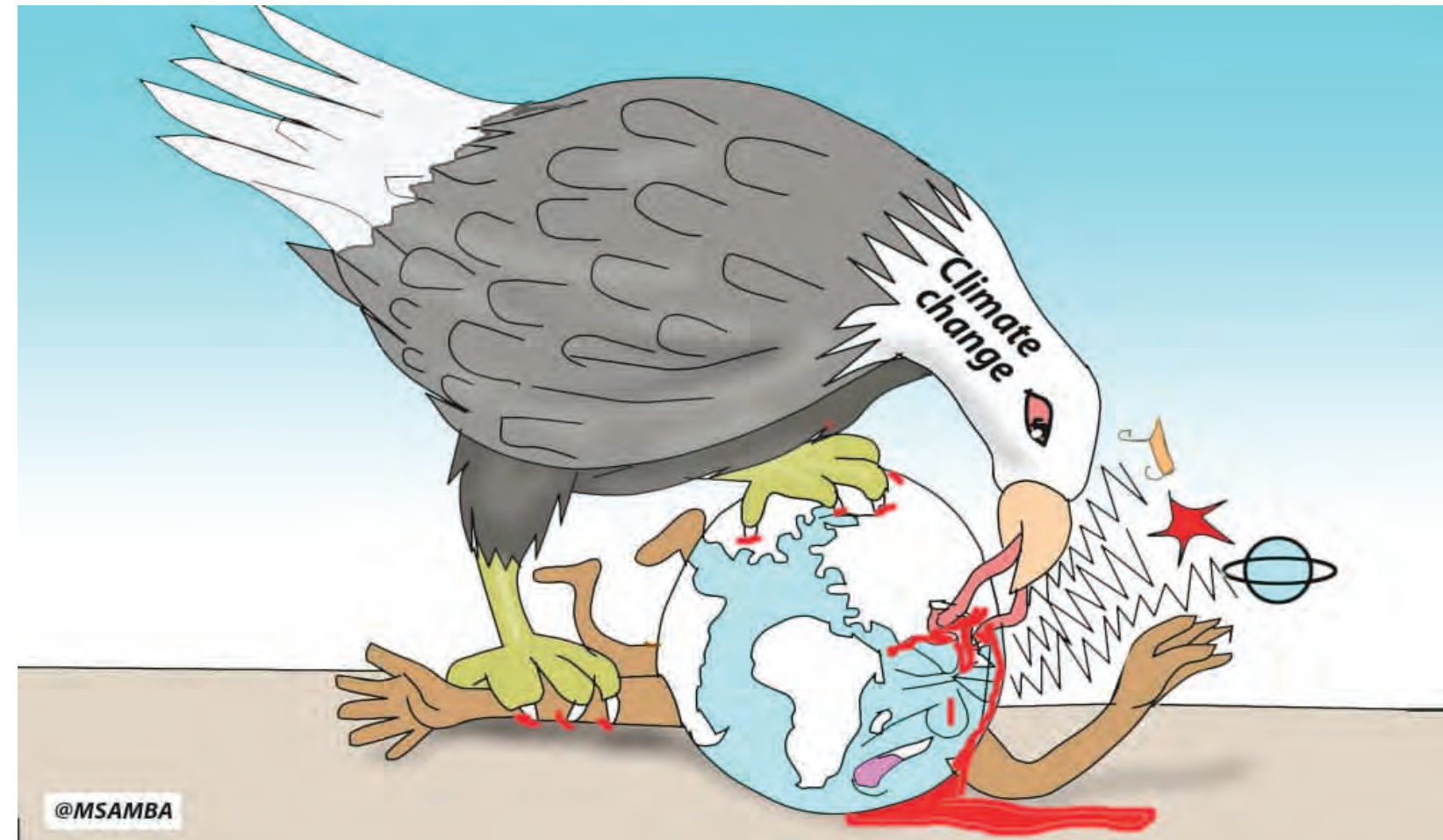
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What it takes to build a community of purpose for journalists

By Stella Roque

WHEN I arrived at ICFJ (Washington-based International Centre for Journalists) as its first director of community engagement last February, the world was in the early throes of Covid-19.

Not yet declared a pandemic, the virus was spreading around the world, beginning to grind countries to a halt. It was becoming increasingly clear that what was unfolding had the potential to be catastrophic.

At ICFJ, all our in-person trainings and fellowships for journalists would have to be made virtual. We needed to remodel how we were going to serve the thousands of journalists in the network we had built over 30 years.

Our response? The ICFJ Global Health Crisis Reporting Forum, which today features five Facebook groups, comprising nearly 13,000 journalists across 134 countries.

These journalists are sharing information with each other, participating in our webinars and connecting to report hard-hitting stories. The forum, which is hosted in English, Spanish, Portuguese, French and Arabic, has generated incredible impact.

Before joining ICFJ, I had previously spent three years in the Balkans with the Organised Crime and Corruption Reporting Project, itself an ICFJ network partner.

I had witnessed first-hand the power of collaboration between journalists and what happens when they connect across borders to work on stories, share information and resources and support each other in crisis.

What journalists needed as Covid-19 turned the world over was a platform for connection. The forum was ICFJ's first community engagement project, and it just won the 2021 ONA Community Award. We'll explain how we did it.

Identify your community, assess their needs

Right at the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic, we understood that suddenly all journalists were now working the health beat in one form or another. They needed to be able to communicate scientific findings accurately and effectively, cover developments without spreading panic, and counter mounting levels of false information being spread online.

I began by surveying journalists on social media, asking them what kind of support they felt they needed to better report on the emerging global health crisis.

Within days, my inbox was flooded with responses from around the world - from South Africa and India, to Argentina, China, Italy and more.

Reporters and editors were lamenting their lack of access to scientific experts and health reporting resources, noting, too, that governments were not being transparent with information about the virus' spread in their countries.



Reporters were also worried about their own safety - how could they best protect themselves from the deadly virus as they carried out their critical reporting?

Design your community with your value-add

Now that we knew what reporters needed, we had to determine what to create. Our team went for low-hanging fruit - a digital group on Facebook, to bring together in one place a large, global audience of journalists.

Here, we would livestream our webinars, post helpful resources and encourage collaboration. We invited scientific experts, members of civil society and fact-checkers, too.

We also compiled a list of epidemiologists, virologists and public health experts to reach out to so that they could take part in our online panels. We offered a mailing list for journalists who weren't on Facebook but still wanted to access our programming.

We invited the journalists on our mailing lists, and reached out to the wider journalism community on social media to join. We launched our first webinar with a big name ticket, Dr Samba Sow, the WHO Covid-19 special envoy to Africa.

We tried to disseminate our webinars and resources as widely as we could. We chose Zoom to livestream webinars, courtesy of the user-friendly platform's ability to host large digital audiences.

With support from other teams at ICFJ, we tracked impact and developed proposals to raise funds for the project. The all-hands-on-deck approach allowed us to hold bigger online events like this Q&A with Sweden's State Epidemiologist Dr Anders Tegnell, and effectively moderate the Facebook group.

We have kept disinformation agents at bay, too - if a member posts false information in the Forum, or points to inaccurate reporting in discussions, we call it out and

debunk it.

Build a team of established leaders

As our English-language Forum grew, we attracted funding to expand the project into Spanish, Portuguese, French and Arabic. We brought on a global team of community managers to cultivate each group in their local languages.

These media leaders are deeply passionate about their work, with regional profiles and local networks of their own.

Kossi Elom Balao, from Togo, helms our Francophone community. He is an award-winning reporter, founder of the French-language The Confidential Report, and president of the African Science Journalists' Network.

Alexandre Orrico, from Brazil, leads our Portuguese-language community. He is the founding editor of Núcleo Jornalismo, a data journalism project, and a long-serving tech reporter and editor for Brazil's largest newspaper Folha de S. Paulo.

Paraguay-based Desirée Esquivel directs our Spanish-language community. She is the co-founder of her country's first science media outlet Ciencia del Sur, and an ambassador for ICFJ network partner Sembramos Media.

Fadwa Kamal, a former fellow for ICFJ partner Code for Africa, leads our Arabic-language community.

Paul Adepoju, in Nigeria, has diversified and expanded our English-language programming. He is an established science reporter and media entrepreneur.

We also appointed moderators for each Forum group to assist with communications, moderate discussions and track impacts.

Evaluate your community needs

We regularly check in with our communities about their wants and needs, in a variety of ways. We

send webinar attendees post-event surveys, for instance, and poll our digital groups about what they would like to see more of.

As 2020 rolled into 2021, we asked our communities how we could best continue to serve them as the pandemic evolved and new issues such as Covid-19 variants and vaccine development and distribution emerged and public health responses changed.

Their feedback in hand, we updated our programming to offer more trainings and Q&A sessions with health experts.

Evolve your community
The pandemic isn't over yet - but one day it will be. We are in the midst of other global crises, too, like the climate's deterioration and the spread of mis- and disinformation. Still more will undoubtedly emerge. Journalists will need to adapt, and gain specialised knowledge and skills to carry out their vital reporting.

As we look ahead, we plan to grow in dynamic ways the online community of journalists we established during the pandemic. Communities, after all, aren't meant to be static.

The Forum project won't be the last of its kind at ICFJ. Fortunately, the experience we have gained building these vibrant communities offers critical lessons for what's needed to engage a global community of journalists today and into the future.

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Why digital transformation is key for digital economy

By Correspondent Daniel Semberya

BUSINESS is booming online all over the world and digital economy is the new thing. Those who are yet to transition to this new normal are losing big time. Aren't they?

Like other developing countries, Tanzania is undergoing digital transformation as reflected in the growing number of people connected to communication devices and internet services.

Director of External Affairs at Vodacom Tanzania Foundation Rosalynn Mworira says digital transformation is key to a nation's digital economy because among others, it improves efficiency and ease of doing business, reduces the cost of doing business, cuts time in service delivery, improves convenience of accessing services and eases reach to consumers.

Mworira was speaking during a Policy Forum Breakfast held month to disseminate findings of a study entitled "Tanzania digital transformation journey: What is the contribution to economic growth and social development?"

According to her, currently mobile services are at the center of Tanzania's digital transformation, whereby more than 50 per cent of the population is subscribed to a mobile service which is not the case with other communication technologies.

She further noted that mobile connectivity in Tanzania has enormous positive impact on agriculture and health. On agriculture, the study found that users of value-added services pilot were 39 per cent more likely to report increased income in a given year than those who did not.

The service used unstructured supplementary service data (USSD), push SMS subscriptions, interactive voice response (IVR) and helpline to provide farmers with market information, weather forecasts, and agronomic advice on 10 strategic crops.

The study also found that switching to bulk mobile money payments from individual cash payments led to efficiencies and cost savings for traders and exporters of agricultural produce and products.

Farmers could receive loans and payments directly via their mobile phones, saving travel time and cost to collect cash payments. It is estimated that 300 farmers saved about USD 8000 and 6000 hours.

On health, Mworira said that through digital transformation there has been an improvement in nutrition awareness and tremendous improvement on eating habits.

In Tanzania, text messaging services on topics such as healthy pregnancy and healthy baby have greatly improved nutrition of newborns by providing mothers with information on child development, best

practices as well as reminders on essential healthcare services.

The survey found that 73 per cent of experienced service users implement appropriate breastfeeding practices compared to 64 per cent of non-users. She said that although 48 per cent of Tanzanians is covered by mobile internet, most do not use it hence usage gap!

She said the barriers to using mobile internet include affordability, lack of awareness, illiteracy and lack of digital skills. By increasing the cost of mobile connectivity, sector-specific taxes such as excise duties on mobile services deter the adoption and use of mobile services for low-income people especially. In turn, it limits the positive impact of mobile services on the economy and society.

Andrew Mahiga, Director of Policy, Research, Advocacy and Lobbying Tanzania Private Sector Foundation (TPSF) said there is need for the government and members of the private sector to make joint efforts as a way of easily moving forward with Tanzania's digital transformation agenda.

"Everyone has a role to play in digital transformation for the benefit of the entire nation. We shouldn't wait for laws, policies, but advise wisely to enable this sector to grow," he said.

Mahiga said that the sector touches almost every other sector, making it very important to sectors like agriculture, health and education.

TIGO Tanzania's Chief Officer, Angalica Tesha said that technology in Tanzania today is revolutionizing the economy and creating a host of job opportunities for the nation's youth.

Mobile money and internet-based transactions, for example, have changed the financial sector, empowered women and small retailers and transformed the education system, she said.

Dr Gasper Balthazary Consultant on trade facilitation at the University of Dar es Salaam, said that there is limited skills in digital entrepreneurship and e-commerce, thus, making it necessary to invest in capacity building.

He advised the government and other key players to put in place an enabling regulatory environment for e-commerce development which is key for building trust among users.

Mtegananda Hussein, a participant, called for the review and rewriting of Tanzania's ICT policies so that they conform with the current situation.

Former Minister for Communications and Information Technology Dr Faustine Ndugulile, was recently quoted as saying: "The digital transformation is one of the government's agenda as it is included in the Tanzania Development Vision 2025 and in the ruling party's manifesto."

He further noted that the government intends to increase broadband reach from 40 per cent to 80 per cent, improve digital literacy nation-



Andrew Mahiga, Director of Policy, Research, Advocacy and Lobbying at Tanzania Private Sector Foundation, speaks during a recent Policy Forum breakfast debate. Photo/Daniel Semberya.

wide, enable affordability of digital services and review the industry's legal and regulatory framework as part of its ICT priorities.

In a bigger picture; Africa's digital ambitions include to create an integrated and inclusive society and an economy that improves the quality of life for its citizens.

It also envisages investing in digital infrastructure, savvy workforce,

e-commerce platforms, financial services and an ecosystem that encourages digital entrepreneurship.

But there is digital divide which is widening and threatening inclusion for all.

"We're lagging on the digital front, internet penetration, quality and affordability are low compared to the rest of the world," reads the vision.

"COVID-19 has massively impacted

African economies, and has further exacerbated these digital divides."

There is hope because the youth are driving digital transformation. Young Africans are capitalising on new technologies to launch startups and to find solutions to the continent's problems.

The challenge for Africa is providing its youth with the knowledge and skills needed for the emerging world

of work. The growth of digital tech, mainly driven by the mobile revolution has been one of the bright spots for Africa's development.

Driving socio-economic transformation, increasing efficient production and distribution of goods and services, opening new opportunities for income generation, enhancing connectivity between people, societies and organizations.

THE LAW & YOU

Culture of impunity, hostility perpetrates crimes against media

By Telesphor Magobe

LAST week we saw that while journalists are a key link between world governments and their people in terms of information dissemination they nonetheless work in a precarious environment owing to a lack of adequate safeguards.

We saw also that their right not to disclose their sources is not a mere privilege to be granted or taken away at will depending on the lawfulness or unlawfulness of their sources, but rather is part of the right to freedom of expression and access to information guaranteed in national constitutions.

While in some jurisdictions this right is proportionately interfered, in others it is safeguarded and reaffirmed by the judiciary whenever a conflict of interests arises.

Sometimes journalists may be ordered to disclose the identities of their sources, failure of which subjects them to

heavy fines or imprisonment or both. Other times they are abducted, tortured or killed for protecting their sources or adhering to professional integrity.

So, professional secrecy regarding journalistic sources of information obtained in confidence is one of the areas that may cost them dearly. Another area is when their reporting displeases those who have economic or political power and their allies. There are many examples in many countries across the world.

This makes working as a journalist a safety risk and sometimes a laughing stock as it implies choosing between life and death or between good and bad or even turning journalism into a flattering profession with no contribution to positive social change. It is indeed a difficult choice!

Tuesday this week was International Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists, which is marked each year on November 2. This was a special occasion to reflect



on the plight of journalists across the world. I wonder whether this global event was marked with as much pomp and circumstance as other events held at national level!

Although journalists are the voice of the voiceless in society, nobody may speak for them when they find themselves in circumstances in which they turn into the voiceless and need other people to speak for them. It is very rare to find people who can be the voice of journalists when they lose their voice.

Even a global event like International Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists one may find jour-

nalists themselves very busy, running up and down the streets to look for stories or trying to meet their deadlines to the extent of having no time at all to participate in it.

One way of making the media vibrant is for journalists themselves to work without fear or favour - that is without compromising their professional integrity. This is extremely difficult and may not even be impractical where freedom of expression and access to information is not adequately guaranteed.

As part of marking International Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists, UNESCO showed that between 2006 and last year, over 1,200 journalists had been killed across the world while on duty, with close to 9 out of 10 cases of those killings remaining judicially unresolved.

Although UNESCO notes there is a global decline in the killings of journalists by 20 per cent in the last five years (2016-2020) compared to the previous five years (2011-2015), it also notes that the level of impunity for crimes against journalists remains extremely high globally, with an impunity rate of 87 per cent. This happens not necessarily in the so-called fragile states, but even in countries that are normally referred

to as peaceful. "Since wars begin in the minds of men and women it is in the minds of men and women that the defenses of peace must be constructed."

This cycle of violence against journalists, says UNESCO, is often indicative of the weakening of the rule of law and of the judicial system. Thus, the UN agency banks on the role of the judiciary to protect journalists.

It says: "Judges and other members of judicial systems play an essential role in ensuring a safe environment for journalists by bringing perpetrators of attacks to justice and by guaranteeing that international law is respected in national decisions involving freedom of expression and access to information."

In the context of Tanzania, the right to information, which includes the right to protect journalistic sources, is provided for in Article 18 of the United Republic of Tanzania. This right consists of four safeguards.

The Constitution clearly states that every person has i) a freedom of opinion and expression of his ideas, ii) has a right to seek, receive and, or disseminate information regardless of national boundaries, iii) has the freedom to communicate and a freedom with protection from interference from his or

her communication and iv) has a right to be informed at all times of various important events of life and activities of the people and also of issues of importance to society.

It is up to the media to claim this right and as UNESCO puts it judiciary and prosecution services are key to safeguarding against the erosion of the right to freedom of expression and access to information and to ensuring that states and other relevant actors meet their obligations to respect, protect, promote and fulfil this fundamental right.

In its World Trends in Freedom of Expression and Media Development: Global Report 2021/22, UNESCO suggests that a free and safe media environment, along with an end to impunity for crimes against journalists, is essential if societies are to receive reliable information as produced by media workers who can do their jobs without fear or favour.

Today's legal maxim: "Small means increase by concord and litigations by opulence."

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Africa's ambitious reforestation megaproject gets big boost at COP26

By Ethan van Diemen

THE Great Green Wall just got a major boost at the 26th Conference of the Parties (COP26) in Glasgow, Scotland, with announcements of support coming from Jeff Bezos, Prince Charles, French President Emmanuel Macron and Mauritania's president, Mohamed Ould Ghazouani.

The Great Green Wall (GGW) is described as an "African-led movement with an epic ambition to grow an 8,000km natural wonder of the world across the entire width of Africa".

According to its website, "Once complete, the Great Green Wall will be the largest living structure on the planet, three times the size of the Great Barrier Reef."

The World Economic Forum notes that "The Sahel is a 5,900-kilometre belt of land below the Sahara Desert, stretching across the breadth of Africa. It is a semi-arid region, known for its variable rainfall." It is here that this massive reforestation megaproject, in one of the poorest and most

climate-change vulnerable regions on the planet, is taking shape. Already, droughts, famine and conflict over resources are causing immense suffering and hardship. The initiative is an attempt to ameliorate these conditions with nature.

According to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification, the GGW stretches along the southern margin of the Sahara Desert, snaking from the Atlantic coast to the Red Sea. More specifically, it stretches from Senegal in the west to Djibouti in the east. The total area of the GGW extends to 156 million hectares, with the largest intervention zones located in Niger, Mali, Ethiopia and Eritrea.

The once verdant border regions of the Sahara have given way to increased desertification, in large part due to climate change and unsustainable land practices, leading to land degradation and the expansion of the Sahara Desert. According to the World Bank, there were 30 million food-insecure people in this region prior to the coronavirus pandemic, and that number continues



to grow.

By 2030, the GGW initiative aims to restore 100 million hectares of degraded land, sequester 250 million tonnes of carbon and create 10 mil-

lion jobs in rural areas.

In January, Macron announced at the One Planet Summit for Biodiversity, co-organised by France, the United Nation and World Bank, that

the initiative had received at least \$14.326-billion in new funding.

Though more than a decade old, the initiative has got a shot in the arm thanks to wealthy benefactors, European monarchs and political leaders at COP26.

At a meeting at the conference co-hosted by Macron, Prince Charles said that there are some 700 million hectares of degraded land in Africa and that the Great Green Wall initiative offers a "precious opportunity" to restore land, forest and biodiversity while also addressing the social, economic and environmental impacts of land degradation and desertification.

Bezos, Amazon founder and one of the world's richest men, pledged \$1-billion at the conference, via the Bezos Earth Fund, to support landscape restoration.

Ursula von der Leyen, president of the European Commission, in a statement on Monday said that, "The fight for the climate goes hand in hand with the fight for nature. The Great Green Wall is a beautiful example of

that and it is a beautiful example of sustainable development at continental scale. It can and will deliver significant economic, social and environmental benefits.

"I was struck to read that the Wall will sequester 250 million tonnes of carbon. That is as much carbon as all forests and land in the EU have removed in 2018. At the same time, it is expected to create 10 million jobs in rural areas by 2030.

"We will contribute to different pillars of the Great Green Wall, and thus supporting local communities, while restoring the environment and reversing biodiversity loss. Sustainable land management is key to meet the development needs of growing populations in Africa.

"Around 45% of Africa's land is impacted by desertification. Fighting land degradation is thus key to ensure food security. It is about protecting the livelihoods of millions of people. The Great Green Wall shows how climate action combines local action and global ambition."

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Collaborators in Africa: Did Britain help murder an African leader and a UN Secretary-General?

By Richard Norton-Taylor

BRITAIN'S foreign intelligence agency, MI6, overthrew Mohammad Mossadegh, Iran's first democratically elected prime minister, in 1953 with the help of the CIA. They replaced him with the Shah, an autocrat protected by his infamous secret police, Savak.

A few years later, MI6 conspired with the CIA to overthrow, even assassinate, Patrice Lumumba, Congo's first democratically elected prime minister.

"Like Lumumba, Mossadegh had been democratically elected and was a champion of secular unity in his country," writes academic Dr Susan Williams in her new book *White Malice*, a devastating, superbly researched account of how the CIA, MI6 and Belgium – Congo's former colonial power – destroyed the newly independent country's legitimate government.

Lumumba was the victim of a long and vicious campaign to discredit him before he was captured, tortured and assassinated in January 1961.

MI6 files on its role in the events leading to his murder remain suppressed; many have almost certainly been destroyed. Although the CIA still withholds files, documents on the plot have been released in the US.

White Malice exposes the extent of the CIA's network of agents and beneficiaries of its lavish bribes. They included Joseph-Désiré Mobutu, head of the Congolese army who played a key role in the coup against Lumumba.

Mobutu – later calling himself Mobutu Sese Seko and his country Zaire – seized power for himself in a CIA-backed coup in 1965 and ruled Congo until his death in 1997.

MI6 in Congo

There is little doubt that Daphne Park, MI6 station chief in Congo under cover of consul at the British em-

bassy, was kept fully informed of the CIA's dirty work, including a plan to poison Lumumba. She was very close to Larry Devlin, the CIA's station chief.

Williams points to two different claims Park made about Lumumba's murder. Asked who killed him in a 1989 interview with *New Yorker* magazine, she replied: "The CIA, of course." Then in 2013, Lord Lea, a fellow peer (Park had been ennobled) said he asked her if MI6 had anything to do with the killing and claimed she replied: "We did. I organised it."

Williams comments: "At first sight, these two responses seem contradictory, but perhaps there is truth in both." The key, says Williams, is that Park "regarded her job in MI6 as not simply intelligence gathering but also intervention".

In a BBC Panorama television interview on 22 November 1992, Park admitted, "You set people discreetly against one another... They destroy each other, we don't destroy them." That was very easy in newly independent Congo.

Williams records that in September 1960, the day after Britain's then prime minister Harold Macmillan discussed "the troublesome activities" of Lumumba with President Eisenhower, Howard Smith of the Foreign Office's African Department told his colleagues that the simple way of ensuring Lumumba's removal from the scene was "killing him".

Smith later became head of MI5.

Assassination

Lumumba was executed on 17 January 1961 by Congolese troops in the mineral-rich province of Katanga, ruled by Moïse Tshombe. Frans Vreyscheure, the Belgian police commissioner, was probably the last Westerner to see Lumumba alive.

Paddy Hayes, author of *Queen of Spies*, put it this way in his biography of Park: "Neither Park nor Devlin pulled the trigger, gave the order to the firing squad, but they conspired to bring about a situation where the



Congo's prime minister Patrice Lumumba with UN Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjöld in 1960. File photo

most logical, indeed the only possible outcome would be the death of Patrice Lumumba."

The British government's role was much more than passively turning a blind eye. It was also more than mere collusion. British officials positively encouraged Lumumba's enemies to get rid of him. This is abundantly clear from Williams' book.

British and US intelligence and Lumumba's opponents had another willing accomplice: General Henry Alexander, seconded from the British army to serve as chief of defence staff for Kwame Nkrumah, Ghana's first president.

Alexander was also head of the large Ghanaian contingent in the UN peacekeeping force in Congo. He and his fellow British officers who were supposedly serving the UN had plenty of opportunities to save Lumumba from his pursuers, but refused to do so. The intelligence coup of the century? Unanswered questions also still surround the death of the then UN Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjöld, who was a robust supporter of Lumumba as leader of Congo's legitimate government.

earlier book, has yet to be completed.

Williams writes: "Communications sent from the CX-52 cryptographic machine used by Hammarskjöld appear to have been intercepted by British and United States signals and intelligence agencies as a result of a secret interception and decryption setting that those agencies held that enabled them to intercept surreptitiously."

In evidence to an earlier inquiry into the crash, Commander Charles Southall, a US intelligence officer attached to the GCHQ listening station in Cyprus, described how he had heard the recording of a commentary of a pilot, believed to be a Belgian mercenary, as he shot down Hammarskjöld's DC-6. Southall said that in his view, a CIA unit was responsible for shooting down the plane.

Williams quotes documents from a South African organisation linked to mercenaries examined by that country's Truth and Reconciliation Commission. She writes: "One of the documents states that CIA director Allen Dulles had promised full cooperation with 'Operation Celeste', a plot to kill Hammarskjöld. The murder of Lumumba is referenced: 'I want his removal to be handled more efficiently than was Patrice [Lumumba]'."

Smearing Nkrumah

The CIA – and British intelligence agencies, with the help of the Foreign Office's secret propaganda unit, the Information Research Department – then turned their attention to smearing and destabilising Nkrumah. Ghana's charismatic president and Lumumba's influential supporter was also determined to keep his distance from the West, of which he was correctly suspicious.

Williams quotes Britain's high commissioner in Accra stating: "It is in the interest of Britain that Nkrumah should cease to rule Ghana."

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Ghanaian company transforms waste into profitable, environment-friendly products

ACCRA

IN some parts of Ghana, firewood and charcoal remain as major sources of energy for urban and rural households, while problems such as contamination and deforestation ensue.

Meantime, some Ghanaian enterprises are making bold changes by adopting the model of the recycling economy to assist in reducing the country's environment-protection efforts.

Located at Akorley-Somanya in Eastern Region, a company named JVL-YKMA, which is a public-private partnership between Jekora Ventures Limited and Yilo Krobo Municipal Assembly, collected wood waste from sawmills to produce briquettes as firewood.

The company, which commenced operation in September last year, now has an annual production capacity of 1,000 tons of briquettes.

Manager Bernadette Dzifa Agbefu told Xinhua that the briquettes would be sold to small businesses like bead makers and commercial food vendors as well as households with the intention to reduce the use of firewood in the country.

"We have an extensive wood waste collection program within Somanya, Odumasi, and neighboring communities where we collect wood waste from sawmills to produce the briquettes here.

The briquettes burn faster, have less smoke, and have no effect on the health of users as compared to the firewood," she said.

Consequently, to further assist in preserving the environment and providing food, the company added the production of compost to their operations.

The compost is produced by processing food waste from the markets and fecal sludge which hitherto was disposed of indiscriminately notwithstanding the health consequences.

"We get our food waste from the markets within the communities following a stock separation program where we trained some market women and field workers to separate the food waste from other unwanted materials," she said.

"Fecal sludge that would have been just deposited raw into the environment with no treatment. Now with the collection of food waste in the market, we are able to reduce the amount of waste that goes to the landfills in the community," she said.

The compost, she said, was sold to commercial mango farmers within the area and massively contributed to their yields.

"Within next year, we hope to scale up and go commercial with our compost which is already in the market, and also go into vegetable production to serve local and international markets," she said.

She projected the company to



A worker checks a patch of farmland applied with the compost produced by a company named JVL-YKMA in the Eastern Region, Ghana. File photo

be an established circle economy and providing profits to partners. said, they could potentially be and contribute to a cleaner environment. business generating revenues With the two products, she come a self-financing company ronment.

Produce quality products to compete in region's market, investors told

By Guardian Reporter

INVESTORS in the country have been advised to produce quality and durable products, a move that will make them not only gain trust from

Tanzanians, but also create a competitive market in the region. Managing Director for Nissan Tanzania, Christophe Henning made the advice earlier this week during the launch of a Nissan MAGNITE

which is a new product in their package.

He said the availability of a conducive environment for investment in the country creates a room for production of quality products among in-

vestors and manufacturers.

Nissan Magnite which you have seen today is a vehicle which we say is beautifully bold! When Nissan went about making this model, they made sure this will be

a product which will bring out charisma in you, and all your surroundings," he said.

He said one of the important points for the market was the fuel economy of the product, saying the vehicle has 900 cc

engine which means every 1 litre of fuel can travel as far as 18 kilometres. Marketing manager for the company, Alfred Minja said the state of business in the country in the past year was taken back because of the Covid-19

pandemic outbreak.

According to him, the sixth phase government has shown signs of better times ahead for investment saying this was good for the economy of the country.

Unicef says only 34 per cent of climate policies are sensitive to children

By Guardian Reporter

UNICEF has released a new analysis revealing that two thirds of countries' climate plans do not address the needs and priorities of children.

Of the 103 country plans, UNICEF considers just 35 of them - or about one-third - to be child sensitive while only 1 in 5 reference child rights or intergenerational justice and equity in a meaningful way.

Only 12 of the countries report that children participated in the development of their climate plans.

"As I speak, there have been many statements from world leaders in which the words 'children' and 'young people' have been mentioned multiple times. But while leaders are once again talking about the impact of the climate crisis on children, too few are yet to turn these words into meaningful actions that actually consider children," said Gautam Narasimhan, UNICEF Global Lead for Climate, Energy and Environment.

He said: "We examined the Nationally Determined Contributions - or NDCs - that were updated ahead of COP26, where I am now. These documents are submitted by the countries which had signed the Paris Agreement, and outline the actions they commit to take to meet its goals."

He said countries are saying the right things about considering and including children but their climate plans leave their promises hollow.

Children and young people bring energy, leadership and ideas to the table and yet leaders continue to pay lip service to their demands.

In August, UNICEF published The Children's Climate Risk Index which revealed that 99 per cent of the world's 2.2 billion children - virtually all of them - are exposed to at least one environmental threat, including heat waves, cyclones, flooding, drought, vector-borne diseases, air pollution and lead poisoning.

At least 1 billion children live in countries that are at "extremely high-risk"



of the threats of climate change. These children face multiple, compounding climate shocks, threatening their health, education and very survival.

UNICEF implores governments to take three actions including increasing investment in climate adaptation and resilience. Developed countries need to exceed their 2009 promise to mobilise \$ 100 billion annually in climate finance in light of evidence that these sums are insuffi-

cient to address the scale of climate impacts.

UNICEF urges a greater emphasis on funding to build climate resilience and adaptive capacity.

It also urges for reduced greenhouse gas emissions as the world's children cannot afford further delay.

UNICEF is urging countries to cut their emissions by at least 45 per cent (compared to 2010 levels) by 2030 to keep warming to no more than 1.5 degrees Celsius.

Countries must include young people in all climate negotiations and decisions as analysis confirms that children and young people continue to be underrepresented in policies and climate discussions, even though they are the most critical clients for sustainable solutions.

"Every child and young person alive today was born into a world fully aware of the consequences of inaction on climate change, yet leaders are unable to agree on

Zimbabweans taking more relaxed prevention approach as COVID-19 infections decline

HARARE

MANY Zimbabweans are now taking a more relaxed approach towards the prevention of COVID-19 infections, judging by their behavior in many public places.

The government in September removed the country from Level 4 lockdown measures -- which are the most stringent -- to Level 2 after noting that containment measures were working to satisfaction and that the levels of infections had gone down considerably.

This meant that schools, colleges, bars and other public places which had hitherto

been closed could be reopened.

The informal sector, which had been the hardest hit by the lockdown, also reopened with the government insisting on the Level 2 protocols.

Basically, the current measures still insist on social distancing, adherence to a 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. curfew, wearing of face masks, sanitization of hands upon entering premises and observance of general hygiene among the populace.

Church services, which had also been banned, were also allowed to resume provided they stuck to the COVID-19 prevention protocols, includ-

ing that congregants should be fully vaccinated.

Sports activities for fully vaccinated people are also now allowed.

However, many people seem to have become complacent and totally abandoned the protocols, going about with their daily chores as if there is no pandemic.

The surge for vaccinations which was witnessed at the height of the third wave to hit the county mid-year has since fizzled out and some people are no longer considering taking the vaccine.

Initially, only those aged 18 years and above had been tar-

geted for vaccination, but the government recently reduced the age limit to 16 years.

Some major retail shops, which used to insist on social distancing, are no longer announcing such measures on their public address systems, while some shoppers who do not wear their masks properly are not being ordered to do so.

Several shopping centers are now usually packed, especially during weekends when people go there to socialize.

Health expert Solwayo Ngunwenya recently urged people to remain vigilant since more waves were possible.

"Coronavirus: please kindly

remember that the virus can enter your body via your eyes and mouth. It can cause vomiting and diarrhea. That is why you must keep sanitizing, and wearing masks. As mass complacency sets in, the virus will spread exponentially again in further waves," he said on Twitter.

Information, Publicity and Broadcasting Services Minister Monica Mutsvangwa on Thursday called on Zimbabweans not to lose their guard against the pandemic.

The Herald newspaper reported Friday that Mutsvangwa told the Senate that while the numbers of the infected

were going down, there was need to remain cautious.

"The government has procured nearly 20 million vaccines, so we should encourage more people to get vaccinated in our communities. We should continue to encourage our communities to continue wearing masks, washing hands and other social distancing measures," she said during a Question and Answer session.

She added that the recent commissioning of an oxygen plant in Mutare, Manicaland Province, would also go a long way in assisting the country treat those who are infected with the virus.

Mutsvangwa added that the government was capacitating health centers across the country to handle COVID-19 cases.



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'Extremely promising findings': Discovery releases results of study into efficacy of Pfizer vaccine

By Estelle Ellis

IN a "real-world" study that analysed the medical aid data of Discovery Health clients, analysts at the company have shown that the two-dose Pfizer vaccine is very effective in protecting against serious illness or death from Covid-19.

Relative to members fully vaccinated with the Pfizer vaccine, the unvaccinated member population has a five times higher risk of Covid-19 infection, and 20 times the risk of dying from Covid-19 complications, the study revealed.

"By 3 November 2021, more than 22 million vaccine doses had been administered in South Africa, with 2.5 million vaccine doses given to Discovery Health-administered medical scheme members," said Dr Ryan Noach, the CEO of Discovery Health.

"Within our administered medical scheme members, more than 60% of all adults and almost 80% of those over the age of 60 have received at least one Covid-19 vaccine dose.

"The high vaccine uptake to date within the Discovery Health client base allowed us to examine the relevance and impact of the two Covid-19 vaccines being rolled out in South Africa.

"Considering the time frame required for a person to become fully vaccinated, we have three months' worth of data on fully vaccinated medical scheme members included in our analysis. All in all, 1,734,276 data points were reviewed over this period, ensuring extreme rigour in

the analysis, and leveraging Discovery Health's extensive clinical database. Our analysis includes just over 1.2 million vaccinated medical scheme adult members vaccinated up to 23 September 2021.

"We are delighted to share extremely promising findings around the Pfizer Covid-19 vaccine's real-world effectiveness, analysed here in South Africa during the third wave of Covid-19, which was dominated by the Delta variant," Noach said.

"We determined the Pfizer vaccine's effectiveness in protecting against Covid-19 admission and mortality by analysing 526,516 pathology test results, 14,673 Covid-19 admissions and 3,441 Covid-19 deaths. All of these occurred between 17 May 2021 (the start of South Africa's mass vaccination campaign) and 23 September 2021.

"This period is very important as it coincides with South Africa's third wave of Covid-19, which was fuelled by the Delta variant. This Delta variant is more contagious than previous variants and consequently was responsible for a substantial wave, with much morbidity."

Noach said there has been a "precipitous drop in demand" for the Covid-19 vaccine with a few upticks when the vaccination programme was opened up for children between 12 and 17.

"Covid-19 vaccine hesitancy is a key deterrent to vaccine uptake and is fuelled in large part by misinformation, which drives confusion and fear. Our analysis definitively addresses this misinformation,



through carefully constructed and evidence-based research on more than 1.2 million Discovery Health-administered medical scheme members."

He said they used data from their Vitality programme, clinical information from patients on their medical aids and vaccination data from members.

This had led to an analysis that

created "unique real-world insights".

Noach said their analysis showed that the Pfizer vaccine is working very well against the Delta variant, the current dominant variant of the coronavirus in South Africa.

"The findings are striking and extremely encouraging. We have shown that following each dose of the two-dose Pfizer vaccine, there

is significant protection against both serious Covid-19 illness (relative risk of admission to hospital) and death – of course, most notable for those who are fully vaccinated, 14 days after receiving the second dose," Noach said.

Shirley Collie, the head of health analytics for Discovery, said they found the Pfizer vaccine is 73% effective in protecting against the risk of admission to hospital from Covid-19 from 14 days after the first dose and 92% effective from 14 days after the second dose.

The vaccine is 79% effective in protecting against Covid-19 mortality from 14 days after the first dose and 94% effective from 14 days after the second dose.

"There is a stabilisation in vaccine effectiveness protecting against Covid-19 admissions and mortality at 28 days after Dose One and at 14 days after Dose Two," she said.

There was a 5% to 7% decline in vaccine effectiveness in protecting against admission to hospital in people over the age of 80, and in individuals with three or more chronic conditions.

Collie said unvaccinated people who had a prior Covid-19 infection had a lower relative risk of hospital admission. People who had had Covid-19 and got vaccinated, she said, developed a 98% protection against the virus.

Collie said 11,500 members of their medical schemes had tested positive for Covid-19 twice more than 90 days apart and 37 members had tested positive for Covid-19 three times.

Dr Ronald Whelan, the head of Discovery's Covid-19 task team, said of the three statistically significant side effects reported to them, swelling of the lymph nodes was the most prevalent, followed by inflammation of arm muscles and tingling in hands and feet.

He said people who contracted Covid-19 were more likely to experience these symptoms than those who had the vaccine.

Whelan added that potentially fatal Covid-19 complications like pulmonary embolism (blood clot in the lungs), acute kidney injury, anaemia, heart rhythm disturbances and myocarditis (inflammation of the heart muscle) were also more prevalent in people with Covid-19 than as a side effect of the vaccine.

Whelan said there were very few adverse vaccine-related events reported at the Discovery sites and no vaccine-related deaths.

Noach said that, "Myocarditis is important to keep in mind as a potential adverse event following vaccination – particularly in teenage males – [but] this complication did not show up as statistically relevant across the 1,207,760 vaccinated Discovery Health scheme members included in this analysis. This is not unexpected, considering that myocarditis remains extremely rare, and that younger males were not eligible for vaccination in South Africa during the period of this analysis.

"The risk/benefit consideration of being vaccinated against Covid-19 is undoubtedly strongly in favour of vaccination." **DM/MC**

China calls on countries to build fair and rational global climate governance system for win-win results

By He Yin

THROUGH a sense of responsibility to human civilization, China calls on countries to commit to the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities and concrete actions in addressing climate change and has actively promoted the building of a global climate governance system that is fair, rational, cooperative, and beneficial to all, making its due contributions to tackling climate change using its greatest strengths and most effective solutions, according to a white paper released recently by the State Council Information Office of China.

Climate change poses real, severe, and ongoing challenges. Addressing the issue requires broad participation and concerted efforts from around the globe, according to the white paper titled "Responding to Climate Change: China's Policies and Actions."

As Chinese President Xi Jinping pointed out, the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities is the cornerstone of global climate governance. It is believed that adhering to the principle concerns the future of international response to climate change.

"Developed and developing countries shoulder different historical responsibilities for climate change, and they also have different development needs and capabilities. Therefore, it is

unreasonable and unfair to enforce uniform restrictions on them," the white paper stated.

The international community should fully recognize and accommodate developing nations' contributions to climate action, as well as their unique challenges and concerns. Meanwhile, affluent countries need to increase climate ambition and action. They should make concrete efforts to help developing countries strengthen their capacity and resilience against climate change and support them in relevant aspects, including financing, technological development, and capacity building.

As a responsible major country, China has introduced a series of strategies, measures, and actions on responding to climate change and actively involved itself in global climate governance.

China has initiated the establishment of multilateral negotiation mechanisms such as the BASIC Ministerial Meeting on Climate Change and the Ministerial on Climate Action, and actively coordinated the positions of countries within climate negotiation blocs, including the Like-Minded Developing Countries, playing an essential role in maintaining the unity of developing countries and defending their shared interests, according to the white paper.

Convinced that "It is more impor-



Technicians operate automatic equipment at a factory of HPWINNER, an outdoor high-power LED lights manufacturer located in Changxing Economic and Technological Development Zone, Huzhou city, east China's Zhejiang province, Oct. 14, 2021. File photo

tant to show people how to fish than just giving them fish," China has done its best to help other developing countries improve their capacity to tackle climate change. Since 2011, it has accumulatively allocated about 1.2 billion yuan (\$187 million) for South-South climate cooperation, signed 40 cooperation documents with 35

countries, and trained approximately 2,000 officials and professionals in the field of climate change for nearly 120 developing countries.

From remote sensing satellites for climate monitoring in Africa to low-carbon demonstration zones in Southeast Asia and energy-efficient lights in small island countries, the

South-South climate cooperation has yielded genuine, concrete, and substantial outcomes.

Looking back on the history of mankind's response to climate change, countries will find that putting their policies and commitments into practice holds the key to achieving practical results in global climate governance.

The Paris Agreement on climate change charts the course for the world to transition to green and low-carbon development and outlines the minimum steps to be taken to protect the Earth.

In implementing the Paris Agreement, countries must maintain continuity and not reverse course easily; and they must honor commitments and not go back on promises.

All countries should actively fulfill the Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) they themselves have set and turn their goals into concrete policies, measures, and actions.

China has made a substantial contribution to adopting the Paris Agreement and made active efforts toward implementing it.

China announced that it would peak carbon dioxide emissions before 2030, achieve carbon neutrality before 2060, and put forward a package of measures to scale up its NDCs, making every effort to enhance climate actions and positively contribut-

ing to the global fight against climate change with a sense of responsibility.

It will take 71 years for the EU, 43 years for the US, and 37 years for Japan to achieve carbon neutrality from carbon peak. However, China has set itself a time limit of only 30 years, which means that the largest developing country in the world will complete the world's most dramatic reduction in carbon emission intensity, and realize carbon neutrality from carbon peaking in the shortest time in global history.

The country is taking active action and effective measures to make strategic deployment to peak carbon dioxide emissions and achieve carbon neutrality.

China's climate actions announced by Xi have rekindled genuine hopes for the world, said Laurent Fabius, President of the Constitutional Council of France, who praised China's major contributions to implementing the Paris Agreement.

In pushing ahead with the building of a community of life for man and nature, China is willing to unite with other countries in purposes and efforts and work together with solidarity and mutual assistance in a bid to push the implementation of the Paris Agreement steadily forward and contribute to global responses to climate change.

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BUSINESS



A model displays a Castle Lite beer bottle.

ECO-FRIENDLY

Castle Lite to begin brewing its beer using renewable energy

JOHANNESBURG

Beer brand Castle Lite is switching to brewing using renewable energy in order to draw less electricity from the country's already struggling national grid, and to reduce its carbon dioxide (CO2) emissions.

The move to renewable energy is directly in line with South African Breweries (SAB) and holding company Anheuser-Busch InBev's (AB InBev's) global commitment to the 2025 Sustainability Goals in climate action. Its plans entail adding renewable electricity capacity to regional grids and reducing CO2 emissions across the globe.

"We know how important sustainability and our environmental future is for SA, but sometimes, it feels like such a big task that we can't do anything to make a difference. As a brand that prides itself on innovation, Castle Lite is making the switch to brew with renewable electricity in order to ensure that making a difference is easier," said Castle Lite brand director Colleen Duvenage.

"Our consumers can do their bit by choosing a beer that is not only hugely

enjoyable and super refreshing but is also reducing its load on the national power supply with its production, ensuring there is more to go around. Meaning more enjoyment."

According to the brand, all seven of its breweries within South Africa contribute to the offloading on the national grid using solar power, with Alrode brewery in Johannesburg also making use of bio-gas facilities.

The breweries have already generated over 9.7GWh of renewable electricity between January and August this year. The switch has also resulted in a CO2 emissions reduction of 9 443 tons since the start of the year. "Castle Lite is committed to switching to brew 100% of our extra cold refreshment with renewable electricity by 2025," Duvenage added.

"Using less power from the national grid to brew our beer, means more power for the things that you want to do. It's that simple. Castle Lite is not just playing a part in being the change we want to see in the world, but we are actively forging the way forward so that others can follow and do the same."

MILESTONE

UK first in the world to approve Merck's molnupiravir Covid pill



Merck's molnupiravir Covid pills.

LONDON

Britain has granted a conditional authorisation to Merck's coronavirus antiviral pill, the first shown to successfully treat Covid-19 at home.

It is the first country to approve the treatment, although it was not immediately clear how quickly the pill, called molnupiravir, would be available. The pill was licensed for adults aged 18 and older who have tested positive for Covid-19 and have at least one risk factor for developing severe disease.

"Today is a historic day for our country, as the UK is now the first country in the world to approve an antiviral that can be taken at home for Covid-19," said Health

Secretary Sajid Javid. "We are working at pace across the government and with the NHS to set out plans to deploy molnupiravir to patients through a national study as soon as possible."

The UK's Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency said the drug is safe and effective at reducing the risk of hospital admission and death in people with mild to moderate Covid who are at extra risk from the virus.

Molnupiravir, is intended to be taken twice a day for five days by people at home. An antiviral pill that reduces symptoms and speeds up recovery could prove groundbreaking, easing caseloads in hospitals and helping to curb outbreaks in poorer countries with fragile health systems.

It would also bolster the two-pronged approach to the pandemic: treatment, by way of medication, and prevention, primarily through vaccinations. Merck has said it can produce 10 million treatment courses through the end of the year, but much of that supply has already been purchased by governments worldwide.

In October, UK officials said it had secured 480,000 courses of the drug and expected thousands of vulnerable Britons to have access by winter. Doctors said the treatment would be particularly significant for people who do not respond well to vaccination.

The drug targets an enzyme the coronavirus uses to reproduce itself, inserting errors into its ge-

netic code that slow its ability to spread and take over human cells. That genetic activity has led some independent experts to question whether the drug could potentially cause mutations leading to birth defects or tumours.

Molnupiravir, which was initially studied as a potential flu therapy with funding from the US government, is also pending review at regulators in the US and Europe. Merck's preliminary test results have not yet been reviewed by outside scientists. The company also did not disclose details on side effects, except to say that rates of those problems were similar between people who got the drug and those who received dummy pills.



Grace Lewa at her home garden in Lang'ata on September 30, 2021.

ECO-QUEEN

NAIROBI

The sun was slowly fading into the horizon when I walked into Grace Lewa's garden. Right from the entrance, I knew that I was in for a treat because this garden was unlike others I have visited before. Ms Lewa's garden was a foliage garden. While flowers tend to outshine everything else in all gardens, in this urban garden located in Lang'ata, the foliage plants are most prominent.

"I moved here 16 years ago. Welcoming me to the neighbourhood was the dying green grass and the dust," Ms Lewa tells me as we walk around the intimate garden. "To keep the dust off my doors, window sills and furniture, I decided to go green."

This was a natural choice because Ms Lewa had grown up surrounded by people delighting in what nature had to offer. An aunt of hers was so in love with plants that she had a

greenhouse garden. It was through her that Mrs Lewa developed an affinity for all things green, literally. The first plant that sunk its roots into her soil was the variegated Duranta. There are two varieties of this brightly coloured plant occupying various spots planted by her hand.

Not only are they a source of colour but she has let them grow into a bush that can be contoured, making natural canopies. One is shaped like an umbrella and it is here that she and her husband have breakfast on weekends. The most dominant colour is green. You would be mistaken to think that it would be dull but it is not. In its different gradients of colour, forms and textures, green becomes appealing.

There are over 20 planted and potted plant varieties with dark green, light green and in-between green colours among them the white-edged Swedish ivy, spotted bulbous Drimiopsis, pigmy weeds,

orchids, anthuriums, the small-leaf jade, graceful ferns, evergreen hibiscus, cacti comprising a medusa plant, rows of the resilient snake plant, and the wandering Jew.

All these had different leaf textures ranging from rough and smooth, and varied leaf shapes and sizes, small or huge, smooth edges to serrated, plain to spotted ones, straight or twisted, ground-hugging, short or sun chasing, and all these combinations melted together to make a delightful space.

Why so much green? "When it's hot, like now, my garden still looks refreshing. It doesn't dry out," she says. Plus, one never fails to spot this soothing colour. Ms Lewa's garden is also scented. Her favourite plants are the climbing perennial Queen of the Night and the white-flowered, fragrance-carrying star Jasmine vine, two of the few flowering plants.

Others are a bromeliad, a red

bottlebrush tree and a recently added climbing rose. The vines cover the wall, its evergreen leaves and white flowers. She shares that it took four years before it began flourishing. It has been rewarding because, in the evening, the air around the home is concentrated with its fragrance. I did not even need to take a deep breath to catch the scent. It was all around us.

"The Queen of the night kept me up at night for five years as well," she says and bends down to touch it. "Amazing. My TLC and patience paid off. It finally flowered." There are many advantages to having a foliage garden. The hassle that comes with dead-heading flowers is removed and the garden remains interesting once flower blooms are long gone. Furthermore, gardening with foliage has allowed the shaded areas to be teeming with life.

Part of her garden is hidden from the touch of the bright, yellow sun.

Here she has planted plants with large thin leaves like the must-have Monstera. Next to her door are succulents of different colours. These colours were achieved by adding food colour to the soil of the growing succulents.

Having a foliage garden does not mean toning down on the care given. Activities such as watering, pruning, pest management, and manure application are a must-do. "I use manure from goat and chicken droppings matured in a drum for at least one year. It's best to apply it right before the rains begin," she says, explaining that the one year in waiting is to allow the acidity level to go down.

Her gardener, Musyoka, comes in two to three times a month for maintenance, and so does the water truck that she buys to keep her plants hydrated especially during the dry seasons. The return on investment in a garden cannot be articulated nor

monetised. Times spent in it are still as special as those in a flower-packed one.

"So much happens in this garden. It is where I commune with God during my quiet time. Conversations are sweet when held here, to the background of music made by rustling leaves on a warm, windy day and chirping birds," she says. It is her happy place, a therapeutic space, and one that she appreciates after a long day from work where she works as an assistant manager.

It is also a place for letting go. So much so that her sister has christened it Mawazo Gardens. "She always leaves here lighter than when she arrives. Being around nature is an unrivalled relaxation treatment technique," the nature lover says. At this point, she is walking barefoot since "your feet need to touch nature." As I bid Ms Lewa goodbye, I am amazed by the flair foliage plants can add to a garden.

All-green garden unfurls its magic

ENTERPRISING

Ex-cop goes from serving his country to serving up traditional meals at his restaurants

CAPE TOWN

A former Cape Town cop has given up serving his country to cook up a storm in the kitchen as he heads up two restaurants that specialise in South African cuisine.

Pitso Chauke, 36, worked as a detective at the Table Bay Harbour police station for seven years. He said he was eternally grateful for the opportunity to serve his country. Chauke, who relocated from Limpopo to Cape Town in 2008, told News24 he had always been an entrepreneur at heart. He said his police work had slowed down his "mission in life", which was to open a restaurant in the Mother City.

"I'm what you would call an 'accidental chef'. When I moved to Cape Town to do my police training at the Bishop Lav-

is training camp, I figured at the time that the city lacked authentic South African food," said Chauke.

He said having lived in Johannesburg and Durban, he was used to traditional food but Cape Town cuisine was "foreign" to him. Initially, he ate only Cape Malay favourites, gatsbies and fish and chips almost every day but then decided he needed to bring about change in the city.

The self-taught chef said he and some friends then started selling traditional food from his home. Sometimes he also sold food from the boot of his car before venturing into the restaurant industry. Pitso Chauke says he has always been an entrepreneur at heart and his "mission in life" was

Having found a new passion for African food, Chauke began to research the history of African cuisine in Cape Town, which



Ex-cop, Pitso Chauke.

was when he came across articles about why African cuisine was not popular in Cape Town. He said he then realised there was a gap in the market and used the opportunity to introduce the city to African cuisine.

Pitso's Kitchen was

established at the busy, vibey Old Biscuit Mill in Woodstock in 2016, and a second restaurant was opened at the V&A Waterfront in December 2020. "The most popular item on the menu is the pap, tripe and chakalaka. We only have South African

traditional food on our menu, but we also have light meals like steak and wors with salsa, oxtail and rice with spinach," said Chauke.

He joked that his customers would be very "angry" if he removed the tripe from the menu as it was very popular. He said: "The restaurant does not sell pasta, pizzas and burgers. We want the place to be all about traditional African cuisine."

"I love to cook, and it was a no-brainer for me to leave SAPS to pursue a food business. I honestly never thought that it might grow to the level of owning two successful restaurants in this beautiful city," he added. Chauke said it took blood, sweat and tears and two failed attempts at starting a business before he finally saw the fruits of his labour. And then the pandemic hit.

"We currently have 17

employees working for us, and even with the devastating challenges the pandemic and lockdown brought to the restaurant industry, we were still able to keep all our staff on our payroll. That was and still is a great achievement," he added.

"The truth of our survival is that our food has always been about our locals and not tourists. We might have lost the international market due to the lockdown, but we certainly kept our local market happy," he said.

Chauke said one of the highlights of changing careers was that his daughter was born on opening day at his Waterfront restaurant. "It truly was a momentous occasion for me," he said. The main restaurant is located next to the police station where he used to work.

He said: "It's crazy how life works. I dedicated some of my greatest years

to the SAPS, and now I've opened up my restaurant right next to the police station. He planned to expand his business, and said a restaurant in the UK, Ghana or Mozambique was in the pipeline."

"How many South Africans are living overseas and don't have access to real genuine traditional African cuisine? So, that's part of my plan," he added. Oranjezicht resident Mildred Hansford said she had been to Pitso's Kitchen numerous times and was "blown away" by the tripe dish.

"There are lots of traditional food I still haven't tried as I keep sinking my teeth into the tripe food. It's just too delicious. I'm just so happy they've finally opened again, and we are now able to enjoy their food again," she said. Chauke's restaurant only serves traditional African cuisine.

Nomxolisi Alberts said

she would buy the restaurant's food every day if she could afford to do so. "It's genuinely nice to see that there are restaurants that are catering to the South African palate. I also love that they are not hidden in the township area, and that everyone can come and taste what we call 'heaven food' in our culture. The smiley (sheep's head) is still my favourite dish. The meat is just too soft and tasty," she added.

Chauke said he was grateful for the experience, skills and knowledge he acquired while working at the police but was glad that he had taken a leap of faith to open a restaurant. "Getting the restaurant off the ground wasn't easy. We still have a long way to go but we are thankful to our wonderful customers across all races that continuously support us. We aim to please and plan to keep to those standards," he added.

NAIROBI

This year's Kenya International Theatre Festival (KITFEST) already blasted off last Tuesday afternoon when the Royal Burundi Dancers staged a performance outside, in front of the National Archives.

The official opening of KITFEST took place shortly thereafter at the Kenya National Theatre, which is the venue where all the performances, cultural activities, and workshops will go on daily up until November 14th.

Kevin Kimani, the Festival's founder and executive director has scheduled a meaty agenda of activities this year. He has been busy since founding KITFEST back in 2016, when he proved he could feature as many (if not more) international teams as local ones every year.

This year is no exception. The festival will be featuring performances by artists from no less than ten countries. Most of them are African, including those from Burundi, Cameroon, Egypt, Senegal, Tanzania, Uganda, and Zimbabwe. Outside Africa, there will be multiple performances and displays by the Chinese Embassy as well as by an award-winning mu-

sical by a cast from Cincinnati, USA and a play by an Indian company as well.

The program promises entertaining performances by a wide range of artists. They include everyone from straight actors, spoken word poets, and singers, to puppeteers, acrobats, and dancers. There will be workshops on all aspects of theatre being held throughout the festival. There will also be scheduled tours taking festival participants and friends around the city and beyond.

Kimani has ensured that Kenyan thespians are also well represented this year. That hasn't been a difficult task since so many interesting performances have already been staged following the loosening of the COVID lockdown. It's been as if the thespians have stored up their creative energies so they could burst forth on stage at KITFEST with highly original shows.

Already we have seen Men of Ambitions by the Journals of Orino which was the opening play of the festival. That followed a modern dance troupe from Egerton University and French song by a solo singer Shirleen Ishenyi.

The Journal of East African Theatre was also final-



National Theatre percussionists at KITFEST.

SHOWBIZ

Local theatre festival with a global reach

ly launched at the opening. It had been promised for several years, but due to Covid and the curfew, it wasn't published until now. Hopefully, it will

evolve into an authoritative, scholarly publication that can shed global light on the artistic activities of our regional thespians.

Other productions to

be staged by Kenyans during the festival include Black Out by Millaz Productions, Contract Love by Kenyatta University, Audacity by Tellerscope

Entertainment, and KCA's Sheng-styled interpretation of The Lion King, Simba Bazenga.

There will also be performances by thespians

from Nanyuki and Meru where KITFEST 2020 was quietly staged. And every Thursday, the Festival will jump into the ongoing Poetry After Lunch (PAL) afternoons, introducing new audiences to Nairobi's young and talented spoken word poets.

The other performances that reveal the Festival's far-sighted focus on youth will be two plays from Nanyuki High School which did well during this year's Kenya Schools Drama Festival. And finally, there will be a repeat performance of Men of Ambition on the last day of the Festival.

But the Kenyan contribution is only a fraction of the festivities scheduled for the coming days. Already, we saw a Senegalese evening on Wednesday following the francophone production D'Ou tu Vas? (Where are you going?) by the troupe Brrr Production. The Egyptians plan to also have an evening of cultural offerings. And then on the final Saturday, the Chinese Embassy will host a slew of cultural activities, including the preparation of Chinese food.

In the interim, there will be a number of dance performances, one by the Tanzanian Waka Waka

Dance Theatre, one the Egyptian Kemet Dance Theatre entitled Faust, and Kenya's Sarakasi's dancer-acrobats who will perform today with their talented team of dynamic percussionists.

But the upcoming plays by regional and international troupes are especially noteworthy. This evening, the Ugandan Lantern Meet Foundation is staging Killing Time. Then there will come the Zimbabwe Theatre Academy staging Zandezi the American company coming from the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music who will perform their musical interpretation of 'Water.'

Finally, South Africa never fails to bring powerful performances to KITFEST. This time round, they have brought two exciting shows, one by Intokoza Productions entitled Munyari Eclipse and another by Kekeletso entitled Chronicles of a Whore.

And for those who didn't attend KITFEST 2020 in Meru, Kimani brought back the star performance, 'Nyota ya Meru' by a troupe of older mothers who will illustrate how theatre can help solve local social problems.

POLLUTION

More than 100k tons of garbage collected from Costa do Sol and Macaneta beaches



People enjoying the breeze at Costa do Sol beach in Maputo.

MAPUTO

In the about 10 months of this year so far elapsed, more than 100,000 tons of waste have been collected from the Costa do Sol and Macaneta beaches in the city and province of Maputo, revealing the scale of the problem of garbage on beaches across the country.

Data from the Ministry of the Sea, Inland Waters and Fisheries indicate that 12.5 million tons of waste, plastics in particular, are deposited in the sea every year. Despite these frightening numbers, there has been a reduction in garbage by the sea - as a result of the ban on going to beaches, according to Adelson Muthemba, coordinator of the Marine Waste programme at Cooperativa Repensar.

"This year, we collected more than 100,000 tons of waste. It is marine waste that comes not only from Mozambique, but is also washed in from other countries. We can see this from the labels on some plastic bottles, which have text from Indo-

nesia, Chile, Japan, and so on," Muthemba explains.

The impact of this waste is undeniable. Waste deposited in the sea kills around 100,000 marine mammals and a million birds every year. This destabilises ecosystems and compromises the blue economy, in a country where a large part of the population gains its livelihood from the sea.

"We have to work hard on environmental education, which is a very strong tool for changing the awareness of Mozambicans, so that we can have a more sustainable and more aware management," says Muthemba. "In general, we have to work in schools so that we can teach children how to reduce waste."

For Cooperativa Repensar, the problem of marine waste crosses borders, which is why it says that it is necessary for all countries to tackle the problem. With this in mind, founding member Carlos Serra will participate in the second edition of the Crescendo Azul Conference between 18 and 19 November.

WORLD

Facebook knew what it was doing, says ex-Google CEO

By Bloomberg

FACEBOOK'S conduct revealed in leaked documents is "pretty concerning," said former Google Chief Executive Officer Eric Schmidt, who called for companies in the tech industry to show more restraint.

Facebook, now known as Meta Platforms Inc, "went a little too far on the revenue side and not enough on the judgment side," Schmidt said in an interview on Bloomberg Television. "You can see that from the Facebook leaks that have been occurring."

The documents - shared with the US Securities and Exchange Commission and Congress by whistleblower Frances Haugen and obtained by the Wall Street Journal, Bloomberg and other media outlets - show that Meta struggled to contain hate speech and misinformation.

They also revealed that the company's own staff, including internal researchers, faulted it for failing to stop the proliferation of groups that fomented the US Capitol attack on Jan 6. And internal studies spotlighted the potential risks of its Instagram photo-sharing app for teen girls. The company, valued at \$934 billion, rebranded itself as Meta last month.

"The disturbing thing is that people have said a long time ago that Facebook was doing this, but people said, 'Well, they didn't understand or they didn't measure it,'" Schmidt said. "And what we learned in those disclosures is that these companies - and Facebook in particular - knew what it was doing."

Still, Schmidt said he opposes trying to regulate the tech industry. "The regulation is always either too soon or too late," said the executive, who was CEO and chairman of Google from 2001 to 2011 and executive chairman of the company until 2018. "What I would rather have is sort of proper industrial restraint," he said.

The company's rebranding move to Meta speaks to a new emphasis on building a metaverse - a virtual-reality social space that would eventually take over from the web and app social services of today.

Meta said it will also seek to renew its appeal to younger users, with CEO Mark Zuckerberg saying executives will "make serving young adults their North Star, rather than optimizing for the larger number of older people."

Haugen, a former employee, testified last month before a panel of the Senate Com-



Eric Schmidt, technical advisor at Alphabet Inc, speaks during a panel discussion at the Bloomberg New Economy Forum in Beijing, China. File photo

merce Committee. At the hearing, she criticized the company for not prioritizing the well-being of its users over profits. Zuckerberg has denied the characterizations, saying they're "just not true."

Schmidt, 66, is the co-author of a new book called "The Age of AI" - along with former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger and computer scientist Dan Huttenlocher - that examines how artificial in-

telligence is transforming human society for better and for worse.

Schmidt remains a technical adviser and top investor at Google's parent, Alphabet Inc, and he's chairman of the Broad Institute research center.

While at Google, he orchestrated the acquisition of YouTube, another social service with billions of users that has drawn criticism for spreading misinformation.

UN chief condemns attack injuring 10 peacekeepers in CAR

UNITED NATIONS

UNITED Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres on Thursday strongly condemned the attack by members of the presidential guard of the Central African Republic (CAR) which wounded 10 peacekeepers.

Through a statement attributable to his spokesperson Stephane Dujarric, the UN chief "emphasizes that attacks against United Nations peacekeepers may constitute a war crime. He calls on the Central African authorities to spare no effort in investigating and promptly holding accountable the perpetrators of this unacceptable attack."

"The secretary-general wishes a speedy and full recovery to the wounded peacekeepers and civilians, and reiterates his gratitude to the people and the Government of Egypt for their contribution to peace and stability in the Central African Republic. The secretary-general also expresses his deep condolences to the bereaved family of the Central African civilian who was killed during the incident," it said.

"The secretary-general reaffirms the solidarity and continued support of the United Nations to the Central African Republic," it added.

The presidential guard shot at peacekeepers of the mission, known as MINUSCA, in Bangui on Monday. The police officers from Egypt landed at Bangui's airport earlier in the day. They are part of the periodic rotation and deployment of troops in the country.

Xinhua

UK spends \$1.4 billion on Brexit border but trade still slumps

By Bloomberg

THE UK's investment of more than 1 billion pounds (\$1.4 billion) to smooth the passage of goods over its new post-Brexit border failed to prevent a slump in trade with the European Union.

The figure, equivalent to about a third of what Boris Johnson's government plans to spend on new hospitals over the next three years, includes the cost so far of border facilities, support to help companies adjust and funding for businesses in Northern Ireland, the National Audit Office said in a report Friday.

Meanwhile Britain's trade with the EU, its largest commercial partner, fell 15 percent in the second quarter of this year compared to the same period in 2018, the NAO said. Businesses have had to grapple with new red tape since Britain left the EU's single market and customs union, including extra forms and hiring customs agents to handle additional processes.

The data are likely to add to pressure on Johnson to show the benefits of leaving the EU, his signature policy, after his government chose to erect new trade barriers to ensure maximum distance from the bloc after Brexit.

Johnson has repeatedly argued that gaining total trade freedom would be more valuable than remaining close to the EU, by enabling the UK to pursue other global opportunities. But the NAO said in the same period, Britain's trade with the rest of the world rose just 1 percent.

Since fully quitting the EU in January last year, Britain has yet to finalize a trade agreement with a partner with which it didn't already have an accord as a member of the bloc.

Lack of deals

So-called agreements in principle have been reached with Australia and New Zealand, but not final legal texts. The government's own impact assessments forecast that the benefits of those deals will be orders of magnitude smaller than the economic damage from leaving the EU.

The UK is also seeking accession to the CPTPP trading bloc, which is forecast to boost Britain's economy by 0.08 percent over 15 years, and talks on a trade agreement with the US have stalled.

The UK's border costs are set to rise further because the UK has yet to fully implement its post-Brexit plans. Full import checks on goods arriving from the EU have been delayed to July 2022, a move criticized by the NAO for putting UK firms at a disadvantage and leaving Britain exposed to smuggling.

In a sign of the new bureaucratic burden facing UK traders since Brexit, companies filed 48 million full or simplified customs declarations to the government's tax authority between January and August for both EU and non-EU trade, compared to 44 million during the entirety of 2020. Both periods were impacted by the pandemic.

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Xi pledges more openness as China fulfills WTO commitments

BEIJING

AMID the weakening of global consensus on opening up, President Xi Jinping made fresh pledges Thursday to open the Chinese market wider as the country has fully delivered on its accession commitments to World Trade Organization (WTO).

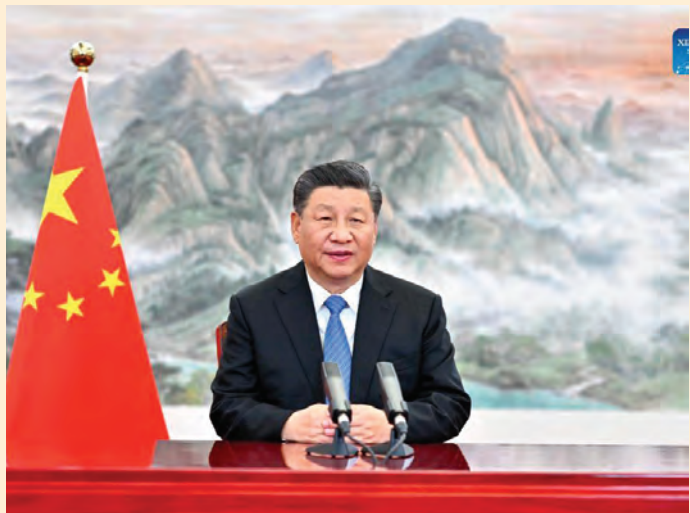
Noting that globalization is facing headwinds, Xi expressed concern over the decline of an index on world openness in the past decade while addressing the opening ceremony of the fourth China International Import Expo (CIIE).

"We must stay on top of the prevailing trend of economic globalization, and support countries around the world in opening up wider while rejecting unilateralism and protectionism. This is significantly important if we are to take humanity to a better future," Xi said.

NEW PLEDGES

"Opening up is the hallmark of contemporary China," Xi told officials, business leaders and entrepreneurs participating in this year's CIIE.

As part of the country's efforts to safeguard true multilateralism, Xi said China will



Chinese President Xi Jinping delivers a keynote speech via video at the opening ceremony of the fourth China International Import Expo held in east China's Shanghai on Thursday. Xinhua

uphold the position of the multilateral trading regime as the main channel for international rules-setting, and safeguard the stability of global industrial and supply chains.

China will also take an active and open attitude in negotiations on issues such as the digital economy, trade and the environment, industrial subsidies and state-owned enterprises, he said.

With a population of 1.4 billion and over 400 million middle-incomeers, China will share market opportunities with the rest of the world via measures such as opening more dem-

onstrations zones for creative promotion of import trade and promoting Silk Road e-commerce, Xi said.

To firmly promote high-standard opening up, China will further shorten the negative list for foreign investment, and expand the opening of telecommunication, health-care and other services in an orderly fashion, according to the president.

"China will firmly uphold the common interests of the world," he said, pledging to actively join in global efforts to tackle climate change and safeguard food and energy

security, and provide more assistance to fellow developing countries within the framework of South-South cooperation.

UNCHANGED RESOLVE

The year of 2021 marks the 20th anniversary of China's accession to the WTO. Over the last two decades, the country's continuous efforts in widening opening-up have brought its development to a new stage and injected fresh impetus into the world economy, Xi noted.

"China has fully delivered on its accession commitments," Xi said.

China's overall tariff rate has been cut from 15.3 percent to 7.4 percent, lower than the 9.8 percent accession commitment, delivering dividends to its trade partners all over the world.

In the past 20 years, China's global ranking of trade in goods has risen from the sixth to the first, while that of its trade in services has jumped from the 11th to the second.

The country's development and progress since it entered the WTO is the result of much hard work and great tenacity of the Chinese people under the strong leadership of the Communist Party of China

and the country's proactive steps to strengthen international cooperation and work for win-win outcomes, Xi said.

"As for China, we will not change our resolve to open wider at a high standard; we will not change our determination to share development opportunities with the rest of the world; and we will not change our commitment to an economic globalization that is more open, inclusive, balanced and beneficial for all," Xi said.

As the world's first import-themed national-level expo, China's CIIE has offered a platform for entrepreneurs and traders worldwide. This year's CIIE draws nearly 3,000 businesses from 127 countries and regions, higher than its last edition.

"As a European company in China for over 30 years, we have witnessed China's continuous efforts to deepen opening up and improve the business environment since its accession to the WTO. We have full confidence in China's development and future," said Tony Wei, Managing Director of Business Services and Managing Director of Swarovski Crystal Business, Greater China.

Xinhua

Putin visits Sevastopol to lay flowers at 1917-1922 Russian Civil War monument

SEVASTOPO

RUSSIAN President Vladimir Putin arrived at the Karantinnaya Bay in Sevastopol on Thursday to lay flowers at the monument to victims of the Russian Civil War (1917-1922).

The ceremony is timed to coincide with National Unity Day

marked in Russia on November 4.

After that, the president is scheduled to hold a working meeting with Sevastopol Governor Mikhail Razvozhayev. Later on Thursday, also from Sevastopol, Putin will take part in a session of the Supreme Council of the Union State of

Russia and Belarus, held via videoconference.

The monument to those who fought in the Civil War was ordered by the Russian Military Historical Society, following the Russian president's instruction. It consists of several sculptures and the eternal flame on the shore of the Karantinnaya Bay,

located not far from the Tauric Chersonese National Preserve and Cape Khrestalny.

The memorial was unveiled this April. In the autumn of 1920, after the Red Army swept into Crimea, 126 ships and vessels carrying about 150,000 refugees, who were officers of General Pyotr Wrangel's army,

members of their families and the White Army supporters, fled from the peninsula's ports, with Sevastopol among them.

That marked the end of the Civil War battles and its end for the south of Russia. However, the end of confrontation across the country is generally dated by 1922.

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China's law on personal information protection enters into force

CHINA'S law on personal information protection took effect on Monday. The new law specifies and completes the guiding principles for the protection of personal data and rules that must be followed when processing personal information, defines rights and obligations in personal information processing activities, and improves working systems and mechanisms for personal information protection.

The law states that the handling of personal information

should be guided by and directly related to clear and reasonable purposes, and be carried out in ways that affect the rights and interests of relevant individuals the least, said experts.

It also stipulates that the collection of personal data should be limited to the minimum extent possible to achieve such purposes, according to experts.

To address problems that have been complained about the most, such as bundling various policies into one agreement and forcing users into consent,

the law requires personal information processors to obtain individual consent in links including processing sensitive personal information, providing personal information for third parties, disclosing personal information, and cross-border transfer of personal data.

The law clearly stipulates that personal information processors shall not excessively collect personal information or refuse to provide products or services for users simply

because they do not agree to share their personal information.

Meanwhile, individuals should be allowed to withdraw their consent to the handling of their personal information, and after the withdrawal, personal information processors shall immediately stop processing or delete their personal information, according to the law.

In an effort to put an end to big data-enabled price discrimination against existing

customers, the law states that personal information processors shall ensure the transparency of their automated decision-making based on personal information and the fairness of the decisions and shall not unfairly treat individuals in terms of transaction price and other trade conditions.

Sensitive personal information, which includes biometrics, medical and health, financial accounts and whereabouts, can only be processed with specific purposes, abso-

lute necessity, and strict protective measures, according to the law.

Sensitive personal information processors shall assess the influence of their activities and inform individuals about the necessity and impacts of such activities on their rights and interests beforehand, says the law.

The number of China's Internet users reached 989 million by the end of 2020. The huge netizen population serves as the cornerstone of the coun-

try's digital economy, for which data is an important driving force.

Protecting personal data isn't contrary to developing digital economy, said experts, who noted that the key to a win-win situation for both is to keep a balance between the utilization and security of information on the basis of protecting individual rights and interests and promoting reasonable flow of information.

People's Daily

All lip service, no actions -- Developed countries urged to walk the talk on climate crisis

GLASGOW

OUTSIDE the venue of the 26th session of the Conference of the Parties (COP26) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change in Glasgow, Scotland, a group of African protesters could barely conceal their anger.

"We've been coming to the COP meetings ever so often. What we have seen is the leaders are making such good speeches ... but we cannot see commitment," Charles Nyambura, from Pan African Climate Justice Alliance (PACJA), told Xinhua.

Not far away from where Nyambura stood, the banners of COP26 were flapping wildly in the cutting gusty wind of Scotland.

Nyambura, an observer of the conference, said rich countries who built their wealth by burning fossil fuels and accounted most for the climate crisis, have failed to deliver their promise of 100 billion U.S. dollars a year to help lower-income nations by 2020, among other pledges.

"It is not about giving us money. It is about paying climate debt. We want to see our people supported to build their resilience to tackle climate change," Nyambura said.

LIP SERVICE

Nyambura is not alone in voicing his anger about the rhetoric by rich countries who failed to translate words into actions. Recent reports indicate that this goal of paying 100 billion dollars could slip to 2023. Meanwhile, developing countries, which often lack the resources and resilience to tackle the challenge, are suffering the most from the impacts of climate change.

According to PACJA, one of the biggest civil societies in Africa campaigning for climate actions, many parts of Africa are experiencing higher-than-normal rainfall and ensuing flooding.

In some countries like Madagascar, a prolonged drought and poor harvest, complicated by the COVID-19 pandemic, have triggered a humanitarian crisis.

"This COP must be a moment of solidarity. The 100 billion U.S. dollars a year climate finance commitment in support of developing countries must become a 100 billion dollars climate finance reality," UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said in his speech at the World Leaders Summit at COP26.

"This is critical to restoring trust and credibility," Guterres said. It is "pretty disheartening" that the developed countries have failed to deliver their promises under the Paris Agreement, which has damaged trust required for "a real partnership," Federica Bietta, managing director of the Coalition for Rainforest Nations, told Xinhua.

"The developing countries are coming forward with their own commitments, and with their own reductions. And so we need also the developed world to stick to their words," Bietta said.

"SHIFTING BLAME"

A narrative among some Western media and politicians is that China is mainly responsible for the climate crisis as a major emitter of greenhouse gases. Observers are quick to point out that this is an approach by some Western countries, especially the United States, to shift blame.



Vehicles travel on a highway in Cairo, Egypt, on Tuesday. Egypt will be transformed by 2024 into one of major global hubs for transport and logistics through a massive 10-year plan to modernize its transport infrastructure, Egyptian Minister of Transport Kamel al-Wazir has said. Xinhua

"Western media and politicians are trying to shift responsibility for the future of the planet onto China ... This is nonsense," Carlos Martinez, a British author and political commentator, tweeted.

"China's per capita emissions are less than half those of the U.S.," said Martinez. "Unlike the West, China's emissions aren't driven by luxury lifestyles but by industry. Meaning the advanced countries have simply exported their emissions."

Meanwhile, "China is making a concerted effort to reduce its reliance on coal," he said. China has become the world's largest market for renewable energy, with renewable power accounting for 29.5 percent of overall electricity consumption, according to official statistics.

The country is also the world's biggest manufacturer of renewable energy equipment, ranking first in

installed capacity of hydroelectric, wind and solar power generation, and has the largest nuclear power generating projects under construction.

Xie Zhenhua, China's special envoy for climate change, said the U.S. withdrawal from the Paris Agreement under former President Donald Trump's administration has caused a complete waste of nearly five years the world could have devoted to a multilateral process to tackle climate change.

Due to the disruption caused by the United States, countries across the globe now "must work harder together to catch up," Xie told reporters on Tuesday on the sidelines of COP26.

CHINA IN ACTION

As the world's largest developing country that has yet to finalize in-

dustrialization,

China has announced that it would strive to peak carbon dioxide emissions before 2030 and achieve carbon neutrality before 2060.

Parties need to honor their commitments, set realistic targets and visions, and do their best according to national conditions to deliver their climate action measures, Chinese President Xi Jinping said in a written statement to the COP26.

Xi said China will roll out specific implementation plans for key areas such as energy, industry, construction and transport, and for key sectors such as coal, electricity, iron and steel, and cement, as well as supporting measures in terms of science and technology, carbon sink, fiscal and taxation, and financial incentives.

Xinhua

SOCHI

Breakthrough weapons ensure high level of Russia's military security, says Putin

ADVANCED weapons developed by Russia have ensured a high level of the country's military security, Russian President Vladimir Putin said at a defense industry meeting on Wednesday. "Today we will discuss the pace of rearming the Army and the Navy with the systems based on new physical principles," the Russian leader said, opening the defense industry meeting.

"The creation of laser, hypersonic, kinetic and other weapons in our country that are unrivaled in the world has become a real breakthrough in the field of military technologies and has boosted substantially the capabilities of the Armed Forces for many years and even for decades to come and ensured a high level of Russia's military security," Putin pointed out.

The creation of such weapon systems also helped strengthen strategic parity, the Russian president said.

"Today the creation and serial production of such effective, hi-tech and innovative weapons is a key area of developing the Armed Forces," Putin stressed. The work on developing such weapons requires time, additional efforts and funding, the head of state pointed out.

"Each of weapon types reveals lengthy work of thousands of our scientists, engineers, programmers and other specialists. I repeatedly pointed out that substantial potential has been created in this area thanks to the Russian defense industry, our fundamental and applied science," Putin said.

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China has made vital contribution to solving global issues

By Ban Ki-moon

On Oct. 25, 1971, at its 26th session, the UN General Assembly adopted Resolution 2758 that decided to restore all lawful rights of the People's Republic of China in the UN. It marked an important opportunity for the UN, the most universal international organization, to make further progress.

This historic moment came shortly after I started a career at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Korea, and this piece of big news impressed me very much. During the 10 years when I served as the UN Secretary-General, I had diverse communication and negotiation with China, which made me quite aware of the important role played by the country in the international society.

Solidarity and partnership are important factors driving the progress of human society, and the UN was founded exactly to promote them. Since the establishment of the UN in 1945, the organization has been committed to the peace and development of the entire human race and attached high importance to human rights, and thus grown into the most universal international organization in the world today.

To enhance multilateral cooperation is particularly important for the organization to stay true to its founding aspiration and cope with global challenges. China has always been a firm supporter and true follower of multilateralism, and actively conducted multilateral cooperation, which echoes with the spirit of the UN Charter and is of vital importance to solving global issues.

China's economic and social development has made important contributions to achieving the UN's Millennium Development Goals and implementing the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.



ment. The vision of innovative, coordinated, green, open and shared development raised by China exactly resonates with the "5 Ps" that shape the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development: people, planet, prosperity, peace and partnership.

China's poverty alleviation achievements have set an important example for the cause of global poverty reduction. One of the Millennium Development Goals is to reduce the world's extreme poverty rate by half by 2015, compared to the 1990 level.

Since the reform and opening-up of China in 1978, the country has lifted hundreds of millions of people out of poverty, which was of vital importance for the UN to have reached the goal five years in advance.

The country's completion of its poverty reduction goal is not only a historic achievement of its own, but also a milestone in the realization of the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

To enhance the well-being of the entire human race, China, while pursuing its own development achievements, upholds the global governance philosophy of extensive consultation, joint contribution and shared benefits, and is actively advancing South-South Cooperation.

It joins hands with developing countries for mutual assistance, and by further expanding its foreign aid and cooperation, enhances its support for them in poverty reduction, education, health and many other areas. The Forum on China-Africa Cooperation is a model of South-South Cooperation.

Under this framework, China has offered huge assistance for African countries to implement the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. As an initiator of the framework, I very much recognize and appreciate

the role played by China.

Climate change is an important challenge facing our humanity and planet.

Therefore, the international society needs to act in solidarity and build a sustainable future. In recent years, China has already demonstrated to the international society its resolution to follow a low-carbon and sustainable path of development and build a resource-conserving and environment-friendly society.

The Chinese idea that "lucid waters and lush mountains are invaluable assets" is quite impressive. Actively joining the multilateral cooperation on climate governance, China has made important and constructive contributions to tackling climate change.

China is working to cope with the common challenges facing the international society, and it deserves high evaluation in this regard. The COVID-19 pandemic is a reminder that we humanity can either rise together or fall apart depending upon our strong conviction on the concept of shared future.

Therefore, to defeat difficulties, we must take the sharp weapon of solidarity and cooperation. China's role and contribution are obvious to all.

In the past 50 years since China restored its lawful seat in the UN, it has always upheld the purposes and principles of the UN Charter.

As a founding member of the UN and a permanent member of the UN Security Council, China has made important contributions in a wide range of areas such as maintaining world peace and stability and promoting global development. The country will play a bigger role in the UN, and I'm sure about that.

Ban Ki-moon (pictured) is the eighth Secretary-General of the UN

Sudanese talks make progress amid global pressure -source

CAIRO

TALKS between Sudanese Prime Minister Abdalla Hamdok and the leaders of an Oct 25 military takeover are making progress, a source close to Hamdok said on Thursday amid international pressure for a solution.

A second source said Sudan could set up a new 14-member sovereign council soon in a first step by the military towards forming new transitional institutions.

In the latest sign of increasing international pressure, UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres spoke to army chief Abdel Fattah al-Burhan on Thursday and urged him to restore constitutional order and the transitional process.

In a phone call with US Secretary of State Antony Blinken on Thursday, Burhan agreed on the need to accelerate the formation of a government, Burhan's office said.

The two parties agreed on the need to maintain the path of the democratic transition, the need to complete the structures of the transitional government and to speed up the formation of the government," his office said.

The US State Department said Blinken in the call urged Burhan to immediately release all political figures detained since the military takeover and "return to a dialogue that returns Prime Minister Hamdok to office and restores civilian-led governance in Sudan."

The United Nations has been trying to mediate an end to the political crisis that followed the military takeover in which top civilian politicians were detained and Hamdok was placed under house arrest.

The UN special envoy for Sudan, special representative Volker Perthes, said talks had yielded the outline of a potential deal on a return to power-sharing, including the ousted premier's reinstatement.

But he urged an agreement in "days not weeks" before both sides' positions harden.

Hamdok has demanded the release of all detainees and the reversal of the military takeover as conditions for any further negotiations with the military.

The country's highest authority, the joint civilian-military Sovereign Council, had been dissolved by Burhan along with the civilian-led cabinet.

Burhan, who says he is committed to a transition to democracy and elections, said after the military takeover that a new Sovereign Council and cabinet would be appointed.

Late on Thursday, state TV said Burhan had ordered the release of four civilian members of Hamdok's cabinet who had been detained.

The four ministers were Hamza Baloul, Ali Jiddo, Hashim Hasababraloul and Yousef Adam, it added. Other ministers and officials not released were facing criminal cases, said the person close to the negotiations.

Several of the officials still detained had engaged in a war of words with the military in the weeks leading up to the military takeover.

Neighborhood resistance committees, which have led protests since the military takeover and held demonstrations on Thursday, reject negotiations and have demanded that the military exit politics.

The Sudanese Professionals Association, which led the 2019 protests that brought down Omar al-Bashir, called late on Thursday for two days of general strikes on Sunday and Monday in protest against military rule.

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Sudan's head of the military, Gen Abdel-Fattah Burhan

UNEP calls for robust adaptation financing to avert climate disasters

NAIROBI

FINANCING for climate change adaptation that has so far fallen short of earlier pledges should be scaled up in order to avert disasters linked to rising atmospheric temperatures, the UN Environment Programme (UNEP) said in a report launched Thursday.

The sixth edition of UNEP Adaptation Gap Report, launched on the sidelines of the ongoing 26th session of the Conference of the Parties (COP26) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Cli-

mate Change in Glasgow, Scotland, warns that failure to scale up adaptation financing could escalate the climate crisis.

"As the world looks to step up efforts to cut greenhouse gas emissions -- efforts that are still not anywhere strong enough -- it must also dramatically up its game to adapt to climate change," said Inger Andersen, the UNEP executive director.

According to the adaptation gap report 2021, the scale of climate-related disasters has outpaced humanity's capacity to adapt to them

amid cluster funding and implementation.

The report notes the cost of adaptation could range between 140 billion to 300 billion U.S. dollars annually by 2030 and for developing countries bearing the brunt of the climate crisis, adaptation costs could range from 280 billion to 500 billion U.S. dollars annually by 2050.

In addition, climate finance flowing to developing countries to cater for mitigation and adaptation reached 79.6 billion dollars in 2019 but suffered pandemic disruptions

in 2020.

The report discloses that adaptation costs in developing countries are five to ten times greater than current public finances earmarked to support that endeavor, thereby worsening the vulnerability of communities to climatic shocks.

"There is an urgent need to scale up and further increase public adaptation finance both for direct investment and for overcoming barriers to private sector adaptation," says the report.

Among the priority sectors that require sufficient adaptation fi-

ancing includes agriculture, health, tourism, infrastructure, energy, water and forestry, says the report.

According to the report, gradual progress has been achieved in adaptation financing in the last four years amid the emergence of new instruments, approaches and actors, such as the issuance of green bonds and blended financing.

Moreover, implementation of adaptation programs domiciled within multilateral funds including the Adaptation Fund, the Green Climate Fund and the Global Envi-

ronment Facility has risen gradually but steadily.

There has been a tendency to fund larger projects worth more than 10 million dollars and the top 10 donors funded more than 2,600 projects between 2010 and 2019 with a primary focus on adaptation.

And 20 percent of the adaptation projects were in the agriculture sector, 20 percent in the environment sector while 10 percent were directed toward enhancing the resilience of water and infrastructure.

Xinhua

Prime Minister urges soccer stakeholders to back Taifa Stars' WC Qualifiers' campaign

By Correspondent Ismail Tano

PRIME Minister, Kassim Majaliwa, has called on Tanzanians and football stakeholders in the country to unite and ensure Tanzania's senior national football team 'Taifa Stars' is doing well in the remaining games of African Qualifiers for the 2022 World Cup.

Taifa Stars is now topping African Qualifiers' Group J, having notched a victory in two fixtures, one draw and one loss.

They are followed by second-placed Benin, DR Congo, sitting third, and bottom-placed Madagascar.

The Tanzania squad is as a result a serious contender for progression to the final round seeking to qualify for the World Cup to be held in Qatar 2022.

Majaliwa made the call two days back while chairing a joint meeting of football stakeholders in the country at the Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam.

At the meeting, Taifa Star stakeholders contributed 1.6bn/- which will be used to meet the team's preparation costs for the remaining matches of the World Cup qualifiers.

Speaking at the meeting, the Prime Minister



Prime Minister, Kassim Majaliwa

said it was President Samia Suluhu Hassan's goal to ensure the country's sports industry enjoys progress.

Samia further wants to see national teams achieve success so strategies to make the senior national football team successful are part of efforts to fulfil goals.

In another development, the Prime Minister asked industry owners, public and private institutions, and other stakeholders to continue to contribute to the senior national team so that it can set a precedent for participating in the World Cup for the first time.

Stakeholders that turned up at the session included GSM Group, Taifa Gas, Azam Media, CRDB Bank, NBC Bank, Lake Oil, Star Oil, K4 Security, Kambiaso Sports Center, and other stakeholders.

Taifa Stars is set to confront DR Congo in Dar es Salaam on

November 11, in which three crucial points will see the hosts tighten their grip on the Group J first spot.

The Tanzania squad notched a 1-0 victory over Benin and a 3-2 victory over Madagascar, settled for a 1-1 draw with DR Congo, and lost to Benin.



Tanzania Basketball Federation (TBF) president, Phares Magesa.

11 teams set for Basketball Africa League qualifiers

By Correspondent Ismail Tano

WOMEN basketball teams from more than 11 countries are expected to compete in this year's Basketball Africa League (BAL) Zone Five qualifiers, slated for November 17-22 in Dar es Salaam, to seek a place in African Basketball Club Championship.

Tanzania Basketball Federation (TBF) president, Phares Magesa, revealed each country will bring two champions of their domestic leagues to find one of the Zone Five champions set to represent the zone in the high profile continental showdown.

"We still have another big women's competition coming later this month, it is an opportunity for us to continue to advertise but also to do well for all the participating teams to give credit to our country," Magesa said.

Magesa said Tanzania is to be represented by JKT Stars and Don Bosco Lionesses in the Zone Five qualifiers.

The TBF leader called on both squads to continue training for the showpiece and do all they can to get good results.

He said the Zone Five qualifiers are important for the clubs to showcase their competence and it is further a platform for the ballers to gain experience and probably attract bigger teams in the future.

Other teams are those from Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi, Ethiopia, Djibouti, Eritrea, South Sudan, Sudan, Somalia, Zanzibar, and Egypt.

On the men's side, Kurasini Heat has already qualified for the second round of the Basketball Africa League played in Dar es Salaam.

The Dar es Salaam squad is now waiting to compete in the next round, which is to take place in South Africa in December.

The Basketball Africa League (BAL) is Africa's premier men's basketball league.

The league consists of twelve teams,

each qualified through their domestic competition, similar to the format of the UEFA Champions League.

The league is a joint effort between USA's National Basketball Association (NBA) and International Basketball Federation (FIBA) with sponsorship from Nike, Air Jordan, and Pepsi.

Its inaugural season started with the qualifying rounds in October 2019 and the regular season in May 2021.

The competition replaces FIBA's Africa Basketball League as the continent's top-tier league.

BAL president, Amadou Gallo Fall, announced at the 2020 NBA All-Star Game Africa Luncheon in Chicago that the season will tip-off on March 13.

At the event, Nike and Jordan unveiled the official jerseys for the twelve teams (six of the teams will be outfitted by Nike and the other six by Jordan).

The BAL also launched the league's official website and social media accounts.

The inaugural season was postponed to March 3, 2020, due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

On March 29, 2021, it was announced that the inaugural season would start on May 16, 2021, and would end on May 30.

In the regular season, the 12 teams in BAL are divided into two conferences, in which they play five games each.

The top three teams from each conference advance to the Super 6.

In the Super 6, all teams play in a round-robin competition to determine the four teams that qualify for the final four. The final four is a single-elimination tournament that decides the BAL champion.

Each club participating in the BAL regular season is restricted to having four foreign players only, which means it has to have at least eight local players on its roster.

Furthermore, two out of four foreign players have to be from an African country.

Coach all out to sharpen Yanga's striking force

By Correspondent Ismail Tano

AFTER Yanga collected 15 points in its first five games of this season's NBC Premier League, the outfit's head coach, Nasreddine Nabi is adamant that the best is yet to come from his charges.

Yanga has been at its best this season as it managed to set a record of winning the first five matches in the top flight, a feat other participating clubs have

failed to achieve.

Nabi revealed that he spent a lot of time turning Yanga into a serious competitor, noting the successive victories is a small part of what he had planned since he joined the outfit.

The Tunisian gaffer stated: "We are thankful we were able to get good results, Yanga is a great team in Africa, when I came here I needed a little time to study the squad and I have already succeeded with a large percentage."

"I am still not satisfied with the way my team is playing despite getting the best results in every game we have taken part in, we need to add more efficiency to get where we want to go."

"We are creating a lot of opportunities that we can't exploit, we have to work on that as we need to score more goals to put ourselves in a better position to win the top flight."

"Fans should remain calm, soon they can expect to see Yan-

ga that they wish to see every day."

"We need to win the top flight, so we have to fight to get three points in each game, and to achieve this we have to make improvements in all shortcomings that occur in every game we have played."

The 2020/21 Premier League's second-place finishers have confidently made up for their dismal outing in this season's CAF Champions League to make their presence felt in the local top flight.

The domestic powerhouse opened its league campaign this season well, cruising to a 1-0 win over Kagera Sugar in Kagera on September 29.

The second fixture saw Yanga confront newly promoted Geita Gold FC on October 2 and command a 1-0 victory over the latter.

The third clash, which took place in Songea on October 19, had Yanga walloping Kinondoni Municipal Council FC 2-0.

Yanga later posted a 2-0 win over Azam FC in the fourth clash which took place on October 30.

Ruvu Shooting was Yanga's next victim, given the Coast Region squad went down 3-1 to the latter on November 2.



Yanga players participate in training in Dar es Salaam recently to shape up for 2021/22 NBC Premier League, and Federation Cup. PHOTO: COURTESY OF YANGA

Mayanga dissatisfied by Prisons' results in NBC Premier League

By Correspondent Ismail Tano

TANZANIA Prisons head coach, Salum Mayanga, has said he is not happy with the results his outfit has achieved in five NBC Premier League games.

The Rukwa-based squad has not tasted a win in this season's NBC Premier League to become an outfit that is in the bottom three

places in the top flight.

The experienced trainer revealed he will use the NBC Premier League brief suspension to work on his squad's shortcomings.

In the five games Prisons took part in, the team registered draws against Mtibwa Sugar and Coastal Union, while losing to Mbeya City FC, Dodoma Jiji FC, and Biashara

United, a situation which puts them in a difficult position.

Mayanga said he is not happy with the results his squad has achieved in five games as its target this season is to hold one of the top four positions in the standings.

The trainer noted they will succeed to do so if they change and

start winning their ties.

The trainer pointed out: "We have been hurt and the results of previous games have shown us where we were wrong to stay with my youngsters on vacation to correct the shortcomings before we return to the field."

He said the second round is tough and is divided into two

groups, namely teams that want the league's title and those who are fighting for relegation.

Collecting many points should be fulfilled in the first round so that they do not start looking for a chance to avoid relegation.

The Rukwa-based side opened its participation in the NBC Premier League on the wrong foot,

losing 1-0 to Mbeya City FC in Mbeya.

Prisons went on to force a 0-0 draw with Mtibwa Sugar in the following match, and thereafter lose 3-0 to Biashara United in Rukwa.

In the following two fixtures, Prisons succumbed to a 2-1 defeat to Dodoma Jiji FC posted a 0-0 draw with Coastal Union.

La Liga title race yet to settle as contenders look to make mark

MADRID

REAL Sociedad, Real Madrid, Sevilla or Atletico Madrid could all sit top of La Liga on Monday but none of them yet look much like champions.

Barcelona are ninth and concerned more about finishing in the league's top four than first.

Xavi Hernandez, the expected replacement for Ronald Koeman as coach, will have a tough task putting the Catalans back into the title race.

There may be room for encouragement, though, given the stuttering form of those in front of them. Only one of La Liga's top eight teams are even entering this weekend on the back of a win.

That is Real Madrid and their victory over Shakhtar Donetsk in the Champions League on Wednesday was so laced with lethargy and errors, the home crowd at the Santiago Bernabeu whistled like they were witnessing a defeat.

"I understand it, I know the fans very well, they demand a lot," said Real Madrid coach Carlo Ancelotti.

"We started well, then we dropped a bit but that can happen and it's good the fans wake us up with some whistles. It helps us."

Since an impressive win at Camp Nou in the Clasico last month, Madrid have plateaued.

A goalless draw at home to Osasuna preceded a scrappy win over Elche and the sloppy display against Shakhtar Donetsk. On Saturday, they play sixth-placed Rayo Vallecano.

Despite some brilliant performances from the 21-year-old Vinicius Junior, Madrid look less threatening going forward, increasingly stodgy in midfield and still fragile at the back. Casemiro, Luka Modric and Toni Kroos already look tired.

"After two and a half days rest, you can't play with the same intensity," said Ancelotti after Saturday's win over Elche.

- 'I'm worried' -

"You have to set up with a medium-block and just try to capitalise on the chances when they come."

Madrid are not the only ones struggling to hit their stride. Reigning champions Atletico Madrid face Valencia at Mestalla on Sunday after being lucky to escape with only a 2-0 loss to Liverpool at Anfield. Atletico have now managed only a single victory in their last five games.

In four of those, Diego Simeone's side have conceded two goals or more, raising questions about their traditionally stubborn defence.

Playing three forwards in an attempt to squeeze Luis Suarez, Antoine Griezmann and Joao Felix into the same line-up appears to be coming at a cost.

"I'm worried but I'm working on it," said Simeone last week.

Real Sociedad play Osasuna on Sunday and are the league leaders but they have drawn two of their last three, including a 1-1 draw at home to Basque rivals Athletic Bilbao last weekend.

A mistake by goalkeeper Alex Remiro allowed Athletic to equalise in the 90th minute.

Sevilla, in third, are perhaps the most dependable yet they lost at home to Lille in the Champions League on Tuesday, a week after being held by Mallorca. Real Betis, in fifth, were thrashed 3-0 by Atletico Madrid last time out.

Betis and Sevilla meet at the Benito Villamarin on Sunday night for the first Seville derby of the season, which sees the return of fans in the fixture for the first time in two years, since they faced off before the pandemic in November 2019.

"We know we have a derby at the weekend, a huge game for the people of Seville, the fans. Everyone is waiting," said Sevilla defender Diego Carlos.

Barcelona travel to Celta Vigo on Sunday as they look to close a gap to the top that has stretched to nine points already. Xavi could be watching on.

"We know we have to get better," said Ansu Fati on Tuesday. "We have to keep working."

AFP

Can Pochettino get all-star PSG to fulfil potential?

PARIS

MAURICIO Pochettino has Paris Saint-Germain cruising in Ligue 1 and on course to qualify for the Champions League last 16, and yet the Argentine is still struggling to get the best out of an all-star team in the French capital.

It has become a pattern with Pochettino's PSG, who have had to come from behind to win three of their last four home games in Ligue 1 and also recovered from losing positions in both legs of their recent Champions League double-header against RB Leipzig.

Sitting eight points clear at the top after just 12 games, PSG are on course to reclaim the French title they lost to Lille last season.

However they have found themselves behind in four league games in total before coming back to take all three points.

Wins against Lyon, Metz, Angers and Lille were all achieved with goals in the 87th minute or later.

At home to Leipzig they were 2-1 down before a Lionel Messi brace helped them win 3-2.

In Germany on Wednesday, with Messi out injured, Pochettino's team went behind, came back to lead 2-1 but then conceded a last-gasp penalty and drew 2-2.

That result ceded the advantage in their Champions League group to Manchester City, although the Qatar-owned club are on the brink of reaching the last 16.

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Man Utd lean on Ronaldo to prove Man City's missed opportunity

LONDON

MANCHESTER United are relying on Cristiano Ronaldo to show Manchester City what they missed out on when they meet at Old Trafford on Saturday with both sides in need of the points.

Ronaldo continued to dig United out of holes in the Champions League in midweek with a double in a 2-2 draw at Atalanta as he struck late to salvage points for the third time in four European games.

The 36-year-old now has nine goals in 12 games since returning to the club that first made him a household name.

Had things gone differently in the final days of August, Ronaldo could have been lining up in City blue for Saturday's game.

Indeed it was City's interest in the five-time Ballon d'Or winner that appeared to spark United's move to sign Ronaldo from Juventus despite already boasting an

over-subscribed array of talent for attacking positions.

Despite Ronaldo's strike rate, the initially proposed deal to go to City might have been more beneficial for all parties.

Pep Guardiola's men have shone at times this season, but have also missed a clinical finisher as they failed to score at home to Southampton and Crystal Palace to fall five points behind Premier League leaders Chelsea.

United are three points further back after a run of one win in five league games.

The Red Devils have won in just five of Ronaldo's 12 appearances, while the likes of Jadon Sancho, Marcus Rashford and Mason Greenwood have been marginalised.

A 3-0 win at Tottenham last weekend bought Ole Gunnar Solskjaer some time as United boss.

But the defensive frailties that Liverpool exposed in a 5-0 humiliation of Solskjaer's men less than two weeks ago



Ole Gunnar Solskjaer - Pep Guardiola

were on show once more in Italy on Tuesday, especially after Raphael Varane limped off with a hamstring injury.

Varane has been ruled out for a month leaving Solskjaer with a headache of how to protect his remaining sluggish centre-backs.

Can Conte transform Tottenham?

Antonio Conte makes his Premier League return on Sunday when Tottenham travel to Everton hoping to get back in the race for a top-four finish.

Spurs swooped for the former Chelsea boss, who had been linked with the United job, within 24 hours of sacking Nuno Espirito Santo on Monday.

Hiring one of Europe's most coveted coaches is a sign of Spurs' ambition to not slip back into mid-table mediocrity after the highs of Mauricio Pochettino's five years in charge between 2014 and 2019.

Conte needs to get Harry Kane firing with the England captain having scored just once in

the Premier League this season.

But Everton could prove perfect opponents to kickstart the Italian's reign after losing their last three games.

Newcastle's new dawn in disarray

Spurs swift move for Conte highlighted a first month to forget for Newcastle's new owners.

Three weeks after sacking Steve Bruce, the Magpies are still searching for a new boss after being turned down by Villarreal coach Unai Emery.

Former Bournemouth manager Eddie Howe is the new frontrunner, but caretaker boss Graeme Jones looks set to take charge for a third game at Brighton on Saturday.

Backed by the Saudi sovereign wealth fund, Newcastle will have huge backing to reinforce in the January transfer window.

But they badly need an overhaul just to avoid relegation.

They sit second bottom of the table on four points, without a win in their opening 10 Premier League games of the season.

Fixtures (all times GMT)

Today
Manchester United v Manchester City (1230), Brentford v Norwich, Chelsea v Burnley, Crystal Palace v Wolves (all 1500), Brighton v Newcastle (1730)

Tomorrow
Arsenal v Watford, Everton v Tottenham, Leeds v Leicester (all 1400), West Ham v Liverpool (1630)

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Sterling, Sancho face fight for futures at City and United

By Mark Ogden, Senior Writer, ESPN FC

THEY are two of the most exciting attacking players in world football, wingers with the ability to score as often as they create, and after a summer in which one emerged as a star of Euro 2020 and the other finally secured an €85 million move to the Premier League, this season should have been a showcase for Raheem Sterling and Jadon Sancho. But as they prepare for Saturday's 186th derby between Manchester United and Manchester City at Old Trafford, both players find themselves on the fringes at their respective clubs, with neither expected to start the game.

There are different reasons behind Sterling and Sancho's battle for form and favour this season, but there are also similarities -- competition from new signings and managers attempting to devise a system to compensate for squad weaknesses are two significant factors -- and both players are struggling to mount a convincing case for selection.

Sterling, England's outstanding player during their run to the Euro 2020 final this summer, has started six of Man City's 17 games in all competitions this season, with manager Pep Guardiola handing him only three starts in 10 Premier League fixtures so far. And Sancho, who left Borussia Dortmund for United following a two-year transfer chase in July, has found life tough at Old Trafford. Like Sterling, the 21-year-old has started six games in all competitions, and three in the Premier League, but while his England teammate has at least been able to register two goals for City, Sancho has failed

to get off the mark for United and has rarely looked like doing so.

Sterling became the fifth-highest scoring English player in the Champions League -- behind Wayne Rooney, Steven Gerrard, Paul Scholes and Frank Lampard -- by netting his 22nd goal in the competition as a late substitute during Wednesday's 4-1 Group A victory against Club Brugge, but Guardiola was terse when asked whether the goal would help Sterling's confidence.

"You have to ask him," Guardiola said, before adding: "I expect the best from my players. We play for an incredible club, for our people, we are fortunate to be here so I expect the best. I want more from all of them. From staff to backroom staff, I want the best. If it doesn't go well, we will have a problem."

Less than a month ago, after Sterling had spoken publicly about being "open to going somewhere else for more game time," Guardiola was clearly unimpressed by the 26-year-old's comments -- "I didn't know it and I think the club neither" -- and suggested he could leave if he so wished.

"I don't know if he wants to play more game time like Riyad [Mahrez], who doesn't play and he doesn't complain, like Joao [Cancelo] doesn't play and he doesn't complain," Guardiola said. "What I want from Raheem and everyone is they have to be satisfied to be here and delighted to be in this club. If that's not the case they are free to take the best decision for the player and his family."

Sterling's contract, which expires at the end of June 2023, is not the central factor behind his diminishing opportunities under

Guardiola. Sources have told ESPN that the manager is looking to the future, having signed Jack Grealish from Aston Villa for £100m this summer, and that the evolution of City's game has rendered Sterling less important than during the early days of Guardiola's time in charge. Initially, Sterling's pace and ability to get behind opposing defences was a key element of Guardiola's tactical blueprint, but the arrival of Grealish has enabled City to play a more technical, possession-based game, without relying on a central striker in the attacking third -- one that's less suited to Sterling's attributes.

Sources told ESPN that Grealish, Bernardo Silva, Phil Foden and Riyad Mahrez are all regarded as being more comfortable on the ball by Guardiola and his coaches, while also being more able to replicate the quick, short-passing game that worked so successfully for the manager at Barcelona. In short, Sterling has served City and Guardiola well, scoring 116 goals and assisting 89 in 307 appearances, but is not deemed to be quite so important in the next phase of the team's development, which is why his opportunities are becoming infrequent.

It is a different story for Sancho at United. While Sterling might have become yesterday's man at the Etihad, Sancho was signed from Dortmund with the intention of being both United's present and future.

Solskjaer and his coaches had spent two years trying to sign Sancho, having identified the need for an attacking outlet down the right. His numbers at Dortmund were off the scale, with 50 goals

and 64 assists in 137 appearances. But after 12 games at United, there have been no goals and no assists. United have played 15 games in all competitions and Sancho has clocked up just 520 minutes -- 38 percent of all available minutes -- since the start of the season. His only 90-minute outing came during the Carabao Cup third-round defeat against West Ham and according to official Premier League statistics, he has managed just 18 touches in the opposition penalty area all season.

The unexpected signing of Cristiano Ronaldo from Juventus in August has not helped Sancho, with the 36-year-old not part of Solskjaer's tactical outlook when he added Sancho to his squad during the summer. United's game is now built around how they can accommodate Ronaldo's incredible scoring talents at the same time as compensating for his lack of defensive capabilities; as a result, Solskjaer has struggled to find a place for Sancho. But when he has, the United manager has largely played him on the left, despite his impressive statistics at Dortmund being driven by his ability down the right.

Sources have told ESPN that Sancho's need for time to adjust at a new club and in a new league have been overlooked by United, perhaps due to him being an English player even though he never made a Premier League appearance during his days as a teenager at City. History shows that attacking players moving from the Bundesliga to the Premier League struggle in their early months -- Shinji Kagawa, Henrikh Mkhitaryan at United; Timo

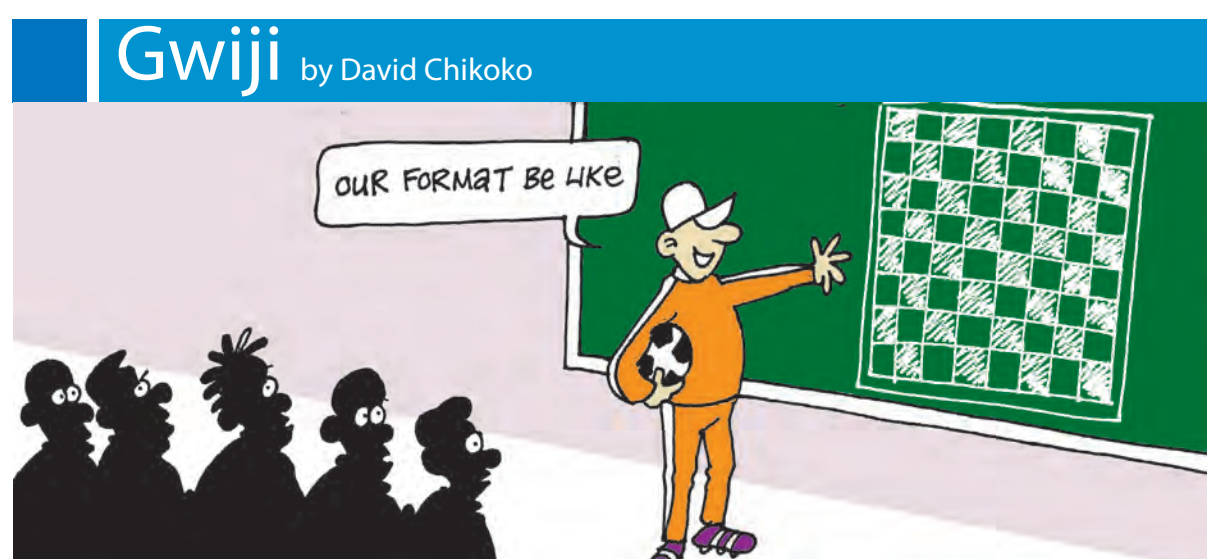
Werner, Kai Havertz, Naby Keita and Roberto Firmino elsewhere -- and Sancho is experiencing a similar battle to acclimatise.

So poor have Sancho's performances been for United that former club captain Gary Neville said last week that he feared the player could "end up like Donny van de Beek if he's not careful," citing the Netherlands midfielder's dismal time at United since arriving from Ajax for €45m in August 2020.

Sources have also told ESPN that United's coaches have worked hard to get Sancho's fitness up to expected levels following his arrival at the club in the wake of an unproductive summer with England at Euro 2020. (He's also been left out of the England squad for their World Cup qualifiers against Albania and San Marino.) Another source has said that Sancho can be a challenging character, and that it will take time for him and United to understand how each other works successfully.

United manager Solskjaer is still offering his public backing for Sancho. "Jadon will come good," Solskjaer said this week. He has a great work-rate and attitude. He'll have many, many years as a good player here."

Right now, Sancho needs to do something -- anything -- that will help him ignite his United career. For Sterling, however, it is more about resolving whether he wants his future to be at City and if he can win over his manager. Sadly, for both players, they are likely to be given more time to contemplate their problems from the bench on Saturday.



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Australia has semi-finals in sight but will there be a twist?

ABU DHABI

GROUP 1 now looks significantly different than it did a couple of days ago. Australia holds the aces in terms of booking a semi-final position in what is a two-horse race with South Africa.

Various permutations are here, but as South Africa plays second, the exact outcome wouldn't be known until the end of the day. It could be that a team exits the World Cup despite winning four group matches.

Australia could not have done any more against Bangladesh, skittling them for 73 and racing to the target in 6.2 overs.

They will hope that with West Indies now eliminated following their defeat to Sri Lanka, there is a chance for something similar in Abu Dhabi.

However, the West Indies batting line-up still shapes as posing more of a threat than the brittle and confidence-sapped Bangladesh.

The bowling attack Australia has at their disposal is not vastly different from the one that was involved in the 4-1 series defeat in the Caribbean earlier this year, aside from the addition of Pat Cummins.

They reverted to four frontline bowlers and the extra batter after the pummelling by England - it leaves a greater onus on Glenn Maxwell but does feel a better balance.

A semi-final berth was the bare minimum required by Australia to give their tournament a pass mark.

Their build-up was dominated by defeats and debates over personnel but, while the heavy loss to England rekindled many of the questions, when they have clicked there has been some good cricket.

A second-place finish in this group would mean a likely meeting with Pakistan.

There will be at least one farewell from international cricket within the West Indies side with Dwayne Bravo confirming he would retire after the tournament.

Given a need to rebuild there may be others as well, although perhaps not Chris Gayle, who has previously said he has eyes on next year's T20 World Cup as well, and captain Kieron Pollard has already said he wasn't going to quit.

Is David Warner getting his form back? It's been a tricky one to judge so far. He has a half-century against Sri Lanka but was given a life when Kusal Perera dropped a sitter along the way.

He played some good shots against South Africa before finding the point, nicked a decent ball from Chris Woakes, and then had a bit of a hack against Bangladesh as Australia sought quick runs.

There probably needs a bit more evidence yet before it's known if Warner has found the old groove.

Chris Gayle may want to play next year's World Cup, but can he? The highest score in his last ten T20I innings is 21.

However, the innings before that was 67 off 38 balls against Australia, when questions were again being asked about what he had left in the tank.

That, though, is his only half-century since the hundred he made against England in the 2016 T20 World Cup. In 30 innings after that, he is averaging 14. Time might be running out now.

Chris Gayle hasn't been dismissed by any of Mitchell Starc, Adam Zampa, and Glenn Maxwell in T20Is yet.

There would seem little reason for Australia to change having secured their three wins in the tournament with this team.

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Dar cricketers pursue progression to ICC Men's T20 World Cup Africa Qualifiers Final



Tanzania's senior national cricket squad leaves the pitch after coming up against Sierra Leone in this year's ICC Men's T20 World Cup Africa Qualifier game played in Kigali early this week. PHOTO: COURTESY OF TCA

By Guardian Reporter

TANZANIA senior national cricketers will be eager to inch closer to booking a place in the 2021 ICC Men's T20 World Cup Africa Qualifiers' Regional Final, as they confront Cameroon in Kigali today.

The senior national cricketers have already recorded a victory in two games to turn into serious contenders for progression to the Regional Final.

In the ICC Men's T20 World Cup Africa Qualifiers' opening fixture, senior national cricketers walloped Mozambique by 87 runs early this week.

Senior national cricketers took the crease first, notching 242 runs losing six wickets in 20 overs.

In response, Mozambique faltered, managing 155 runs losing nine wickets in their 20-over spell.

The second match of the tournament also ended in senior national cricketers' convincing win over Sierra Leone a day later.

Opting to bat first, Sierra Leone managed to score 99 runs

off the 20 overs as senior national cricketers once again put in a good show with the ball.

Senior national cricketers smoothly got down to the chase, ending with 104 runs losing two wickets in 10.5 overs.

Youthful Ivan Ismail's batting was a showing which once again stole the show as he remained not out.

Ismail notched 70 runs off the 100 runs' target to set Tanzania on the second consecutive win.

Tanzania's senior national cricket squad has skipper Abhik Patwa, Harsheed Chohan, Jatinkumar Darji, Zamoyoni Ramadhan, Arshaan Jasani, Salum Jumbe, Issa Kikasi, Ally Mpeka, Riziki Kiseto, Mohamed Omary, wicket-keeper Nassib Kelvin, Kassim Nassoro, Ivan Ismail, Jitin Singh, and Sanjay Kumar Thakor.

Cameroon squad's cricketers are Protais Abanda, Julien Abega, Roland Amah, wicket-keeper Abdoulaye Aminou, Sun Assengong, Alexis Balla, Maxwell Fru, Dipita Loic, Andre Malouck, Appolinaire Mengoumou, Faustin Mpegna, Narcisse Ndouteng, wicket-keeper Charles Ondoa, Idriss Tchakou, wicket-keeper Alain Toube,

Bruno Toube.

Botswana cricketers include skipper/wicketkeeper, Karabo Motlhanka, Vinoo Balakrishnan, Boemo Khumalo.

Dhruv Maisuria, Rod Mbaiwa, Valentine Mbazo, Mmoloki Mooketsi, James Moses, Reginald Nehonde, Tharindu Perera, Katlo Piet, Adithiya Rangaswamy, Phemelo Silas, and Thatayaone Tshose.

Mozambique's cricketers are Jose Bulele, Frederico Carava, Filipe Cossa, Francisco Couana, Santana Dima, Gomes Gomes, Joao Huo, Zefanias Matsinhe, Agostinho Navicha, Titos Nhambhau, Shelton Nhavotso, Lourenço Simango, Lourenco Solomone, Gerito Sopenho, Vieira Tembo.

Sierra Leone squad consists of a skipper, Lansana Lamin, assistant skipper Abu Kamara, Chernoh Bah, wicketkeeper John, Samuel Conteh, Edmond Ernest, Abass Gbla, Arvind Kerai, Mohammad Shamsad Khan, Zahid Khan, Miniru Kpaka, wicketkeeper Ibrahim Mansaray, Osman Sankoh, George Sesay, Sulaiman Tarawally, and Solomon

Williams.

The 2021 ICC Men's T20 World Cup Africa Qualifier is a cricket tournament being played as part of the qualification process for the 2022 ICC Men's T20 World Cup, during October and November 2021.

In April 2018, the International Cricket Council (ICC) granted full international status to Twenty20 men's matches played between member sides from January 1 2019 onwards.

Therefore, all the matches in the Regional Qualifiers will be played as Twenty20 Internationals (T20Is).

The Africa Qualifiers will start with a sub-regional qualifier consisting of two groups, with the top two teams in each group progressing to the Regional Final.

Kenya and Nigeria, the two highest-ranked teams as of January 1, 2020, progressed directly to the Regional Final.

The sub-regional tournament was scheduled to take place in South Africa from April 27-May 3, 2020.

However, on March 24, 2020, the ICC confirmed that all ICC qualifying events scheduled to take place before June 30, 2020, had been postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

In December 2020, the ICC updated the qualification pathway following the disruption from the pandemic.

In March 2021, the Group A and B qualifiers were postponed again, with them both being moved back to October 2021.

In July 2021, the Rwanda Cricket Association announced that the ICC had confirmed Rwanda as the host nation for all of the matches in the Africa Qualifiers.

Group A matches were played at two venues in Kigali, the Gahanga International Cricket Stadium and the IPRC Cricket Ground.

Uganda finished in first place in Group A to join Kenya and Nigeria in the Regional Final.

Chombo ready to help Taifa Stars hold sway in 2022 World Cup qualifiers

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

BIASHARA United veteran midfielder, Ramadhan Chombo's inclusion in the senior national men's football team, Taifa Stars, has happened to be a surprise move, with some soccer stakeholders left with questions about the midfielder's contribution and form.

Born in 1987, Chombo has been great potential since joining Biashara United last season, with his level turning out to be even more impressive this season.

The veteran, who has played for several teams including Azam FC, Simba SC in the country, also excelled in professional football in various countries such as South Africa and now plays for Biashara United.

He also served Mbeya City FC, African Lyon, on various occasions before emerging at Biashara United which signed him during a mid-season registration window last season, the midfielder has shone with them so far.

The experienced midfielder recently opened up about his return to Taifa Stars, explaining his number one goal in the squad, his expectations, and specifying his time to retire.

Chombo disclosed the secret to shining is good relations inside and outside the stadium, revealing his teammates respect him, but he also



Ramadhan Chombo

respects his job.

He revealed that when he is on the field he thinks more about what he is doing, noting that his other quality is due to taking good care of himself at the gym and getting time to rest.

"We always respect each other, young players benefit from me as

we share ideas about what to do and what to add where we feel we haven't done enough, through this I get the benefit from them because the team is not one player. We understand and cooperate, but I plan my schedule well," Chombo pointed out.

The two-time Mainland Premier League winner adds that his recalling to the Taifa Stars hardly implies he is better than others.

He was adamant he is determined to give the country success if he is lucky enough to be on the field.

He disclosed competition must exist as the senior national team cannot be compared to a club and that, being sure of the number in Biashara United's starting lineup cannot directly determine his position in the Taifa Stars squad.

"Biashara United is very different from Taifa Stars, with the certainty of the numbers I have, but Stars I do not know what it will be like in the coming games. I plan to serve my country successfully," Chombo stated.

Chombo further asked his teammates who have got the call-up for Taifa Stars to prepare well and also to agree with the decision of the technical bench and that whoever gets the number in the starting

lineup should make sure he fights for the team.

The player pointed out due to the trend he has, he is considering retiring from football in the next five years and starting a new life outside of football.

He revealed despite many people seeing him as an aged footballer, such a perception is not true, as he started competitive football at a young age and his potential is an aspect that won him popularity early.

"I started playing football at a young age. Talent introduced me early and I played with various players at Simba SC, then went to Azam FC, Mbeya City, and South Africa but still I have more than five years before I officially retire," Chombo disclosed.

Speaking about Chombo's return to the senior national team, coach Abdallah Mingange, says despite age catching up on the midfielder he can add creativity on the field due to his competence.

"I coached him at Mbeya City FC, but in 2008 at the Taifa Cup in Dar es Salaam, I saw early potential in him. He has now helped Biashara United for two consecutive seasons," Mingange stated.

Flexibles by David Chikoko

How To WRITE ON THE BLACKBOARD WITHOUT CAUSING A STIR IN THE CLASSROOM.

