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VP directs former Burundi refugees to observe the law

By Guardian Reporter, Mpanda

VICE President Samia Suluhu Hassan has appealed to Tanzanians to stop hosting foreigners fleeing justice in neighbouring countries.

Addressing residents of Katumba Ward in Nsimbo Constituency, Katavi Region, the VP said the government has received complaints from neighbouring countries that wanted suspects are being hosted in Tanzania.

She said the cited individuals are those who conduct subversive political activities against their governments and sneak into Tanzania where they find refuge among citizens without the government being involved.

The Vice President was addressing a rally to mobilize votes for CCM candidates. She said hosting a foreigner without knowledge of authorities is a criminal offence.

"The complaints we have are that Tanzania is hosting opponents of governments in neighbouring countries, and if you examine our official records, we have no such people. But in

reality we have them and you host them silently," she told the gathering.

People living in Katumba Ward came as refugees from neighbouring Burundi, some of whom applied for and were granted Tanzanian citizenship.

Suluhu, the CCM presidential running mate, directed officials in the area to be alert on the issue, which she said is contrary to the country's laws and procedures.

"Katumba Ward residents and their children are Tanzanians per se after rejecting the citizenship of their former country, hence they are bound to abide by Tanzania's laws," the VP declared.

She said Tanzania is a peaceful country that has no history of violence, and whoever comes to stir violence will be hunted down, and legal steps taken against them.

She cited reports that some residents in the area own and manufacture firearms contrary to existing laws, with those arms being used in



President Dr John Magufuli and his visiting Malawian counterpart, Dr Lazarus Chakwera, in buoyant mood yesterday shortly after unveiling the foundation stone of a modern bus terminal lined up for Dar es Salaam city's Mbezi Luis suburb - as Malawian and Tanzanian first ladies, Monica Chakwera (L) and Janeth Magufuli, look on. Photo: State House

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PCCB nabs head teacher in exam cheating fiasco

By Guardian Correspondent, Kiteto

DETECTIVES from the Prevention and Combating of Corruption Bureau (PCCB) in Kiteto District, Manyara Region, are holding a primary school head teacher allegedly for facilitating cheating in the standard seven national examinations.

Addressing reporters here yesterday, the regional head of PCCB, Holle Makungu named the teacher as Oscar Waluye of Olkitikit Primary School.

The teacher is accused of arranging for bright yet unregistered candidates to write the tests on behalf of struggling pupils in a bid to boost the score of the school and give the

pupils undeserved passes, he said.

The head teacher allegedly picked bright standard six pupils and another who finished at the school last year and did well, giving them registration numbers of the slow learners.

After getting wind of the situation on Wednesday when the exams started, PCCB detectives arrived at the school and pounced on Waluye who will be arraigned in court for violating national examination regulations.

"He used his position as head teacher to engage in examination malpractice," the regional commander noted, elaborating that by the time Waluye was arrested,

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Magufuli gives contractor 3 weeks to finish bus terminal

By Guardian Reporter

PRESIDENT John Magufuli yesterday issued a 23-day ultimatum to a company constructing the Mbezi Luis International Bus Terminal to complete the work, being undertaken by Hainan International, a Chinese firm.

President Magufuli issued the commissioning the project, accompanied by his Malawian counterpart Dr Lazarus Chakwera, on the last leg of a three-day state visit.

"The reason given for delaying the project was the coronavirus outbreak, which doesn't hold water," the president intoned, insisting that it was unfair for the 71bn/- project scheduled to be completed in July to be

extended to next January.

"Today corona is cited as a reason; tomorrow delays will be referred to rainfall, later sunshine and spirits. This is unacceptable," he declared.

He directed the Dar es Salaam City Council (DCC) director who signed the contract to ensure it is completed before November 1 without any extension.

"The contractor should work day and night," he said, remarking further that the contractor's pay should be deducted for liquidation damage if the October 30 deadline is not met, to set an example for other contractors.

He said that the project was poorly implemented, denying taxi operators as well as tricycle, motorcycle and food vendors

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Zanzibar Information, Tourism and Heritage minister Mahmood Thabit Kombo pictured in Zanzibar yesterday making a withdrawal from an NMB Bank ATM using a Union Pay card to mark the official launch of the bank's partnership with Union Pay International. UPI card holders can now access cash through the bank's ATMs and points of sale, chiefly targeting the Asian market. Looking on are the bank's CEO, Ruth Zaipuna (L), chief retail banking Filbert Mponzi (2nd-R) and Dar es Salaam zonal manager Donatus Richard. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

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Contractors Registration Board registrar Rhoben Nkori (2nd-R) shares a light moment with Mzumbe University's Prof Prosper Ngowi in Arusha on Wednesday moments before opening three-day training on business management skills for Tanzanian contractors organised by the board for northern zone contractors. With them are the CRB deputy registrar (Research and Development) David Jere (R) and training coordinator Neema Fuime. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Be creative, work diligently to lure more clients, CRB tells contractors

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole, Arusha

TANZANIAN contractors have been urged to be creative and work diligently to attract more clients for construction tenders instead of complaining about foreign companies' dominance in the sector.

Contractors Registration Board (CRB), Registrar Rhoben Nkori made the call here yesterday when opening a three-day training of business management skills for local contractors.

Organised by CRB, the training brought on board 96 contractors from Arusha, Kilimanjaro, Manyara, Tanga, Dodoma, Singida and Mwanza regions. It's a continuation of training to equip local contractors to improve their standards and topic covered were Business skills, entrepreneurship and business life cycle, marketing matters,

business plans, strategizing and business model.

Nkori said without improvement, creativity and joint ventures when implementing construction sites local contractors will remain observers while foreign companies secure big construction tenders.

He said construction is a business like any other business so contractors must value their profession by observing standards they have signed in their contract with their clients.

"Find connection in district council and Tanroads so that it can be easy for you to get tenders, every business has its challenges so don't give up and I would like to take this opportunity to tell you that something good for you is coming soon," said Nkori.

The registrar said local contractors have been improving their work and there is a lot of evidence of good work they have done when

implementing different government projects something that disqualify the perception that local companies cannot perform big projects with standards.

Training facilitator, Prof Prosper Ngowi, said the competition within construction industry is increasing so he urged local practitioners to improve their standards and be innovative in their daily activities if they need to remain in the construction market.

Professor Ngowi said to be local contractor is not a criteria to get tender anywhere but the only way to compete with foreign companies in tenders competition is to improve their standards when implementing construction sites they get from government and private institutions.

"We must speak the truth in order to change and improve our companies because no one will come and give you construction sites only because you are

a local contractor, your competence and good records is the only thing that will lift you up," he said.

He advised contractors to prepare working plans at least of five years so that it become easy for the successor of the company to know where to start if anything happen to the owner like death or sickness.

He said market is an important component for any company to survive so he advised them to set some amount for advertisement by producing some calendars, banners, caps, emblems and other products that have the company profile and communications. "When you attend meetings like this take advantage to advertise yourself and network with others, you must carry something to advertise your company, don't underestimate the power of networking because if you don't advertise no one will know where you are and what you are doing," he said.

Dar fish sellers feel pinch of the Covid-19 pandemic

By Blandina Semwaiko, TUDARCo

TRADERS selling fried fish at the Ferry Market in Dar es Salaam have decried lack of customers due to impact of Covid-19 pandemic.

They said before the pandemic, they used to sell fish to foreigners, but now there are nowhere to be seen.

"We're currently facing hard times as there are no more big customers who used to buy fish because of the virus. The outbreak of Coronavirus spoiled our business as sometimes, Chinese were among the best customers of fish at this market, but now they aren't coming as it was in the past," said Amisi Juma, a fish trader at the fish market.

"To be honest, things are not pleasing these days; the business is so difficult here as there are no many customers as it was used to be. The outbreak of Coronavirus has spoiled our business. There are no longer foreigner customers who used to come here, Chinese were among the best customers at this market," said Hamis Juma, one of the fried fish traders.

Hamis said that presently, traders can stay from morning till evening without selling anything, something which affects them deeply as they have families to take care of as well as to pay rent for the business area.

He added that before corona, customers from Uganda and Turkey

were able to meet retailers and buy large quantities of fish for export to their countries, but now it is different from how it was before.

For her part, Zaran Omary, also a fish trader at the market hinted that during corona crisis, sales have dropped and traders are earning little.

The traders further asked the government to establish more fish processing factories in Dar es Salaam so as to benefit not only the fish sellers but the nation as well.

"The government should establish fish processing factories in the country for the development of Tanzanian fishermen, for example in Dar es Salaam, there is very few fish processing factories," Zaru added.



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the imposters had already done the Kiswahili and Arithmetic papers.

"Currently we are continuing with investigations. We will take further action after we finalise the inquiry," he said.

Pupils sat for standard seven national examinations for two days from Wednesday.

Announcing the start of the annual event in Dar es Salaam on Tuesday, the National Examinations Council of Tanzania (NECTA) Executive Secretary, Dr Charles Msonde warned that there will be consequences for those found

engaging in cheating.

"The council would like to take this opportunity to call on regional examination committees and district, municipal and city councils to ensure that all procedures for the conduct of national examinations are adhered to. Exam committees should ensure that examination centers are safe and secure, and prevent any loopholes that could lead to cheating," he said.

This year, there are 1,024,007 candidates in the Mainland. Out of the number, 493,289 (49.17 per cent) are boys while 530,718 (51.83 per cent) are girls.

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criminal activities.

"Tanzanian laws forbid people to own firearms, but whoever wants to own a fire arm must be licensed and specify the purpose for needing it. Anything less than that will be contravening the country's laws," she said.

The VP also referred to a problem

that some residents of Katumba ward welcome people from a neighbouring country who just decide to enter the country.

"Officially a person entering the country must pass through an Immigration entry point and have his/her passport stamped. But people come in quietly and we host them; this is contrary to the laws," the VP added.

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space to place their wares, therefore delaying income generation without compensation.

"Minister, make sure the contractor works day and night. Regional and district engineers should shift to the project area," he spelled out.

He also tasked the Contractors Registration Boards (CRB) and Engineers Registration Board (ERB) to closely follow implementation of the project and ensure the consultant fulfils his job to represent the client in the project spending Tanzanians' money.

The timeframe and value for project money should be observed, as the company was allowed to subcontract some activities to other firms, he further directed.

The bus station has the capacity to host 1,000 upcountry buses, 280 taxis, tricycles and motorcycles, as well as serving buses plying to member countries of the Southern African Development Community (SADC).

For his part, Dr Chakwera said the implementation of the project was an indication that African countries can

bring development using their own resources.

He commended President Magufuli for giving him an opportunity of making Tanzanian history in allowing him to lay the foundation stone for one of the country's giant projects.

"I know there are many Malawians who travel to Tanzania to do business, hence construction of this terminal will help to scale up business between the two nations," said Dr Chakwera, who left the country later in the evening.

Selemani Jafo, the Minister of State in the President's Office (Regional Administration and Local Governments), earlier said the new facility which will be the largest bus station in East and Central Africa. It will house crucial services and upon completion it will accommodate 3,456 buses and 80 small vehicles at one time and provide outside parking slots for 1,000 vehicles.

The project whose construction has been completed by 85 percent employed 600 people and when completed it will employ more than 10,000 jobs where beneficiaries generate a total of 10.2bn/- annually, he added.



Prof Ibrahim Lipumba, opposition Civic United Front's candidate for the Tanzanian President in the upcoming General Election, addresses a campaign rally at Arusha city's Kilombero market yesterday. Photo: Correspondent Getrude Mpezya

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by accepting online payments," she stated.

"With our chain of more than 1,750 sale terminals and over 800 ATMs across the country, the service is expected to significantly benefit UnionPay cardholders," the CEO affirmed.

Luping Zhang, general manager of UnionPay International Africa said a UnionPay card is recognized as a significant payment tool for trade, tourism and culture exchanges between Africa and Asia.

"This link between NMB Bank

NMB launches UnionPay cards

and UnionPay International extends UnionPay cross-border capabilities and cements the new era of financial transformation," he said. "We are excited to roll out this comprehensive acceptance with NMB Bank, a market leader in Tanzania," he remarked.

Today, with over 8.4bn cards issued in 61 countries and regions, UnionPay serves the world's largest cardholder base. In Africa, UnionPay is present in 50 countries with cards issued locally

in 11 countries. Moreover, UnionPay has launched various innovative payment products in Africa in response to the worldwide digital transformation and financial inclusion.

The Isles minister said that 250 million Asians, who mostly hold UnionPay cards, make holiday trips across the world each year.

"If we get only one percent of the number of travelers from Asia then we should be fine," he declared.

In a recent survey, about 40 percent of tourists who visited Zanzibar said they would be willing to return to the Isles if the country improves its payment systems, he pointed out.

Last year, Zanzibar received 528,425 tourists, earning the country a total of \$421m in foreign exchange.

tourism accounted for 30 percent of Zanzibar GDP last year and 82.1 percent of foreign direct investments (FDI), he added.



It's a moment for some celebration for these Standard Seven students at Coast Region's Mkuranga Primary School shortly after they were done with the last paper of their national examinations yesterday. Photo: Correspondent Jumanne Juma

Hope for consumers as inflation declines

By Correspondent Crispin Gerald

THE annual headline inflation rate for the month of September this year decreased to 3.1 per cent from 3.3 per cent recorded in August 2020, the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) announced yesterday.

The decrease explains that, the speed of price change for commodities for the year ended September 2020, decreased compared to the speed that was recorded for the year ended August 2020.

Announcing the statistical changes in Dar es Salaam, statistician general for NBS Dr Albina Chuwa said the overall index went up to 119.54 in September, 2020 from 115.92 recorded in September 2019.

She said that, food and non-alcoholic beverages inflation rate for the month of September, 2020 has decreased to 3.4 percent from 3.7 percent that was recorded in August, 2020.

Annual inflation rate for food consumed at home and away from home for the month of September, 2020 has also decreased to 4.5 percent from 4.8 percent recorded in August 2020.

The 12 month index change for non-food products in September, 2020 has stagnated at 3.1 percent as it was recorded in August, 2020.

"Among the food products which recorded a decrease in price for the month of September 2020 in comparison to the same month in 2019, include rice which decreased by 2.0 percent, maize by 10.2 percent, cooking flour by 1.3 percent,

cassava by 18.4 percent and sweet potatoes by 10.7 percent," Dr Chuwa explained.

"On the other side, non-food products which experienced a decrease in price include kerosene by 15.6 percent diesel for 14.2 percent and petrol decreased by 10.2 percent, she elaborated.

Apart from that, Chuwa highlighted the status of inflation rate among East Africa countries for the year ended September 2020, whereby, in Kenya the inflation rate for the month ended in September 2020 has decreased up to 4.20 percent from 4.36 percent in the month ended in August 2020. While in Uganda, the inflation rate also recorded a decrease of 4.5 percent for the month of September 2020 from 4.6 percent recorded in the month of August 2020.

The National Consumer Price Index (NCPI) measures the change over time in the cost of a fixed basket of goods and services that are purchased by a representative sample of households in Tanzania. A basket includes a list of 278 goods and services of which 97 are food and alcoholic beverages and 181 are non-food items that are being priced on a monthly basis.

The NCPI weights are based on monetary expenditure relating to consumption for all households in the 25 geographic regions of Tanzania mainland. The index weights are based on expenditures of both urban and rural households derived from 2011/2012.

The NCPI follows the internationally recommended classification of individual consumption by purpose (COICOP).

Magufuli resumes campaign rallies today - Dar

By Henry Mwangonde

CCM presidential candidate Dr John Magufuli will resume his campaign rallies today in Dar es Salaam.

The party's Ideology and Publicity Secretary Humphrey Polepole told journalists at a press conference in Dar es Salaam that after a short break in which Dr Magufuli attended to official duties, he will hold a campaign rally at the Mkapa stadium in the city.

According to Polepole, the rally will be an opportunity for the party to explain to Dar es Salaam residents the achievements made in the last five

years.

The CCM presidential candidate who is seeking re-election last hold a rally in Zanzibar on October 3rd this year before returning to Dar es Salaam where among other things performed presidential duties including hosting Malawian president Dr Lazarous Chakwera who was in the country for a two days official visit.

"Our candidate will have two to three rallies in Dar es Salaam, we expect to use this as an opportunity for our party to explain to the people what we have been doing for Dar es Salaam in the last five years," said Polepole.

This will be the fourth round of campaigns out of the six phases that the party has put in place.

Polepole said the rally today will be followed by other rallies which will be announced later.

According to Polepole the CCM led government has done a lot to transform Dar es Salaam through infrastructure saying other were coming because the party's manifesto for 2020/25 has listed down a number of projects to be undertaken in the next five years.

Polepole named some of the projects that have been undertaken by the CCM government under Dr Magufuli including flyovers at Tazara and Ubungu

among others.

Others include the construction of the Salender bridge and some outer roads within the city which are aimed at reducing congestion.

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Whereas the Plaintiff has instituted a suit against you, you are hereby summoned to appear in this court person or by a pleader duly instructed and able to answer all material questions relating to the suit or who shall be accompanied by some person able to answer all such questions on the 27th day of October, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. O'clock before Hon. J.E. Fovo, DR to answer the suit, you must be prepared to produce on that day all the documents upon which you intend to rely in support of your defence, take notice that, in default of your appearance on the day before mentioned, the appeal will be heard and determined in your absence given under my hand and the seal of this court this 02 day of October, 2020.

By Guardian Reporter

CCM Vice Chairman for Zanzibar Dr Ali Mohamed Shein has said the forthcoming elections will be financed by government's money and there will be no external funding.

Dr Shein, who is also Zanzibar's President revealed this yesterday at Bumbwini Makoba in Zanzibar North District B in North Region at a CCM campaign rally.

He said in case his party's Presidential Candidate for Zanzibar Dr Hussein Ali Mwyni is elected, he will continue maintaining Zanzibar's respect within the Isles traditions and will not succumb to ridicule.

Dr Shein also said Dr Mwyni was creative as he has initiated many things while in leadership role in the union government, and called on CCM members and Zanzibaris in general to receive the candidate as he will win decisively.

Likewise, he appealed for votes to the Union Presidential Candidate John

Zanzibar elections will be internally funded - Shein

Magufuli, his running mate Samia Suluhu Hassan, CCM's parliamentary, House of Representatives and council candidates.

Dr Hussein Ali Mwyni on his part praised Dr Shein for implementing the CCM Election Manifesto in Zanzibar, adding that he will implement all Dr Shein's pledges he made at Idd Al Haj 'Baraza' at Bumbwini.

He said his government will continue from where Dr Shein left, by building infrastructures for health services, including houses for health workers and increase budgets for purchase of medical equipment and drugs.

He said the east-west Bumbwini-Mahonda road will be built to reduce long detours people make for people travelling between the two areas.

He said when built, the infrastructure

will change the economic status for residents of North Region B.

He also pledged to implement the pledge of building Makoba-Kiongwe road to ease transport for people in the area.

In regard to the oils and gas port project, he said it is a priority for the coming government as a modern oil and gas terminal at Mangapwani in North B District.

He said the promised 300,000 jobs will be given at the terminal and steps will be taken to shift the small entrepreneurs and fishermen to other areas.

He said his aim was to ensure small entrepreneurs are facilitated and priority will be directed to their training to enable them to conduct their businesses more professionally.

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- Support local partners to implement conservation activities at a landscape scale

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Cotton ginnery in Kahama gets up from 5-year 'sleep'

By Guardian Correspondent, Kahama

ENGINES of the giant cotton ginnery belonging to the Kahama Cooperative Union (KACU) that fell silent five years back yesterday roared again amidst ululations at a colourful officiating by the Deputy Minister for Agriculture, Hussein Bashe.

To revive the ginnery and add value to cotton grown by cooperative members in the district, the Tanzania Agricultural Development Bank (TADB), gave KACU 4,650,959,543/- in form of soft loan and in accordance with dictates of the phase two of the Agricultural Sector Development Programme (ASDP II).

Bashe told the launch rally that yesterday was a day of enormous importance to the cotton industry and more so to Kahama cotton growers and cooperative leaders, the TADB and the National Microfinance Bank (NMB).

The equally excited deputy minister said: "You have saved us from nakedness; you have clothed us. We did not think these things were possible (in recent cotton marketing)."

He explained that ordinarily, the 8bn/- borrowed from the bank, would have attracted a 16 percent interest and close to 3bn/- would have been paid in form of interest charges. "But with the guarantee of the TADB, we designed a special product with the NMB and we offered the supplier with just a Letter of Credit, assuring him that he will get his money at the end of October. This means we shall pay only two percent (or some 160m/-) instead of 16 percent... Thank you all," he said.

He praised Kahama cooperative leaders and members for spending 15m/- instead of the projected 80m/-, and asked the registrar of cooperatives to ensure money did go to paying allowances of things of that nature.

Based on the success bagged, the minister said, "Sola, Lugulu, Malawa ginneries will be revived too. It is possible," he asserted.

TADB Managing Director Japhet Justine pledged continued support

to KACU, pledging that in the next planting season bank officials would join AMCOS leaders in their respective areas so that growers benefit from every kilogramme and every hectare of cotton. "Using KACU we shall ensure timely delivery farm inputs, especially insecticides and farmers make most of the timely delivery of those inputs," he said.

Support given by TADB to KACU enabled the union to become the market leader in paying cotton farmers (920/- per kg). KACU has 79 AMCOS with 6,800 farmers from Kahama, Msalala and Ushetu plus 16 AMCOS from Kishapu with 1,300 farmers, six AMCOS from Nyang'wale with 570 farmers.

TADB's short-term objectives in this venture are to enable the union collect and pay advance payment to farmers on time; creating market linkages to smallholder farmers for their produce; reducing post-harvest losses caused by delayed collection of farmers produce due to lack of cash as experienced in the last cotton purchase season; reviving the union's operations which ceased in 2013/2014 season and creating permanent and temporary opportunities.



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By Guardian Correspondent, Singida

THE introduction of cashewnuts farming in Singida Region is expected to rescue many of its residents from poverty as well as tackling climate change.

The remarks were given mid this week by the Regional Commissioner, Dr Rehema Nchimbi as she was speaking to researchers from the Naliende Centre of the Tanzania Agricultural Research Institute (TARI-Naliende) who were working together with

Tanzania Cashew Nuts Board (CBT) in providing training to farmers on better farming practices of the crop aimed at increasing production.

She said in the past Singida Region used to be erroneously referred to as among regions with rampant drought, but it was not so, as farmers were advised to cultivate cashew nuts and other crops resulting in huge achievements.

Dr Nchimbi said people were given land plots on a condition that they cultivate cashew nuts, and if not, one surrenders the land, and the overall response has been overwhelming especially in Masigati area in Itigi where the farms are being expanded.

"Cashew nuts is the crop that will change Singida Region to move away from drought and poverty," Dr Nchimbi said.

Manyoni District Executive Director Charles Fussi said they expect to collect between 6bn/- to 7bn/- per year from cashew nuts levy in the next three years when farmers start harvesting.

Fussi said the revenue follows his district investment in cashew nuts growing by allocating more than 22,000 hectares distributed in small farms to farmers.

"Farming cashew nuts, Manyoni district Council is far ahead, we have invested by providing small farms totaling 22,000 hectares," he said.

He said what the farmers needed was training on technology for cashew nuts farming techniques.

He said after receiving the training, they will produce huge quality crops that will beef up council coffers in the next three years.

CBT Manager for the Western and Central Zone Ray Mtangi ensured farmers that already they have embarked on a process of establishing a cooperative, just as they do in the southern region.

The national cashew nuts coordinator Dr Geraldina Mzena said TARI-Naliende has already established a seed farm for the cashew nuts in Manyoni District.

Tanzania Agricultural Development Bank managing director Japhet Justine makes remarks in Kahama town yesterday just before the resumption of operations at a Kahama Cooperative Union cotton ginnery, an event also attended by Agriculture deputy minister Hussein Bashe and scores of farmers. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

'Govt spent 1.2trn/- on Arusha Region's strategic projects in the past five years'

By Guardian Correspondent, Arumeru

THE government has spent 1.2trn/- in the implementation of various strategic projects in Arusha Region between 2015 and 2020.

The ruling CCM member of the National Executive Committee (NEC) Anna Agatha Msuya said this during the launching of the party's election campaign at Moivo Ward, West Arumeru Constituency in Arusha Region.

She said the allocated funds were

directed to education, health, water and road infrastructure projects in all seven councils in the region - Karatu, Monduli, Ngorongoro, Longido, Arusha (Rural), Arusha (urban) and Meru.

She elaborated that during the period more than 139bn/- was spent to improve the education sector including free education plan for the region's primary and secondary school students. He said another 11.5bn/- was directed to the health sector for the construction and or refurbishment of dispensaries, health centres and district hospitals

as well as improvement of the Mount Meru Referral Hospital in Arusha.

She said the money was also spent for purchase of drugs and medical equipment for the health facilities.

She further said during the five-year period the government also spent more than 326bn/- for the refurbishment and construction of road infrastructures under Tanzania Rural and Urban Roads Agency (TARURA) in all seven districts of Arusha Region.

Msuya explained that during the same period the government

invested more than 720bn/- for the implementation of water projects in the region's districts.

In regard to power distribution, she said the government, under Rural Energy Agency (REA) has connected electricity to more than 85 percent of all villages in Arusha Region. She said in order for the region's projects' implementation pace to go even faster, people should vote for John Magfuli as the president including all CCM candidates vying for parliamentary and councillorship posts in the region.

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AT DAR ES SALAAM

APPEAL NO. 16 OF 2020

BETWEEN

TANZANIA ELECTRIC SUPPLY
COMPANY LIMITED APPELLANT

AND

FLORIAN NGUNANGWA 1ST RESPONDENT

ENERGY AND WATER UTILITIES
REGULATORY AUTHORITY 2ND RESPONDENT

(Notice pursuant to Rule 16 of the Fair Competition Tribunal Rules, 2012)

TAKE NOTICE THAT an appeal has been lodged in the Tribunal against the whole decision of the Energy and Water Utilities Regulatory Authority (EWURA) given on the 27th July, 2020 in which EWURA found the Appellant in breach of its statutory duty and held the Appellant liable for the loss suffered by the 1st Respondent and awarded damages amounting to TZS 15,000,000.00 to the 1st Respondent.

The appeal is based on the grounds that the decision was made in an error of the law and fact by being based on secondary evidence, improper assessment of evidence and in disregard of statutory requirements applicable to EWURA. Thus, the Appellant prays for orders to set aside the award with costs.

BY THIS PUBLIC NOTICE any person who considers that he has sufficient interest may apply to intervene in the proceedings within seven days of the first publication of this notice to the Fair Competition Tribunal, 2nd Floor, Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Technology Building, Jamhuri Street, Dar es Salaam.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL of the Tribunal this 9th October, 2020.

REGISTRAR

Repoa MD promises to strengthen research and policies link between

By Guardian Correspondent, Morogoro

THE Managing Director of Research on Poverty Alleviation (REPOA), Dr Donald Mmari, has said his institution will strengthen relationship between research done by REPOA and the country's policies in order to implement the 4th Five-Year International Plan (2020-24).

Dr Mmari was speaking mid this week when opening a seminar for policy analysis and application of research findings to officials in the Parliament and Prime Minister's offices organised by REPOA.

He said among the responsibilities of the parliament office include advising the government on policy formulation and various laws of the country and that Parliament discusses and endorse national plans, government budget and ultimately oversee the government periodically.

He said the main responsibilities of REPOA was to conduct researches on policy, capacity building of researchers on policy issues and submit results thereof to end users.

He said the aim will be achieved by working together with various stakeholders when preparing priority areas for their researches simultaneously with having in place a programme for facilitating researchers and users of the research findings.

He further said the main aim was to contribute to the efforts in bringing social and economic changes so as to attain inclusive development according to Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and even the African Unity Agenda 2063.

"Since the 12th parliament is about to be elected after the elections, and in any case it will have various plans and policies that will be referred thereto, it would be better to remind one another, from our capabilities in policy analysis to pass the knowledge to others," Dr Mmari said.

Closing the training seminar, parliament secretary Stephen Kagaigai said officials from both offices, parliament and prime minister's office are required to understand their positions in the procedures regarding various plans so that policies and laws to be formulated should respond to real challenges confronting citizens in their area.

TPB BANK CELEBRATES CUSTOMER SERVICE WEEK



TPB BANK CEO, MR SABASABA MOSHINGI ATTENDING A CUSTOMER AT METROPOLITAN BRANCH DAR ES SALAAM DURING THE CUSTOMER SERVICE WEEK.



TPB BOARD CHAIRMAN, DR. EDMUND MNDOLWA IN A GROUP PHOTO WITH TPB EXECUTIVE BRANCH STAFF DURING THE CUSTOMER SERVICE WEEK.



TPB BANK LIBERTY BRANCH (MWANZA) IN A GROUP PHOTO.



TPB BANK STAFF FROM DODOMA BRANCH IN A MASSAI ATTIRE DURING THE CUSTOMER SERVICE WEEK.



TPB BANK CAPITAL CITY STAFF (DODOMA) IN A STUDENT UNIFORM ATTIRE DURING THE CELEBRATION OF CUSTOMER SERVICE WEEK.



TPB BANK PEMBA BRANCH STAFF IN A GROUP PHOTO DURING THE CELEBRATION OF CUSTOMER SERVICE WEEK.



TPB BANK METROPOLITAN BRANCH STAFF IN AFRICAN ATTIRE DURING CUSTOMER SERVICE WEEK.



TPB BANK BOARD MEMBER, MR MACRICE MBODO RECEIVING A GIFT FROM YWCA BRANCH MANAGER MS. SALMA MARIJANI DURING THE CUSTOMER SERVICE WEEK.



Tigo managing director Simon Karikari responds to questions from customers by phone from the firm's customer service centre in Dar es Salaam yesterday as a part of Customer Service Week celebrations. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

By Guardian Reporter

PRIME Minister, Kassim Majaliwa has called upon the fertilizer company - YARA to increase its investment in the country so as to go in tandem with the strengthening of the agricultural sector for increased benefits to farmers.

Majaliwa gave the call in Dar es Salaam mid this week soon after visiting YARA head offices, which, among others, he praised the firm's investment so far.

"The fifth phase government has given priority to the agricultural sector to be certain of raw materials for industries to achieve its aims of attaining industrial economy. We praise YARA and other stakeholders for their efforts in supporting the government,"

Majaliwa advises Yara fertiliser company to increase investment

he added.

He was also pleased with YARA efforts in assisting the country's small scale farmers to reduce the unemployment challenge, to develop the farming sector and ensuring food security.

He also pledged to investors that the government will continue working on existing challenges over investment to attract more investors in various economic sectors.

The Norwegian Ambassador Elisabeth Jacobsen said her country

has been at the forefront in supporting development in the farming sector in the African continent including Tanzania.

"Africa has been faced with a challenge on food shortage, YARA has been coming up with many plans to ensure food security including the "Action Africa" Programme that aimed at distributing fertiliser to small farmers especially during the Covid-19 pandemic period that adversely affected many world countries," she

said.

On his part, YARA Tanzania Managing Director Winstone Odhiambo said his company will continue handling the quality of the fertiliser in order to increase crops' production and provide employment to Tanzanians.

Recently YARA launched the "Action Africa" Programme in Tabora, Kigoma and Songwe regions that aimed at distributing free fertiliser under which more than 83,000 farmers will benefit during the 2020/21 season.

Exim Bank commits to carrying on with 'innovative service' to customers across the country

By Guardian Reporter

EXIM Bank Tanzania has joined the rest of the world in paying homage to frontline staff and customers in recognition of the International Customer Service Week held annually in October.

The bank has pledged to further digitize its financial services and bring more innovative products on the market to serve customers better.

In a bid to interact and get feedback from customers, Exim Bank's Chief Executive Officer Jaffari Matundu and other senior managers visited branches, engaged with customers and observed how they were being serviced by the bank's staff.

"As a customer-centric institution, this week allows Exim Bank to actively engage with our customers. Positive and strong relationships with our customers remain core and this initiative shows our drive to realize this in so many ways," said Matundu when he visited the bank's main branch in Dar es Salaam.

Speaking on the importance of service delivery, Matundu commended the bank's staff who continue to work tirelessly and relentlessly to satisfy the bank's esteemed customers while also appreciating customers for their loyalty over the years.

"We are constantly looking for new ways to serve our customers better, provide smooth banking experiences, deliver excellent financial services and inspire growth among our customers," he said.

The CEO further noted: "Exim Bank would continue to focus on initiatives that will continually meet the needs and aspirations of its customers, as we understand clearly the power of the customers in our business and this is clearly reflected in the entire model for the Digital transformation of the bank which is customer lead."

In a related development, the bank's manager of customer service, Frank Matoro restated the bank's commitment to excellent service delivery to

meet the needs and aspirations of its customers at all times.

"It is important to highlight and appreciate the value of excellent service delivery in regard to our customer experience and needs; it is a key ingredient towards building strong financial institutions in the country." He mentioned.

During his visit to some of the bank's customers in Dar es Salaam, accompanied by other senior officials from the bank, Matoro used the opportunity to showcase some of the digital and innovative self-service options offered by Exim Bank.

"To make transactions more efficient and convenient for our customers, we have a number of options in facilitating easier transactions including mobile banking either through USSD or smart phones, bouquet of cards, vast POS network as well as online banking via web or app, where our customers are able to access services and perform transactions twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week," he mentioned.

Following the visits some of the bank's customers including MMI Tanzania, a premier wine merchant and spirits specialist and Shrijee Traders were equally delighted with such treats.

"Over the years, Exim Bank has been excellent and impressed me in various aspects, especially prompt over the counter cheques' payments, quick online transfers, efficient alternate channels and flexibility of the Bank's products especially the digital services. I am proud to be served by Exim Bank" said Sabalsinh Champs, the Managing Director of Shrijee Traders and the owner of Shrijee's Supermarket.

"We are constantly looking for new ways to serve our customers better, provide smooth banking experiences, deliver excellent financial services and inspire growth among our customers"

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Paul Rwegasha (L), Director of Dar es Salaam's Julius Nyerere International Airport, and Vodacom Tanzania customer services director Harriet Lwakatere cut a ribbon yesterday to open a modern shop the mobile phone service provider has set up at the airport's Terminal 3 in celebrating its 20th year of operations in the country. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Over 200 women entrepreneurs benefit from KCB's empowerment programme

By Beatrice Philemon

A TOTAL of 215 women entrepreneurs have been benefiting through KCB Zjajiri programme and get support from the bank to run their businesses.

Bank's managing director, Cosmas Kimario revealed this yesterday in Dar es Salaam when briefing on this year's Customer Service Week.

"Under Zjajiri programme, we've empowered women with entrepreneurial, business finance, and marketing skills. In this, beneficiaries are provided with three supervisors to monitor them on what they did for one year and later on we give them working tools," he said.

He also said that the bank has been providing their graduates to be with practical training in areas where they have businesses so that they can put into practice what they have learned.

According to him, the main goal is to help women improve their business skills, move from informal to formal sector, be bankable, make their business grow, and later on after two years manage to access loans from the bank.

"As KCB Bank, we're very proud for what we have achieved from this programme women have managed to improve their skills and business they have as well as create more business opportunities," he said.

KCB bank Tanzania joined the rest of the world to mark the international Customer Service Week, he called on its customers to provide feedback to the bank on the main challenges they face in business and other issues to help them provide excellent banking solutions to their customers and provide knowledge and tools required for them to succeed in businesses they have.

During the week, he said: "We'll help our customers get what they need because this is in line with our bank's plan."

Bank's head of marketing and corporate affairs, Christina Manyenye said: "So far the bank has 14 branches across the country that allow customers to transact at any branch, she says among those, 8 branches are in Dar es Salaam while the remained 6 branches are in Mwanza, Arusha, Moshi, Zanzibar, and Morogoro."

She said the bank has introduced agent banking services to allow people operate their business on time instead of coming to the bank, increase financial inclusion and bring the bank's services closer to customers.

Tomorrow, the bank will visit the Ocean Road Cancer Institute (ORCI) to donate various items to patients and later on have friendly football match with Multichoice Tanzania (DSTV).



Expression of Interest (EOI)

African Underground Mining Services, AUMS (T) Ltd invites eligible, qualified and experienced Tanzanian companies to express their interest in the supply of one Wheel Loader Volvo L120F supplied to the AUMS standard options.

At AUMS (T) Ltd operations at Geita Gold Mine in Tanzania.

1. Schedule and deadline for submission

The contract is to be awarded through a competitive tender process. If your company wishes to be considered for pre-qualification please submit an EOI by email to ContractsTanzania@aumsg.com by not later than 16:00HRS Local Time on 15/10/2020 quoting "EOI Supply of Wheel Loader Volvo L120F" in the subject line of your email.

Please submit an EOI on your company letterhead with the following mandatory information:

- Company Profile, Shareholder details, Directors list, Organogram, Number of employers with a foreign to national ratio indicated
- Valid Tax Compliance, VAT Registration & TIN certificates
- Certificate of Incorporation, Valid Business Permit/Licenses
- Industry Regulatory Compliance Licenses, Manufacturer Authorizations, Exclusive Distributorship Certificates. Along with other relevant Industry Specific Documentation
- Summary of Court proceedings (pending and completed), Court Judgments and /or insolvency/bankruptcy proceedings if any, against your company and or any of your shareholders, directors and/or senior leadership/management team over the last 3 years
- Occupational, Health, Safety and Environmental Requirements
- Trade references, previous contracts to supply Remote Control Technologies equipment.
- Key Employees CV & Certificates
- Compliance to Tanzania's Mining Local Content Requirements as per the Mining Local Content Regulations 2018.

Any response received beyond 16:00HRS Local Time on 15/10/2020 shall not be considered.

2. Assessment criteria

The mandatory information requested at paragraph 1 will be evaluated and scored to shortlist pre-qualified companies.

The pre-qualification of any company submitting an EOI shall be at the sole discretion of AUMS (T) Ltd.

The bidder shall bear all costs associated with the preparation and submission of the companies EOI. AUMS (T) Ltd shall not be responsible or liable for any costs incurred regardless of the conduct or outcome of the bidding process.

For more information on **African Underground Mining Services** and its operations please refer to the following website www.aumsg.com



Expression of Interest (EOI) for the Supply of one new Caterpillar R2900G Load Haul Dump Underground Loader to AUMS (T) Ltd operations at Geita Gold Mine in Tanzania.

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African Underground Mining Services, AUMS (T) Ltd invites eligible, qualified and experienced Tanzanian companies to express their interest in the supply of **three (3) Zitron 220 Kw Twin Stage Co-Rotating Axial Ventilation Fans with Part number - 2 x ZVN 1-14-110/4** At AUMS (T) Ltd operations at Geita Gold Mine in Tanzania.

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Tanzania, Malawi should focus more on economic cooperation

BASIC data on relations between Tanzania and Malawi are changing shape following the setting out of broad areas of cooperation the countries expect to pursue in the short and medium terms.

New areas of economic cooperation to spur development and strengthen relations between the countries were emphasized at a State banquet for visiting Malawian President Dr Lazarus Chakwera.

Remarks by the VIP guest and his host, President John Magufuli, left no doubt whatsoever as to the intensity of the cross-sector plank of cooperation beyond transit trade issues, into several exciting spheres.

Gone are the days when Malawi-Tanzanian relations were characterised by a border dispute that simmered for far too long, as it tended to be an identity issue especially in Malawi.

At the start of his presidency, Dr Magufuli publicly rejected the idea of any conflict with Malawi, and soon there was a changed atmosphere in the neighbouring country as well.

What perhaps acts as a check in the opening up of business opportunities in the two countries is the size of each country's market and its growth potential in the next decade and beyond.

With greater presence of the private sector in many directions, opportunities would be widened - which isn't to suggest that there aren't such openings at the moment, only that they could be far more numerous.

Given the geographical proximity of the two countries, a shared economic area is possible with the right infrastructure on the ground, this including the ability to form partnerships, purchase existing businesses and lower taxes.

Conditions exist in Africa where all this can be realised if the treaties and agreements that both countries are likely to have appended their signatures to are put into effect, with the relevant

intensity.

One such is the East African Common Market and its provisions for free movement of goods, capital, investors and experts - if not all of labour - where surrogate rights of citizenship are also possible. If a neighbouring country is interested, it can obtain a 'most favoured nation' status to trade.

Another protocol linking Tanzania and Malawi is the Southern African Development Community (SADC), where it is unclear if we have exhausted - or intensely enough taken up - the breadth of business links envisaged.

What was raised in remarks by the two leaders at the Dar es Salaam state banquet for Dr Chakwera was more of state-to-state cooperation under SADC. However, it was also on sharing experience in governance-related issues like revenue collection, or crop sector expertise.

The state to state issues shall obviously be the focus of what follows after the state visit, so business organs must follow up also.

There is still a third sphere that hasn't taken off quite yet, but legally it is more or less binding as many countries have ratified it. This is none other than the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) pact.

This is intended to create markets across wide spans of territory, but it can only work optimally if and when it involves some common market commitments - like right of residence or expedited rights with a certain amount of capital, as well as ability to obtain rights similar to locals.

Plenty of intra-state African investments are already up and running; further structural change create conditions where unofficial migrations, largely involving, youth totally cease.

There is an immense lot Malawi and Tanzania can, and ought to do, to make things happen with greater impact on several fronts for their mutual benefit and, as importantly, in the spirit of African cooperation. I can be done.

Ex-TRA top official's new role in South Sudan does Tanzania proud

INTERNET reports from Juba, the capital of South Sudan, that a Tanzanian expert had been appointed Commissioner General of the South Sudan National Revenue Authority (SSNRA) came with a bang.

What was especially surprising was that, checking the name pointed to an even more cited individual - a Ugandan diplomat with the same name and equivalent academic credentials. This could bring about some confusion.

Yet, the fact is that the appointee is a former deputy commissioner in the Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA), and his work there rhymes perfectly with his new role with SSNRA.

After signing his employment contract, the man set out his plans, and it appears that he was appointed precisely to bring about neutrality and objectivity at the top level of SSNRA operations.

The appointee, Dr Patrick Mugoya, has lectured and researched in finance management as an academic at the Institute of Finance Management (IFM) in Dar es Salaam and for nine years headed the Institute of Tax Administration (ITA) before being assigned higher leadership roles in the revenue authority itself. That academic, institutional and administrative experience is hugely vital.

What is for some reason significant about the new international expert from Tanzania is that he is not attached with the University of Dar es Salaam (UDSM), which has for long stood as the main "fountain" from which many top level appointees have been fished.

Other institutions have been gradually also making their mark in their respective professions, this going alongside structural and other changes in our institutions of higher learning, and this is encouraging indeed.

Lone could say that, back in the 1980s for instance, many accountancy experts were graduates of the then Institute of Development Management (IDM) and not the then Faculty of Commerce at UDSM. But a degree has a higher say in employment, so IDM finally also graduated from a polytechnic to a university format.

Inwardly speaking, Dr Mugoya's appointment provides better credentials for ITA - including that it adheres to the required standards.

This is not just according to some external examiners but going by the fact that its long serving rector was first "lifted" by TRA and has now become the field leader for a job that would attract strong applicants internationally.

The appointment also says something about Tanzania's experience in revenue collection, which has been cited time and again by regional and external dignitaries as worth emulating.

At TRA, as Deputy Commissioner Responsible for Trade Facilitation and Procedures, Dr Mugoya worked on initiatives aimed at getting credible agents to ensure better customs services to the business community, the sort of experience that his new appointment is meant to meaningfully exploit.

The task he has long lined himself up for is akin to what he said in Juba after signing his appointment documents, notably that SSNRA will put in place measures that will seal loopholes and revenue leakages in terms of tax evasion and unscrupulous exemptions, tax avoidance and the likes, as immediate measures.

While South Sudan can rely on this great Tanzanian to do the needful, what with his vast expertise and experience, his employers ought to muster the political will to enable him to work unfettered and generally to satisfaction. We wish him well.

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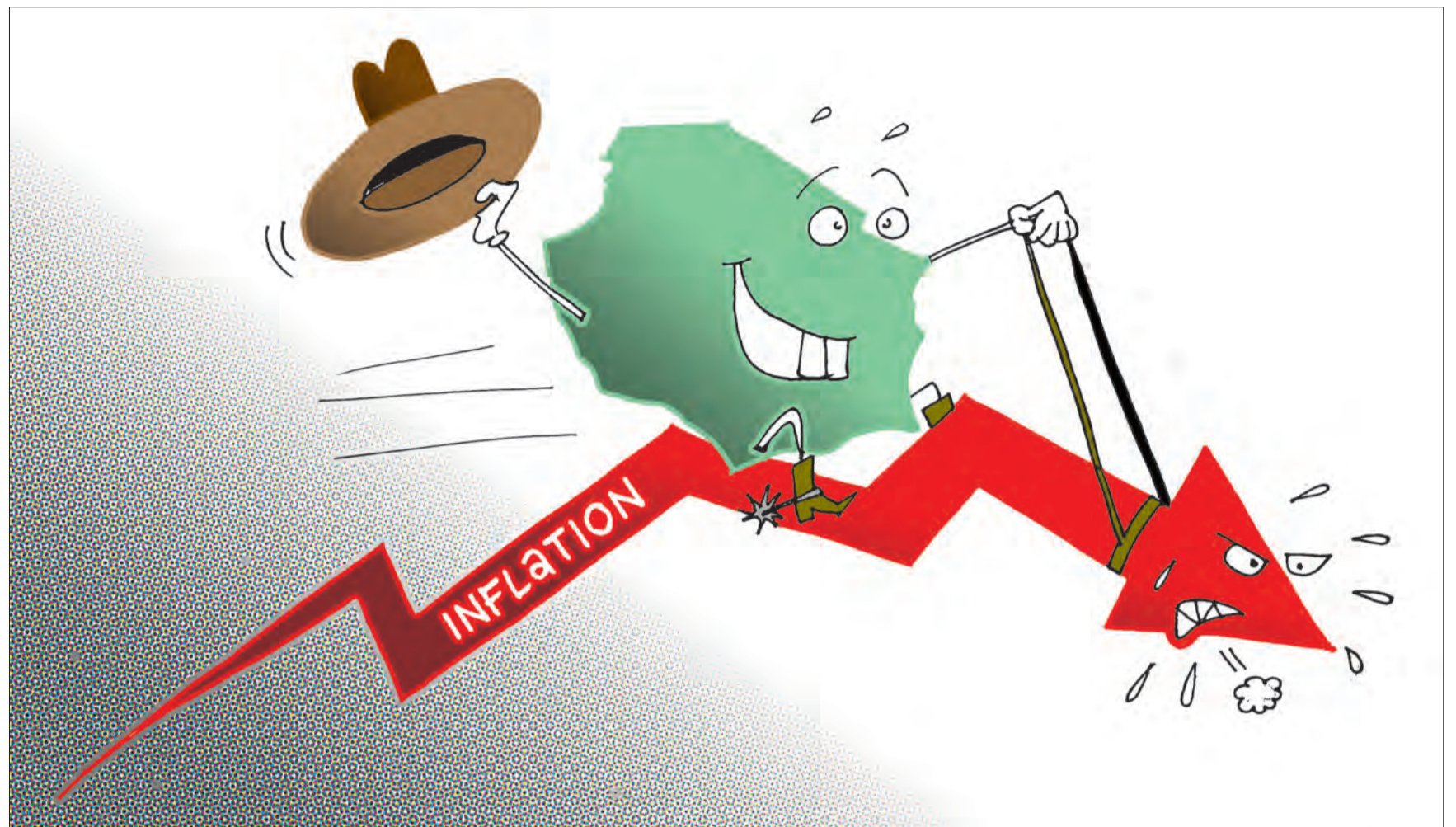
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Violence targeting women: Africa's shadow pandemic

By Special Correspondent

THE number of cases of sexualised violence and femicide in Africa has risen during the Covid-19 pandemic. Will those in power finally grow aware of the extent of the problem?

"I slept with a small knife, because I was afraid. I didn't even think about defending myself, because he was three times as strong as I am," said Cameroonian journalist Kitty Chryst-Tayl, recounting her experience.

Having often been beaten and humiliated, she knows all about gender-based violence (GBV) firsthand.

The United Nations has called it the "shadow pandemic". Violence, sexual assault and femicide have all increased in the past months across Africa and the globe. The reasons for the spike are closely related to the coronavirus pandemic.

Liberia recorded a 50 per cent increase in GBV in the first half of this year. Between January and June, there were more than 600 reported rape cases, while the number for the whole of 2018 was 803 in the country.

Nigeria also saw an increase of sexual violence during the curfews. Two cases in June, in which young women were raped and killed, shocked the country.

In Kenya, local media reported almost 4,000 schoolgirls becoming pregnant when schools were closed during the lockdown. In most cases they had allegedly been raped by

relatives or police officers.

The UN's MINUSCA mission in the Central African Republic reported another increase: 27 per cent more instances of rape and 69 per cent more cases where women and children were hurt.

"The situation was already bad for women before the pandemic. The pandemic merely lifted the veil from what was not being seen," Jean Paul Murunga of the women's rights organisation Equality Now said, adding: "It doesn't mean that the problem wasn't there. It was there, and this helps open the government's eyes to the real situation."

In May, South African President Cyril Ramaphosa said: "The scourge of gender-based violence continues to stalk our country, as the men of our country declared war on the women."

According to the latest statistics from the South African Police Service, every three hours a woman is murdered in the country.

The Gender-Based Violence Command Centre in South Africa noticed a strong upward trend in violence against women during the lockdown from March 27 to April 16.

So far, the measures taken against gender-based violence have been ineffective, despite South Africa's National Strategic Plan, which was implemented in May to address prevention, protection, accountability, support and healing.

Nigeria's Kaduna State recently introduced a law which allows for

rapists of children under the age of 14 to be chemically castrated. Following popular protests, all state governors declared a state of emergency due to GBV.

Meanwhile, in Malawi, the Supreme Court ordered the police in a small town to compensate victims of sexual abuse by officers.

Cameroonian Kitty Chryst-Tayl launched an online campaign called 'I Decided to Live' to force decision-makers to listen.

"The subject of sexism must be dealt with in schools," the journalist said, adding: "For that, one needs political will, because it's about damage caused by gender-based violence and the rape culture."

This is also the opinion of Kenyan women's rights activist Murunga, who says: "Historically, a lot of African countries are patriarchal in nature. For a long time, women and girls have been seen as unequal to the male gender. So issues affecting women and girls take a longer time to get onto the table."

Murunga says that one problem is the low representation of women in leadership, adding: "Therefore, issues affecting women and girls don't get priority." Often, the focus is on topics like infrastructure, roads and military, but not on budgeting for health and family planning.

As long as governments consist only of men, GBV will remain a "shadow pandemic". According to Murunga, one thing above all must change: African

governments must include more women able to speak for - and with - other women.

In some countries, governments have created bodies or issued statements against gender-based violence, but government budgets rarely include money for concrete measures.

Little has been done to eradicate the root of the problem. "We've got driving factors such as alcohol and drug abuse, and that's part of it. But the main reason we have violence against women in our country is the low status women have," says Lesley Ann Foster, executive director of the Masimanyane Women's Rights International in South Africa.

In the coronavirus pandemic, women are often at the mercy of their partners during curfews. The alcohol ban temporarily in place in South Africa led to a decrease in reported cases. Yet, this could also be explained by the lack of opportunity to report rapes.

"It's about patriarchy, it's about strength and power, and it's about social norms and standards. The latter are so weak when it comes to women that women are easily disposed of," said Foster.

Foster noted further: "They're killed, they're raped, they're beaten up. The country is not addressing this. There isn't enough of a push to advance gender equality. There's not enough respect for the dignity of women, for their lives, their safety and their protection."

• Agencies

Has Covid-19 changed the news industry's course for the better?

By Simone Flueckiger

YOUNGER workers desire flexibility and remote work options, and the coronavirus pandemic may just have given the news industry the push it needed to be able to attract them, says Jennifer Bertetto, President and CEO of Pittsburgh-based publisher Trib Total Media, in a recent interview for the World Association of Newspapers and News Publishers (WAN-IFRA).

"If the (coronavirus) pandemic hadn't hit us all, I'm not sure our industry would have been quick enough to adapt to these changes with our working environment," she says.

At this year's virtual Newsroom Summit conference, which is expected to take place on October 20 and 21, Bertetto will share how Trib Total Media adjusted its daily operations and business strategies during Covid-19 and discuss the impact the pandemic might have on how newsrooms will operate in the future.

In this pre-conference interview, she gives us a brief look at how things have been working and some lessons

they've learned so far. Excerpts:

WAN-IFRA: How has coronavirus impacted on editorial operations at Trib Total Media?

JB: Overnight, we went from being a staff that worked entirely in the office and the field to 100 per cent remote. We needed to find a new way to accomplish all of our day-to-day work. While navigating the challenges that come along with working remotely, at the same moment, our website traffic and hunger for information from our readers were never higher.

Except for seven weeks in late spring and early summer, we have remained 100 per cent remote. We have replaced the in-person conversations that happen as part of a newsroom's fabric with Microsoft Teams Video calls.

Have you launched any new products or services in response to the pandemic? If so, which have proved particularly successful?

For 11 weeks, like many other news organisations, we made our e-edition free to anyone. The free trial led to several hundred new paid subscribers when the programme ended.

We also expanded our

Neighbourhood News Networks. Before the pandemic, we had local sites for eight neighbourhoods in our footprint. Today, we have 32 hyper-local sites. These sites have become relatively popular, as we allow user-generated content to be posted.

We also developed relationships with school districts, community groups, churches, etc., to make them "trusted contributors", meaning that they can post news and information to the sites as well straight to the web.

What have been some of the main challenges and lessons learned for Trib Total Media during the past several months?

Sometimes, the best solutions are the most obvious ones. Keeping the staff motivated and engaged while working remotely can be a challenge. However, we have instituted engagement software across our company to help our employees manage their time more effectively.

We have learned that video calls are far more critical than phone calls, and virtual face-to-face contact has been vital in keeping our employees engaged in their work and with our company.

We have also learned that where there is a will, there is a way. When we were forced to move to a 100 per cent remote operation, even though we had never done it before, everyone learned the technology they needed to do their jobs well.

In your opinion, how might the pandemic affect the news industry in the long run in terms of newsroom organisation and management?

In some ways, I think the pandemic has forced us, as an industry, to make modifications to our work - which were necessary anyway to attract younger employees. Many younger employees desire flexible work schedules and remote work.

I think we will emerge from the pandemic as leaner companies and companies with much more agile and technologically advanced staff.

All of these changes needed to happen for our long-term success as an industry and, to be honest, I am not sure whether we would have modified our work quickly enough to remain relevant without Covid-19 changing our course.

• WAN-IFRA

BY ALGERNON D'AMMASSA

As Donald Trump spent last weekend at the Walter Reed National Military Medical Centre in Washington, DC, being treated for Covid-19, his physician entered the spotlight as he presented daily updates about the president's condition.

Some of the attention on Navy Commander Sean Conley arose from contradictory information he provided over the weekend and when he acknowledged on Sunday that, despite his cheerful presentation on the president's health on Saturday, he had not disclosed that the president had received supplemental oxygen and was taking a steroid medication generally prescribed in severe cases of coronavirus infection.

Explaining the lack of disclosure, Conley told journalists that he had been "trying to reflect the upbeat attitude" that the team and the president had had over his course of illness.

The man overseeing and explaining the president's treatment is also reportedly the first physician to a sitting president to hold a doctorate of osteopathy rather than being an MD, or Doctor of Medicine.

Like MDs, osteopathic doctors are state-licensed physicians who can prescribe medication and treat patients across the United States. They receive similar training but with a different viewpoint on the body's health and healing capacities.

To review the distinctions between a DO and an MD, the Las Cruces Sun-News, part of the USA TODAY Network, spoke with physician Bill Pieratt, dean and chief academic officer at the Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine in Las Cruces, New Mexico. This conversation has been edited for brevity and clarity.

Q: What is the distinction between a DO and an MD?

Bill Pieratt: It really is a different philosophy of healing. Osteopathic medicine focuses on wellness and

Trump's doctor may be the first presidential physician without Doctor of Medicine - so?



Donald Trump. File photo

the body's ability to sort of self-regulate, self-heal and achieve that equilibrium. It does that through osteopathic manipulation techniques (OMT) to identify any sort of dysfunction and restore function, alignment, balance and so forth.

Those techniques may be different types of musculoskeletal manipulations or adjustments. There are also muscular stretches and counter-stretches. There

are soft-tissue techniques that augment lymphatic flow. We use the same techniques as allopathic medicine and then add these osteopathic principles and techniques.

On the allopathic side, there has been a more contemporary approach to come alongside the osteopathic philosophy of taking a more holistic approach and facilitating wellness, not simply limiting practice to the

treatment of disease.

What is 'allopathic' medicine?

Allopathic medicine is just the term used for what is considered the more traditional Western medical training (leading to an MD degree).

"Allopathic medicine" is a term used for modern or mainstream medicine. Other names for allopathic medicine include conventional medicine, mainstream medicine, Western medicine, orthodox medicine and biomedicine.

Allopathic medicine is also called allopathy. It's a health system in which medical doctors, nurses, pharmacists and other healthcare professionals are licensed to practise and treat symptoms and diseases.

Treatment is done with medication, surgery, radiation, and various other therapies and procedures.

Other types or approaches to medicine are referred to as complementary and alternative medicine (CAM) or integrative medicine. Alternative approaches, by definition, require the stopping of all Western medicine.

CAM are commonly used alongside mainstream medicine, including homeopathy, naturopathy, chiropractic care, Chinese medicine, and ayurveda - an alternative medicine system with historical roots in the Indian subcontinent.

The term "allopathic" is most commonly used by CAM professionals to separate their type of medicine from mainstream medical practice.

Is there a tension between these approaches?

If you go back probably to the early 20th century, even into the mid-20th century, there was probably more tension. The osteopathic training and profession was probably less well-known and less well understood.

Today, an undergraduate student who wants to become a physician will take the same foundational science courses and the same Medical College Admission Test.

In fact, many students apply to both MD and DO-granting medical schools. Both of those schools are four years in duration and when you graduate you have a medical degree that then permits you to enter a residency training programme, which is the next step in becoming a practising, licensed physician.

The residency programmes accept both MD and DO graduates. Upon completion of a residency, a physician then is "board eligible" to sit for a board certification examination.

There are DO physicians in every sub-specialty of medicine and surgery, just as there are traditional MD physicians. DOs aren't really limited to practising a specific discipline of medicine. They are licensed and trained in the same disciplines that MD physicians are.

We follow the same licensing and the same board certification and maintain the same licence requirements, the rights and privileges and responsibilities - and all that is governed at the state medical board level.

The additional curriculum that applies to the osteopathic principles and techniques accounts for about 200 extra hours within the medical curriculum.

What is osteopathic manipulation?

It's a hand-on approach. There are techniques intended to both diagnose and treat some of the imbalances and dysfunctions that may impede the body's physiology and its ability to regulate and heal.

Some of it may be musculoskeletal, while some of it may be related to physiology and the balance of not just the musculoskeletal system but the lymphatic system, the immune system and so forth.

Have there been changes of practice in osteopathy and/or allopathic practice that have changed the relationship between them?

It used to be the emphasis in osteopathic medicine was more on primary care than specialties. Historically, you had more DOs going into things like family medicine and internal medicine and paediatrics, but today you have DOs practising in all specialties and sub-specialties of medicine. You have DOs who are neurosurgeons and dermatologists and heart surgeons. There is not an area of medicine where a DO does not or cannot practice.

Where things have changed the most has been in the residency training. There used to be separate osteopathic residency programmes, and now you have MD graduates and DO graduates training alongside each other in common programmes that accept both.

I think that doing that improves the working relationship between the two and it sort of demystifies the differences. MD and DO physicians train alongside each other in residency, they practise alongside each other, and they often participate in the care of a given patient together.

It's like any other working relationship where you assess someone for their competency, not based on what you think you understand about their background or their training.

• A dispatch by Las Cruces Sun-News/USA Today filed from Las Cruces in New Mexico, with additional information from Healthline.

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New study shows mining in the Amazon threatening one-fifth of indigenous lands

WASHINGTON

A new report reveals that mining operations in the Amazon basin now cover more than 20 per cent of Indigenous lands, threatening hundreds of Indigenous communities and endangering critical ecosystems across 450,000 square kilometers.

This new paper from World Resources Institute and the Amazon Geo-Referenced Socio-Environmental Information Network (RAISG) details for the first time the full extent of large-scale mining concessions and illegal mining on Indigenous territories across the Amazonian rainforest, and offers solutions.

With gold prices skyrocketing and demand for other minerals on the rise, mining is a growing threat to ecosystems and communities around the world.

In the new report, *Undermining Rights: Indigenous Lands and Mining in the Amazon*, WRI estimates that 1,131 Indigenous lands across the Amazon basin suffer from the impacts of legal and/or illegal mining.

The study has confirmed that illegal miners have invaded 370 Indigenous lands, including many in Brazil, where all mining on Indigenous lands is illegal. Illegal mining operations are also leaching toxic chemicals, such as mercury, into at least 30 Amazonian rivers.

"Despite growing evidence that Indigenous Peoples are among the world's greatest environmental stewards, our paper confirms what Amazonian Indigenous leaders have been telling us for years," said Peter Veit, Director, Land and Resource Rights Initiative at WRI, and co-author



of the new paper.

"Across the Amazon, Indigenous territories are under siege from mining, both legal and illegal, and these activities are eroding communities' ability to protect themselves, prevent deforestation and safeguard ecosystems that are essential to the planet's wellbeing," he added.

Past WRI research found deforestation rates two to three times lower within tenure-secure Indigenous lands than outside those territories.

The new report also reveals that mining is eroding communities' proven ability to prevent deforestation: from 2000 to 2015, Indigenous lands with mining activities had a

higher incidence of tree cover loss than those without mining across the Amazon.

In Bolivia, Ecuador and Peru, forest loss was at least three times higher in Indigenous territories with mining operations - both legal and illegal - than those without; and one to two times higher in Colombia and Venezuela.

"We found that countries in the Amazon all grant some important legal protections to Indigenous Peoples, but these protections are often weakly or unevenly enforced," said Patricia Quijano Vallejos, International Legal Consultant and co-author of the paper.

"Governments either own the mineral resources or control them, so Indigenous Peoples can neither prohibit miners with government permits from entering their lands nor fully access the minerals within their territories," she reported.

In their legal analysis of six Amazonian countries that hold over 90 per cent of the Amazon Basin, including Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Guyana and Peru, Quijano Vallejos and her co-authors have found that national laws and regulations often favour companies over Indigenous Peoples.

Beyond damage done to the ecosystem, weak government oversight

of mining activities can also lead to violent conflicts between Indigenous communities and miners. Last year saw more environmental defenders - including many Indigenous Peoples - killed protecting their lands from mining than from any other sector, with two-thirds of all murders occurring in Latin America.

Even in countries like Guyana, the only nation reviewed in WRI's research that grants Amerindians a limited right of consent to any mining development on their lands, authorities have ways around legislation.

"The reality on the ground is quite different," said Michael McGarrell, who represents the Amerindian People's Association in Guyana and is the human rights coordinator for COICA (Coordinadora de las Organizaciones Indígenas de la Cuenca), the umbrella organization for the Indigenous organizations of the Amazon Basin.

"Government officials can say, for example, that a mining concession on Amerindian land is in the public interest. This means that even if a community says no, the minister can say yes," he noted.

What can be done? The WRI report outlines concrete steps that government officials can take to protect Indigenous Peoples from harmful mining activities.

"Protecting Indigenous communities will require a radical shift in governments' approach to mining," said Eleodoro Mayorga Alba, a former minister of mines for Peru, where significant progress has been made in adopting legislation to protect Indigenous communities

and their lands.

"This includes establishing and enforcing social and environmental safeguards aligned with international standards, more consistently monitoring mining operations across Indigenous lands and stepping up efforts to identify and prosecute those who facilitate illegal mining practices," noted Alba.

The report also finds that in several countries, Indigenous communities have successfully used their rights to shut down illegal, harmful mining on their lands.

It offers a number of case studies of successful efforts to block mining in regions, among them the Yaigojé Apaporis' land in the Colombian Amazon and the Indigenous Shipibo and Ese'Eja communities' lands in the Tres Islas territory of Peru.

But to secure long-term benefits, Indigenous communities will need financial and technical assistance to monitor illegal mining practices on their lands, recognise threats and collect evidence that can be used in courts of law.

Ultimately, safeguarding Indigenous territories - including the sustainable development and environmental benefits they generate - will require stronger commitments and urgent actions from governments, companies, civil society leaders as well as non-governmental and others organisations.

The report details what these commitments and actions look like for all key actors so that Indigenous Peoples can safely protect their lands and livelihoods.

• **World Resources Institute**

By Jez Walters

The first lockdown to 'flatten the curve' of the Covid-19 pandemic happened swiftly and took the publishing industry by surprise earlier this year.

Global in scope, publishers had virtually no time to implement any contingency plans as the industry became a virtual mix of Zoom calls, work from home protocols, and hastily digitised events.

Fast forward seven months and the narrative of 'flatten the curve' has, rightly or wrongly, evolved into the 'number of cases' with localised lockdowns replacing broader measures. However, with winter approaching and case numbers soaring, the threat of new national lockdowns can't be ignored - except that this time around publishers have had time to prepare.

What's New in Publishing talked to a number of UK publishers to find out what various preparations and contingencies they've made, what lessons they learned from lockdown #1, and what specific advice they would give other publishers in the event of another blanket lockdown.

Chris Kerwin, Group MD at Immediate Media: "We learned that we were able to run our business completely remotely and keep the high quality of our special interest publications and websites meeting the needs of our audiences. We are really proud of our teams for their dedication and flexibility during the whole of the last six months, but specifically when the restrictions were at their most severe.

"That said, we also learned that a creative business thrives on collaboration and that doing that remotely is much more difficult than keeping the show on the road.

"Going forwards we need to adapt our physical space to facilitate this collaboration with people highly likely to be in the office less, but also find better online tools for facilitating workshops, brainstorming and creative sessions.

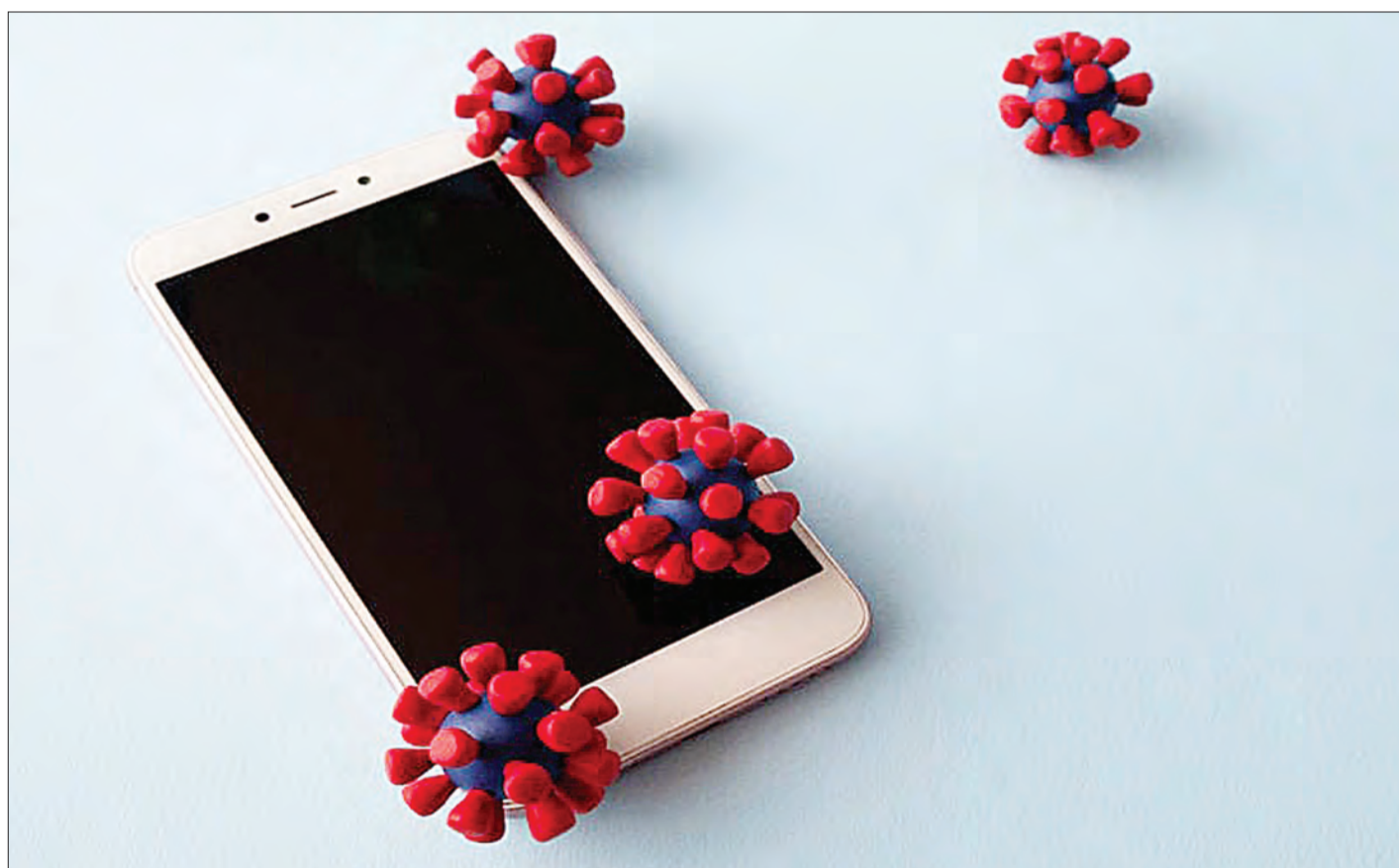
"The Leadership Team at Immediate had some feedback from the organisation that we needed to be more visible and that's a lesson we learned quickly and, I hope, responded to quickly.

We've upped the frequency of our All Hands, our CEO Tom now does a bi-weekly 'Ask Me Anything' session and we've been doing informal 'Meet the Leadership Team member' interviews.

I think the feedback was a good sign of the dialogue within Immediate and I'm glad we could respond to that feedback quickly and it's something we need to hold on to.

"Immediate additionally put in place

Lessons from coronavirus pandemic lockdown: What publishers learned



a programme of activity with the aim of supporting our teams through the crisis, IM Community. As a company, we have a fantastic HR and internal events team which organized an amazing array of support initiatives for the organization - things like book clubs, exercise sessions, a subscription to headspace, etc.

Recognising what a strain of people we were going to be under right at the start of the crisis enabled us to be on the front foot in terms of the support that we offer our people. The longer this goes on, the more important that is going to become.

"We also learned just how important some of our brands are to our audiences and the lifelines they provided to them during the lockdown. Three examples here, but we're lucky enough to publish Radio Times, BBC Gardeners' World magazine, and BBC Good Food.

"All behaved very differently during the lockdown but all were brands whose importance to their audiences grew. At our peak in April, we had 87 million

global users across our portfolio and we've seen significant digital growth throughout the year."

James Wildman, CEO at Hearst UK & President at Hearst Europe: "When the first lockdown hit, we were in a fortunate position that we'd already been working hard to modernise our business and culture over the previous few years, and had been encouraging more agile working across the company. We were well-equipped and able to all start effectively working from home and after a two-day rehearsal we made the decision to do so before we even had to.

"Once we had ensured our people were safe and our business continuity was secure, the three key things we prioritised were strong internal communications, innovating quickly to super-serve our commercial partners and providing our audience with practical, life-affirming, positive content to help them navigate the climate.

"The majority of initiatives we launched at the start of lockdown have been so successful that we

are continuing with them, adapting as we go. For example, I began sending - daily - all staff updates, which included things such as a summary of the news, practical support about working from home, how to maintain a healthy/work life balance, information for parents, and advice to support both mental and physical wellbeing. Whilst we have changed the frequency to twice a week, these communications continue to be a valuable tool to ensure that our people feel informed and supported.

"I also started to host a weekly virtual all-staff meeting, where every Friday morning, we'd come together as a business for updates on our progress and to feel more connected generally. This is something which landed really well, and has since evolved into a forum where I'll welcome different people and teams from all corners of our business to come over each week to discuss what they've been working on, share lessons and shout about their successes.

"In terms of our commercial

partners, we launched many initiatives, such as our home-working "Creator Network" of trusted editors. This includes influencers, photographers and video creatives who all combine virtually to provide a valuable creative solutions service to our customers despite the challenging conditions. We also continue to host B2B (business-to-business) initiatives such as insight webinars, which highlight how changing consumer behaviour is affecting sectors such as food, health and wellness, fashion, finance and beauty.

"Whilst our positioning as a beacon of positivity continues to inform everything that we do, from an editorial content perspective our brilliant brand teams continue to provide their audience with inspiring, uplifting content. We've seen our subscriptions grow across our brands by up to 200 per cent, while our e-commerce business has also had increases of up to 300 per cent - which is a testament to how our brands are delivering content which resonates with our diverse audiences."

Chris Duncan, CEO at Bauer UK: "The first lockdown was a sprint to make sure that we could move to remote working and still make great products, while learning what was changing before our eyes. I think any second-wave impact is much more of an endurance event where we understand what we need to do but must work together to keep up our energy, our creativity and our teamwork to keep doing it despite the continued restrictions."

Hattie Brett, Editor, Grazia (Bauer Media Group): "There were two sets of considerations for Grazia when the lockdown began. There are the practical and logistical challenges of producing content - with working from home, social distancing and limitations to shooting imagery - but also, and perhaps more importantly, the needs of the readers have changed.

"We've been keen to gather as much insight and understanding

of our readers and how their lives have changed since the lockdown as possible in order to provide the right content that they need. For example, on a Bauer level, research studies into consumer behaviour and media consumption were conducted almost immediately and are still being updated every two weeks.

We have had to evolve our offering and dial up certain content in order to respond to our readers' ever-changing needs.

"Grazia itself carried out a 'Life after lockdown' study with Instagram, which spoke to women across the UK two months into the lockdown, to understand how they are feeling about their mental health, relationships, sex, work, fashion, hobbies and money. We also launched a 'WhatsApp Covid diaries' project, where we recruited 20 Grazia readers to be part of a WhatsApp group and answer daily questions around their lives, feelings and behaviours in lockdown.

"We introduced themed issues that covered the changing aspects of our audience's behaviour in lockdown: Interiors, Food, Beauty & TV. We highlighted those on the frontline - for our first issue produced from home, we shot different medics for the cover and the issue was free for NHS workers. This proved to be our most engaged with cover on social media ever.

"Sales have continued to grow throughout the period, and we are seeing convenience stores up year on year as reader habits change. We've also seen strong subscriptions growth both in print and digital - these were up +25 per cent year on year in April - and we made single print issues available to buy in order to respond to the interest in some of

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CRDB lauded for 'globe-trotting'

BY CORRESPONDENT MARC NKWAME, MOSHI

THE fact that it is now possible to draw money and make payments in all Automated Teller Machines and points of sale in many countries across the world, using their Debit Cards, business persons, tourists and other globe-trotting individuals have lauded the CRDB Bank's international reach out through the network of different syndicated Automated Teller Machines and points of sale. Speaking during the CRDB Customer Service Week, held at Mbuyuni Branch of Moshi, in Kilimanjaro Region, many of the bank's clients expressed satisfaction with the wide network of the financial institution, saying being covered wherever one goes, be it

within the country, Kenya, South Africa or as far as China, gives one a sense of security and confidence when doing businesses.

"Gone are the days when we used to cart along huge sums of money while traveling for businesses," stated Deo Mushi, a businessman whose transactions cut across Africa, Europe and Far-East, saying the bank is doing Tanzania proud through maintaining presence almost everywhere around the globe.

"There is nothing more reassuring than getting local financial support while traversing in alien countries," added Mushi, insisting that, even the idea of arranging regular meetings with the bank customers' helps to build trust because clients appreciate recognition as well as platforms to air

their complaints, offer their views and being kept informed with new development.

Another customer, Yasinta Mumburi from Kibosho hospital said the seamless digital transactions that are now experienced through CRDB banking has made it easy for them to make and receive payments, check their balances as well as getting notified when salaries get deposited in coffers.

"We no longer have to trek long distances to draw or deposit money, everything can be accessed from the palm of our hands and in the comfort of our homes, offices or cars," Mumburi pointed out.

The CRDB Bank's northern zone manager, Chiku Issa, said the financial institution is placing great importance to its customers and

always finds ways to meet them and cater for their needs with the Customer Service Week being a prime example.

Last July, the bank revolutionised customer feedback services by transforming the old suggestion boxes into digital portals that can be accessed from smartphones and tablets or through other digital applications.

Through the new 'Quick Response Code' or simply abbreviated as 'QR Code' system, clients' complaints receive rapid response and solutions.

The CRDB Bank has also floated special access to finance and various packages designed for women in businesses in order to boost local entrepreneurship schemes and empower women in the process.

Hard time for Dar fried cassava vendors as colleges close

BY FLORIDA RAYMOND, TUDARCO

TRADERS who live by selling fried cassava and whose main customers are college students say they are in recession since universities closed last month.

Speaking to The Guardian at Mwenge and Survey suburbs of Dar es Salaam yesterday, some of the popular cassava sellers said that they have lost three quarters of their daily earnings, thanks to closure of universities.

Mwenge and Survey are popular spots for students from the University of Dar es Salaam, Ardhi University and Tumaini University Dar es Salaam College among other institutions.

The 53-year-old Musa Kopa ventured into fried cassava business three years ago

at Survey area after see an opportunity in the fact that not all students can afford traditional meals.

"My target was students and the business is good when universities are open. Since the closure it has been very difficult to find customers; I sell only a quarter of what I used to before," he said.

"Before, I used to sell the entire sack of cassava but now things have been a little different and sometimes the cassava remains and that means loss," he added

Amina Abdallah who does her business at Mwenge said that it has now become a major challenge in the fried cassava business. Three quarters of the business is gone with the students," she said.

The traders admitted that

the students were their main customers and were the ones who contributed to the growth of their income. "The cassava business was very good and the profits were huge as many students were using fried cassava as a fast and cheap food for them, not every student is able to afford other meals; most of them come from ordinary families, so this business was helping them and us," added Abdallah.

The 23-year old said she started the business last year after quitting her house help job because of mistreatment by her employer and all was well until last month's recess.

Universities will open late next month and that is when these traders hope that their businesses will pick up again.



RE-ADVERTISED INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – PREQUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS FOR PROVISION OF VARIOUS GOODS AND OR SERVICES TO BE PROCURED BY GEITA GOLD MINING LIMITED (GGML), TANZANIA

I. INTRODUCTION

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

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

Scope of work:

Reference Number	Description of Services and or Goods
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GGME0912	Supply and Delivery of 5x6 MB Grade Container

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Audited & certified financial statements (2018-2019)	10%
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INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – PREQUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS FOR PURCHASE AND DISPOSAL OF SCRAP METAL AND VARIOUS WASTE FROM GEITA GOLD MINING LIMITED TO BE PROCURED BY GEITA GOLD MINING LIMITED (GGML), TANZANIA

I. INTRODUCTION

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

The Company is in the process of procuring the service of Purchase and Disposal of Scrap Metal and Various Waste from Geita Gold Mining Limited and is, therefore, inviting interested eligible service providers to submit Expression of Interest for the provision of the below mentioned service.

Scope of work:

REF NO.	SERVICE TO BE PROCURED
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Provide at least 3 recommendation letters from different clients	2.5%
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REVIVED STATE FISHERIES COMPANY RECOVERS ASSETS WORTH 118.19BN/-

By Francis Kajubi

A recovering state fisheries company which was almost defunct for many years, has been rejuvenated and has since recovered property worth 118.19bn/-

Tanzania Fishing Corporation which collapsed in 1998 has most of its assets taken over by district councils, government departments or agencies.

Tafico acting General Manager, Esther Mulyila said in Dar es Salaam last week that identification and repossession of assets started with Dar es Salaam Region a bigger chunk of the above valued property has been taken back.

"Evaluation and repossession of assets including plots at Mkwazi Delta in Kigamboni, a fish products processing industry at Kurasini, residential and warehouses plus machinery are some of the properties that have so far being repossessed," Mulyila said at the Fifth Phase Government beefs up efforts to revive the defunct Tafico.

She said the company's which was lined up for privatization in late 1990s by the then Presidential Parastatal Sector Reform Commission, failed to be taken over by private investors hence



Canoes parked at Tafico's Mkwazi Delta in Kigamboni.

left to die natural death.

In 2005, the government through a cabinet paper decided that Tafico's properties be kept under the use of other government entities. "But there were other goods of the corporation that were sold in 2008 some as scrappers including two ships that were owned by the corporation but were not operating since 1998," she added.

Mulyila explained that the identification and evaluations exercise

is being done in collaboration with Ministry of Lands, Housing and Human Settlements Development and covers the whole country.

"Under PSRC the incomplete privatization plan took seven years and failed, then in 2005 Tafico was handed back to Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism as its custodian by the time to continue with privatization process," she noted

while adding that by 2017, the state decided to revamp the fisheries corporation.

According to her, following the state's decision to revive Tafico through an Economic and Social Development Program financed by an 89bn/- Japanese government grant, implementation is underway for the next several years.

The acting Tafico chief executive further noted that the revival project will last to next ten years and among other things, involves the purchasing of five fishing vessels,

construction cold rooms for storage and an ice plant.

Properties that are in the list of being reposed are fish delivery centers and markets, ice berg machines and refrigerators at the ports of Lake Victoria and Lake Tanganyika in Mwanza and Kigoma Regions. Established in 1974 to develop fisheries industry, Tafico failed to continue operations due to mismanagement and lack of investments.

Uniquely situated SABIS International School sets green building precedent

NAIROBI

The new SABIS International School in Runda, Nairobi, was awarded a four-star Green Star Africa-Kenya PEB v1 Design Rating earlier this year. Construction on the SABIS International School - Runda campus started in June 2016 and was completed in June 2018.

Facilities include an independent kindergarten area, upper and lower school buildings, cafeteria, gymnasium, pool, football pitch, tennis courts, mini car track, and an auditorium. As the first Green Star-certified school in Kenya, the aim was to positively impact the project's design and construction costs, asset value, operating costs, workplace productivity and user health.

With a GFA of almost 14,600sqm, the school is located near the Northern Bypass in Kiambu County. The project was developed by the SABIS Network, a global network of schools that dates back to 1886 and currently educates over 70,000 students in 20 countries on five continents. Concept design architects on the project were Archika, with Boogertman + Partners as executive architects. The green building AP (accredited professional) team comprised WEB Limited, a Kenyan-based sustainable development consultancy and co-founding member of the Kenya Green Building Society, in collaboration with Solid Green Consulting.

Elizabeth Wangeci Chege of WEB Limited explains that the site was chosen to meet growing demand for a new school in an area that has become densely urbanised in the last 10 years. Being very close to the equator with no extremes in weather, conditions lent themselves to passive design; the soil is conducive to plant growth and biodiversity; and there is an abundance of rain for harvesting.

The SABIS Network has developed schools in different regions in the Middle East and South America, and the concept design had to be contextualised, acclimatised and aligned with local expectations. For example, following the attack on the Garissa University College in April 2015, a top priority was security which necessitated a boundary wall and physical barriers between the buildings.

"Safety on site is also paramount," comments Anthony Opil, project architect at Boogertman + Partners. "The site is on a steep slope so the buildings were staggered and connected with soft, landscaped ramps - working with the terrain to make the buildings easily accessible to one to another and for the mobility impaired. Courtyards were also designed for different age groups with specific play areas for the lower school and high school - which was an approach that was customised to local expectations."



An aerial view of SABIS International School in Nairobi.

Strandline secures US\$26m from Nedbank to finance Fungoni Project

By Property Watch Reporter

DEFYING the novel coronavirus outbreak, Australian based Strandline Resources Limited has secured a loan of US\$26 million (over 60.3bn/-) to finance Fungoni Mineral Sand Project in the outskirts of Dar es Salaam.

In its 2020 annual report, the company said Fungoni's success is parallel to similar progress being made at its flagship Coburn Project in Australia. The company said while the pace of activity was at times limited by the impact of COVID-19, the signing of a Project Finance Facility Agreement with Nedbank CIB for development of the Fungoni project succeeded.

"This facility accounts for most of Fungoni's total estimated capital cost of US\$35 million (excluding financial costs). All parties are now working towards satisfaction of conditions precedent to financial close and first draw down," the Strandline report noted.

The report said the facility remains subject to finalisation of conditions precedent to financial close and first draw down and includes finalising the additional finance documents with Nedbank, obtaining the remaining government related approvals (including completing documentation for the Tanzanian Government's 16 percent free-carried interest in the project company, compensation and resettlement agreements in relation to project site access), as well as satisfying the equity



Strandline's Fungoni Mineral Sands Project.

shortfall.

"As part of the equity process, Strandline is in discussions with international finance institutions about strategic equity investment in Fungoni and/or Strandline. In preparation for development, the company awarded several key construction contracts, including the supply of a purpose-built power solution for the project (by Aggreko) and the civil bulk earth-

works construction contract to Mileme Construction Company Limited.

Fungoni Mineral Sands Project which is situated 25 kilometres south of Dar es Salaam Port is based on conventional open pit dry mining and processing beneficiation to produce premium quality zircon sand, chloride ilmenite, rutile and monazite containing rare earths.

"Development of Fun-

goni is expected to pave the way for a succession of major mineral sands projects along the coastline of Tanzania, including the large-scale Tajiri project in northern Tanzania. The company has secured three major off-take contracts covering 100 percent of forecast revenue for the life of the Fungoni project," the Strandline annual report added.

The report also said the

global mineral sands market continues to grow with higher value minerals being needed in abundance. "Mineral sands products are used in everyday life and demand continues to grow, largely driven by urbanisation, global growth and an extensive array of applications," the report added.

"With global supply progressively reducing due to mine closures, declining

grades and depleting stockpiles, new capital projects are required to meet ongoing demand. The advanced nature of Strandline's projects positions it well to capitalise on the forecasted emerging supply deficit. The mineral sands industry generally is orientated towards the supply of two main raw products, zircon and titanium dioxide ores," Strandline Resources annual report stated.

JOHANNESBURG

Barrick CEO says gold mining industry still needs to consolidate

Barrick Gold's top executive says the gold industry needs more consolidation so it can increase exploration to boost depleting reserves, lure more generalist investors and improve efficiencies.

The flurry of deals that characterised the

sector in the past two years will likely continue, with miners in Australia already "stamping their mark" on the industry, chief executive officer Mark Bristow said in a virtual South African mining conference. Mergers

and acquisitions are likely to dominate the sector in Africa, and are needed in Canada, where the world's second-largest gold miner is based.

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trust data tools, our award-winning articles, and support quality journalism in the process. "The industry still needs further consolidation," Bristow said Wednesday. "Canada still needs more work on consolidation."

While there was a scramble for deals after Barrick's 2018 mega-merger with Randgold Resources and Newmont's subsequent acquisition of Goldcorp, deals have slowed as gold's rally to an all-time high this year pushed up the

price of assets.

Bristow cautioned producers against merely "rearranging the deck chairs" through deals. Gold miners must invest in finding new deposits to replace reserves, he said. For its part, Barrick

remains interested in acquiring more so-called tier-1 assets, including Freeport-McMoRan's Grasberg mine in Indonesia, Bristow said.

"Barrick as you know is completely, single-mindedly focused on tier-1 assets, and

so it's going to be of interest to us because there aren't many tier-1 assets left that we don't own or own part of," Bristow said. Tier-1 gold assets are generally considered to have output of at least 500 000 ounces a year and long-term costs at the lower end of industry averages.

UK-BASED WORLD LAND TRUST FINANCING FOREST CONSERVATION IN LINDI VILLAGES

By Correspondent Beatrice Philemon

TEN villages in Mtama District of Lindi Region are earmarked to benefit from a three years 'Scaling up Community Based Forest Management in the Coastal Forest Project' financed by UK based World Land Trust.

Project Manager, Yahya Mtonda told Journalists attending training on advocating forest reserve conservation for all villages targeting three zones in the country and conducted by Tanzania Forest Conservation Group that the main goal is to communities allocate areas for village land forest reserves to be protected legally.

Mtonda said legal recognition of village forest reserves allows communities to earn income through sustained timber harvest while also cultivating on fertile land as forests prevent erosion and degradation.

"These villages will have their forest reserves gazetted by the government hence become legally protect against deforestation," he said while naming the villages as Ntene, Mdawa, Namupa, Muungano II, Mnara, Mihima, Utimbula, Chiodya B, Chiwerere and Liganga.

The Project Manager further noted that under the project, the villagers will also be trained on how to get certificates of customary rights of



Yahya Mtonda (R), Project Manager of a Scaling up Community, Based Forest Management in the Coastal Forest Project, briefs journalists during recent training on village forest conservation. Photo: Beatrice Philemon.

occupancy, forest conservation and land use plan management to ensure sustainability.

"In addition, the villagers will also be trained on how to establish village community banks through

which they will save money but also give loans to each other when need arises," Mtonda added while point-

ing out that a record 1,500 certificates of customary rights occupancy will be issued to the villagers with a target of planting 20 million trees during the period.

To start with, the project is being executed in Ntene and Mihima villages with a combined 6,852 hectares of natural trees being turned into a forest reserved. Furthermore, TFCG in collaboration with district officials will assist communities formalize recognition of their allocated forest reserves prior to being gazetted by the state.

With support from development partners, TFCG is backing government efforts to legally conserve an estimated 17.6 million hectares of unreserved forests, which is approximately 80 percent of about 22m ha of forest cover located in village lands countrywide.

Mtonda further added that the move is aimed at reversing desertification because an estimated more than 469,000 hectares of forest cover are cleared annually by various human activities including logging and agriculture.

"The legally unprotected forests are exposed to unsustainable harvesting which leads to land degradation which worsens poverty levels in communities while also affecting government revenue because illegal loggers don't follow proper channels," he noted.

Green recovery of air transport big priority for industry leaders

GENEVA

Despite the current crisis facing the global aviation industry, its commitment to pursuing sustainability remains strong, particularly as the sector starts to recover. Speaking at the Global Sustainable Aviation Forum, industry leaders reiterated that long-term climate action should be a priority alongside economic recovery in the coming years.

Executive director of the cross-industry Air Transport Action Group, Michael Gill said: "Air transport is in the midst of the deepest shock in its history. We expect a reduction of up to 4.8 million jobs in the sector by the end of the year and a massive hit to our ability to connect the world. However, as we plan for the recovery of air connectivity, we also must prioritise our environmental progress."

"Our sector has a long-term climate change goal to cut CO2 emissions in half by 2050. With the right help from governments, the energy sector and technologists, we expect that global aviation will be able to hit net zero emissions a decade or so later. Some parts of the world will be able to meet this point earlier and a number of individual companies have already set goals along these lines."

"To achieve this will require a transition in our energy source from fossil fuel to sustainable aviation fuel, the acceleration of research and development of electric, hybrid and potentially hydrogen aircraft. It will also require a commitment to collaboration going even beyond our current levels. We have the next decade to set the scene for sustainable global connectivity for the next 30-40 years."

Speaking about the need to focus on sustainability as part of the industry's long-term recovery from Covid-19, the director general of Airports Council International, Luis Felipe de Oliveira, said: "The recovery of the aviation industry will be a key driver of the global economic recovery. To ensure that aviation can continue to provide the economic and social benefits, it is crucial that we pursue a green recovery and lay the foundation for a prosperous and sustainable industry for the long term."

"Airports are central to the interconnected and interdependent aviation ecosystem. Airports and their partners in the aviation industry need the support of appropriate regulation and government policies to facilitate a green recovery and push for real change."

Civil Air Navigation Services Organisation director general, Simon Hocquard said: "Meeting our ambitious sustainability goals continues to be of paramount importance and will only happen if everyone in the aviation system plays their part. From implementing new operational procedures to adopting the latest technologies,

Impala approached over stake in giant Zim platinum project

Mozambique airports lost US\$24 million because of Covid-19

MAPUTO

State-airport manager Aeroportos de Moçambique (Mozambique Airports - ADM) announced yesterday that it had recorded losses of approximately US\$24 million as a result of the coronavirus pandemic, but said it is still working towards international health certification in anticipation of receiving more flights soon.

Covid-19 continues to impact different sectors, devastating the accounts at several companies. ADM says that, up to this September, it had recorded losses of about US\$24 million as a direct result of the pandemic. However, and despite the accumulated losses, the prospect of resuming flights in number is growing, and to this end, preparing airports with adequate sanitary conditions is vital.

Prospective countries for reciprocal international flights with Mozambique include Ethiopia, South Africa, Portugal, Qatar and Turkey.

HARARE

The owners of a Russian-backed project to build Zimbabwe's biggest platinum mine have held talks to sell a stake of at least 20% to Impala Platinum Holdings, according to people familiar with the matter.

Great Dyke Investments views Impala as an attractive partner partly because the Johannesburg-based company also has the capacity to process ore from the mine, said the people, who asked not to be identified as the details aren't public. That would give Great Dyke an offtake agreement to help it to raise financing to complete the mine, they said.

Subscribe for full access to all our share and unit trust data tools, our award-winning articles, and support quality journalism in the process. Great Dyke - owned jointly by tycoon Vitaliy Machitski's Vi Holding and undisclosed Zimbabwean investors - is in talks with a number of potential equity partners, Chairman David Brown said in an interview, without being more specific.

Great Dyke's Darwendale project has the potential to become one of the world's biggest platinum mines and its development is central to the Zimbabwean government's plans to reboot its collapsing economy. "The size of the stake we plan to sell is subject to negotiations," said Brown, a former chief executive officer of Impala. He declined to comment



Impala Platinum Holdings giant Zimbabwe platinum project in Harare.

further.

Impala said it isn't in formal negotiations with Great Dyke. Impala already operates mines in Zimbabwe. One stumbling block to a deal is Great Dyke's valuation of the project, the people familiar said. Great Dyke would consider selling a bigger stake, but for the moment the existing shareholders want to retain

a majority holding, they said.

Zimbabwe has the world's third-largest platinum group metal reserves after South Africa and Russia. Former president Robert Mugabe handed the Darwendale concession to Russian investors in 2006 after the government repossessed land from a local unit of Impala.

Great Dyke hopes to secure about

\$500 million in initial capital by the end of the year and the mine could be commissioned in 2023, CEO Aleksandr Ivanov said last month. It could produce more than 860 000 of PGMs a year at full production. Ivanov declined comment when spoken to by Bloomberg on Tuesday. Vi Holding didn't immediately respond to emailed questions.

Equatorial Guinea and Russia break ground on geological mapping project

MALABO

An energy cooperation between Equatorial Guinea and Russia kicked off when the first team of Russia's state-owned joint stock company Rosgeo arrived in the West African country to start a historic geological mapping project.

The initiative has been in the making for some time, and follows the signing of Memorandum of Understanding during the Russia-Africa Summit in Sochi in 2019 between Rosgeo and the Ministry of Mines and Hydrocarbons (MMH).

It was followed by the signing of two firm services contracts in May 2020 with JSC Zarubezhgeologia and JSC Yuzhmoregeologia, internationally operating subsidiaries of Rosgeo, for the initial phase of seismic acquisition in transit zone and state geological mapping in the Rio Muni area in mainland Equatorial Guinea.

As a result, JSC Zarubezhgeologia will be performing scouting works for state geological mapping, and JSC Yuzhmoregeologia will be performing scouting works for complex seismic acquisition in the transit

zone of Rio Muni.

The activities are notably aimed at analysing landscape conditions for geological surveying and prospecting, determining the scope of mapping drilling, researching the possibility of mineralogical sampling of channel deposits, analyzing technical conditions for the arrangement of geological camp in Rio Muni, and other scouting necessary to prepare for next phases of exploration works.

Equally important, the programme marks the re-entry of Rosgeo into Equatorial Guinea following successful operations of its

subsidiary JSC Zarubezhgeologia back in the 1970s when its activities formed the basis for Equatorial Guinea's geological exploration industry.

"This is a historic moment for Equatorial Guinea as we welcome once again long-standing partners of our country to explore onshore Rio Muni. We expect this region of Equatorial Guinea to become a new natural resources hub both for onshore oil & gas operations but also for mining and minerals.

Upcoming exploration activities will provide the foundation for this next phase of growth in our industry, and having Rosgeo

on the ground gives us confidence and faith for a successful exploration campaign," says Gabriel Mbagi Obiang Lima, minister of mines and hydrocarbons.

The Rio Muni area is believed to be one of the most promising exploration frontiers in Equatorial Guinea, which could turn the country once again into a hotspot for natural resources exploration. Increased exploration is expected not only to help in sustaining and increasing domestic output of oil and gas, but also in proving additional reserves in key minerals to help Equatorial Guinea further diversify its economy.



Air Transport Action Group, Executive director Michael Gill.

CONSTRUCTION

HOW LONDON IS LURING MIDDLE EAST DEMAND FOR LUXURY HOMES DURING COVID-19

LONDON

Luxury real estate company founder Trevor Abrahamsohn is very busy at the moment. The founder of Glentree International, which has been operating for 45 years, says he is inundated with rental queries from international clients, particularly in the Middle East, looking for prime London properties to move into. And the coronavirus pandemic is not denting the level of interest.

"Rentals are doing very well. I've got very little stock for higher rentals. I'm raiding the sales larder for some of my prospective tenants, trying to persuade people who want to sell to rent out their properties instead," says Mr Abrahamsohn.

Glentree is responsible for 90 per cent of trophy home sales on properties worth more than £10 million (\$12.89m) along London's north-western corridor, which includes leafy areas such as Hampstead, Highgate and St. John's Wood, according to the luxury real estate specialist. And sales demand has also heightened in recent months, mainly among clients already in the capital following the Covid-19 lockdown.

"I have a Middle Eastern princess, looking for a home for a very significant amount of money," he says. "She has a number of family members already living in Hampstead so the price is secondary to the property."

This flurry in activity is mirrored by other market leaders in prime real estate, such as Barclays Private Bank, which has a base in Dubai International Financial Centre as well as in Asia, Africa and Russia. It claims to be one of the biggest mortgage lenders in London's prime real estate space and has noticed a surge in activity over the past few months.

"We've seen a lot of action over the summer," says James Penny, head of UK international private banking for Barclays. "If you'd asked me in March how busy we would be with the mortgage business over the summer, I would have probably said not very, but we are dealing with more inquiries and actual live



A street of elegant Victorian Edwardian luxury houses in the exclusive area of South Kensington, London.

property transactions than we've had for the last three years."

While a global pandemic and uncertain travel restrictions might be considered a deterrent for the wealthy to invest in a luxury real estate, prime property prices in the capital and beyond have been on the rise over the past couple of months.

Buyers from the Middle East are 2020's third largest spenders in prime residential property in London, having accounted for a quarter of all buyers over £10m in London in 2019, according to global real estate consultancy Knight Frank. Prices for high-end homes with a garden on the

outskirts of the capital or outside London altogether hit highs in the third quarter not seen since before the global financial crisis of 2007, according to Savills, driven by record levels of demand from buyers looking to change their housing needs after the lockdown.

Values of prime regional property - broadly the top 5-10 per cent of the market by value - are now 1.4 per cent above their 2007 peak, with the biggest increases seen in the traditional £2 million-plus traditional country house market and in coastal properties.

"A desire for more space is now a major priority for buyers. It has

boosted the appeal of more rural and lifestyle locations ... It has also created demand for larger family homes in London, particularly for those expecting to work from home for at least part of the week on an ongoing basis," says Frances Clacy, a Savills research analyst.

While much of the demand is domestic, Savills says the number of international visitors to properties on its website has risen steeply in recent months, "with interest from Germany, the Middle East and Canada at record levels." "There certainly appears to be pent-up demand for UK property from international buyers who wish to view in

person when travel restrictions ease," says Andrew Perratt, head of UK residential.

Barclays has noted more summer action at the more expensive end of prime property, where values tend to top £5m, says Mr Penny. Transactions on second pads in the countryside are also on the rise, he says, perhaps in case the UK heads into a second lockdown.

"In some cases, the property remained unsold so the client has come back and made an offer below the asking price of 5 to 10 per cent, which has been successful," he says. "Covid has not been a deterrent for long-

term buyers looking in London. For prime central London, prices are well-defined, they are not making any more land, so it's a long-term store of value."

The Middle East is one of the world's hotspots for wealth with more than 14,000 ultra-high-net-worth individuals in the region and 195 billionaires, far exceeding the UK's billionaire tally of 71, according to Knight Frank's Global Wealth Report 2020.

With interest rates at record lows and sterling weakening since 2016 when Britain voted to exit the European Union, international clients looking to park their money in these uncertain times are attracted by the relatively good deal a London property purchase presents.

"With the weakness in sterling, a client who has considered buying in London as part of a longer-term plan is able to purchase an amazingly good quality asset at a price that's significantly cheaper than it was a few years ago," says Mr Penny. "Sterling has found its floor and we don't see significant weakness moving forward and that's a view shared by quite a few clients who have been waiting to see where Brexit goes to try and time their purchase."

Another financial driver for international buyers is the UK's intention to add a 2 per cent surcharge on Stamp Duty Land Tax for overseas buyers next year. International buyers are currently subject to the same rates on UK residential property purchases as UK residents, which equates to up to 12 per cent of the value of a property worth more than £1.5m for prime property buyers.

"The stated purpose of the increase in 2021 is to deter foreign buyers from driving up UK property prices and to provide revenue to combat rough sleeping," says Dominic Filleul, partner at law firm Cripps Pemberton Greenish. "The surcharge will inevitably have an effect but there are bigger factors now at play - how the UK looks to investors post Brexit and how long it takes to come through the Covid-19 pandemic."

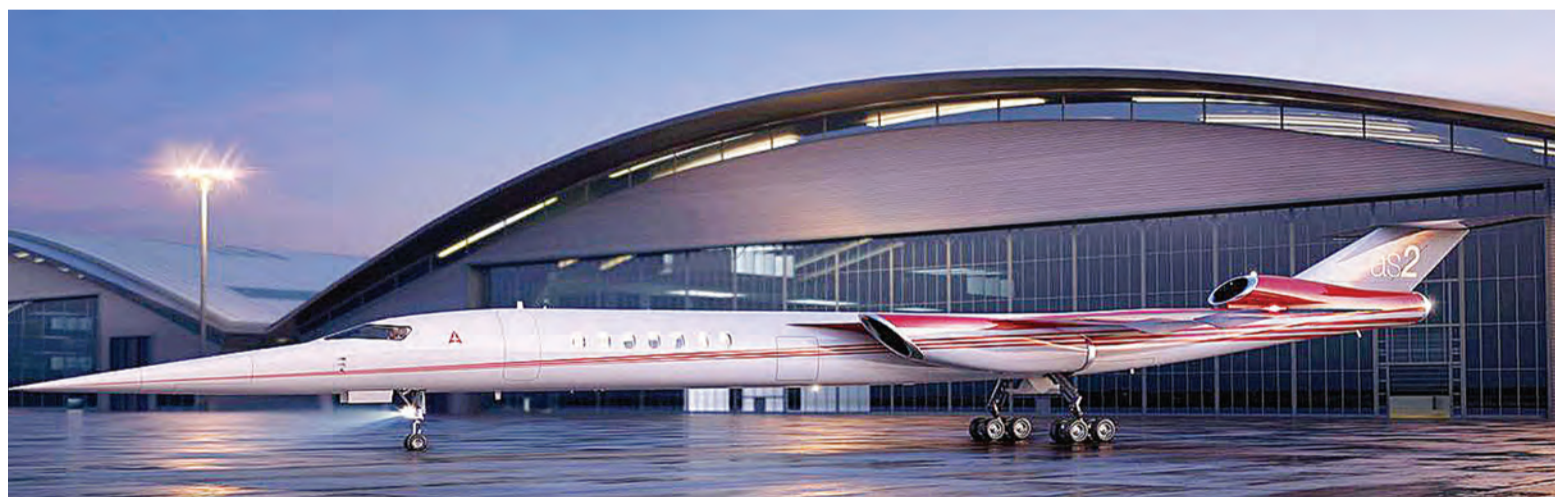
Supersonic business jet to cut New York-London flying time by hours

NEW YORK

Aerion, the supersonic jet builder founded by Texas billionaire Robert Bass, plans to deliver its first AS2 business jet in 2027, with top speeds of 1.4 times the speed of sound, or about 1,074 mph - roughly double that of traditional commercial aircraft. Still, with rivals like Boom Technologies and others advancing their own supersonic plans, Aerion chief executive Tom Vice is already anticipating the arrival of hypersonic travel.

"Our long-term vision is to allow people to travel between any two points on the planet within three hours," Mr Vice said October 2 in an interview with Bloomberg News. To do so - and to avoid the physical rigors and technical complexities of suborbital space flight - Aerion's next craft would have to cruise within the atmosphere at more than four times the speed of sound, or about 3,000 mph. Aerion, which is moving its headquarters from Reno, Nevada, to Melbourne, Florida - adjacent to its planned assembly center - is one of several firms in the nascent field of supersonic civil aviation, which has been heating up this year despite the economic shocks of the coronavirus pandemic.

Virgin Galactic Holdings surprised some investors in August with plans for a Mach 3 aircraft seating as many as 19 people, an interim step on the company's



The Aerion AS2 supersonic business jet being developed by Aerion and Lockheed Martin.

path toward eventual hypersonic point-to-point travel. Virgin's supersonic project is being assisted by Rolls-Royce, which is also working with Boom on supersonic engine technologies.

And a fourth player, Boston-based Spike Aerospace, plans a 12-18-passenger supersonic jet that cruises at Mach 1.6 and has range to cover nonstop flights from London to Hong Kong and Dubai to New York. The company hasn't offered a timeline for its development, however.

While many companies in this space have been big on pronouncements, the engineering obstacles to bringing a new generation of supersonic planes - let alone hypersonic planes - to market are nothing to sniff at. Aerion's aspiration to hypersonic speeds comes almost five

years before it even plans to build a production-model of its \$120 million supersonic business jet, and seven years before the first delivery, assuming everything goes right.

Boeing holds an equity stake in Aerion, while General Electric is designing and building a new Affinity supersonic engine for the company. Aerion said it plans further capital raises over the next three or four years and will add additional equity investors before it turns to the debt market for financing, Vice said.

Boom Technologies, meanwhile, plans a \$200m supersonic jet that can carry 65 to 85 passengers at more than twice the speed of sound, which it said will enter service by 2030. The company has orders for 30 jets from Japan Airlines and Virgin.

Colorado-based Boom plans to introduce a one-third demonstration model on Wednesday, the XB-1, which will allow the company to begin flight testing in 2021 to glean data on the jet's wings and fuselage. Boom plans to use three GE J85 engines to power the XB-1 and is evaluating engine designs with Rolls-Royce for the production aircraft, which Boom calls Overture.

Mr Vice argues that Aerion has an advantage over supersonic competitors when it comes to engine development, pointing to its partnership with GE and its plan to build the first commercial supersonic power plant in more than five decades. The design is exclusive for Aerion, said Mr Vice, who declined to disclose how much the engine development will cost or how

it's being financed.

"Somebody else wanting to build a supersonic business jet - they're going to have to go find a different engine," Mr Vice said. Aerion "for sure" will be the first new supersonic commercial aircraft to market, he predicted. "We'll get there years ahead of anybody else."

Aerion said it scoured the world for an engine, including Russian designs that would meet noise restrictions, fuel-burn requirements and reliability over thousands of hours of high-speed flying. No existing engines fit the bill, though. Instead, the company turned to GE to build an engine with 20,000 pounds of thrust, special acoustic linings to reduce take-off noise and dual turbo-fans that don't require fuel-guzzling afterburners.

Saudi Arabia exempts property deals from VAT and imposes new 5pc tax

RIYADH

Saudi Arabia on Friday issued an order exempting property deals from VAT and imposed a new 5 per cent tax on transactions.

The latest decision by the government is expected to boost the property sector in the kingdom and help citizens seeking to buy homes, according to a Saudi Press Agency report. "The royal decree aims to support citizens and ease their burden ... and enable them to own their homes," Saudi Arabia's finance minister Mohammed Al Jadaan said in a tweet.

"It also contributes to the development of the kingdom's economy by stimulating the residential and commercial [property] sector." The move is "positive and pragmatic," Tarek Fadlallah, chief executive of Nomura Asset Management Middle East said in a tweet. "It will provide a boost [to] sentiment and asset prices."

Saudi Arabia increased VAT on all goods and services from 5 per cent to 15 per cent on July 1 as part of measures to shore up its finances amid low oil prices and the coronavirus-induced economic slowdown.

The government will also bear the cost of the new Real Estate Transaction Tax for Saudi citizens purchasing their first home, provided that the amount does not exceed 1 million riyals (\$266,442), according to the SPA.

"This contributes to achieving the kingdom's vision of increasing housing ownership by Saudis to 70 per cent by 2030," the country's housing minister, Majid Al-Hogail, said in a tweet. During the second quarter of this year, the average cost of residential properties in Riyadh rose by 3.5 per cent from last year, while average rental rates fell by 1 per cent, according to a JLL report on Saudi Arabia's property sector.

In Jeddah, average house prices and rental rates fell by 6 per cent and 5 per cent, respectively. In Dammam, the average house price rose by 1.5 per cent while in Makkah, house prices and rental rates dropped 2 per cent and 11 per cent, respectively, JLL said in its July report.

"The decision to levy a 5 per cent property transaction tax, rather than apply 15 per cent VAT, should serve to support the market and is consistent with a long-term government policy of increasing home ownership," Chris Hobden, associate director and head of strategic consultancy at Chestertons Mena, said.

SPORT

Camavinga, Caputo set age marks for France, Italy in wins

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Mbeya City FC's coach, Amri Said.

Mbeya City FC not contemplating sacking coach Said

By Correspondent Adam Fungamwango

MBEYA City FC officials have disclosed that coach Amri Said will keep on heading the club's technical bench, quelling rumours they had planned to sack the coach.

Ihefu FC and Yanga are so far the 2020/21 Vodacom Premier League (VPL) clubs that have parted ways with their respective head coaches after five rounds of matches.

Mbeya-based Ihefu FC released their head coach, Maka Mwalwisi, for what was termed as the gaffer's failure to live up to expectations, following in Yanga's footsteps, given the latter had terminated their contract with head coach, Zlatko Krmpotic.

Mbeya City FC secretary general, Emmanuel Kimbe, noted his squad respect Said's profession, insisting they have no reason for showing the coach the door.

Kimbe pointed out his club's leadership feels the coach is hardly the reason for the team's below par showing in the top flight.

"We are a street team, we have a board of directors, the top leaders will meet to trash the matter out should there be need for them to do so," he disclosed.

"We will not just choose to part ways with Said simply because Yanga and Ihefu FC have sacked their coaches, we are hardly planning for that."

Kimbe noted Mbeya City FC still believes coach Said merits heading the side's technical bench, maintaining reasons for the side's results are more scientific.

"We are the only side which played right up to the play offs for promotion and relegation of the last season's top flight, whereas our fellows had rested," he stated.

"We did not have much time for either go for proper player recruitment or preparations for the new season, as it was the case for other teams."

"People should for that matter not say the coach has contributed to the outcome."

Mbeya City are currently placed at the bottom of the domestic top flight table with one point from five matches.

They are the only side which has yet to find the opponents' back of the net.

Yanga terminated their contract with Krmpotic, claiming they were not playing impressively.

Ihefu FC released Mwalwisi for poor performance shown by the squad in the competition. They have won one match and lost four.

Kazim Nasser Memorial tournament's Division B semis set for Oct. 18



By Guardian Reporter

THIS season's Kazim Nasser Memorial League (KNML)'s Division B's semi-finals have been slated for October 18 in Dar es Salaam.

Estim Club, Lions Cricket Club, K&P Constructions squad and Patel Brotherhood Club are the event's semi-finalists, given they took the top four spots.

Estim cricketers took the top spot in the KNML Division B after the completion of the group games, having posted victory in four duels and lost one match.

Lions Cricket Club, K&P Constructions team and Patel Brotherhood side finished second, third and fourth respectively to wrap up the competition's last four stage's list.

Estim Cricket Club will therefore lock horns with Patel Brotherhood squad in the first of the semi-finals, whereas Lions Cricket Club will take on K&P Constructions squad in the second clash of the knockout stage.

The Estim cricketers had stepped up their quest for silverware in the KNML Division B, sailing through to the knockout stage with 16-run victory over Lions Cricket Club

at Annadil Burhani oval in the Estim outfit cricketers made the most of their chance to start batting once Lions Cricket Club had won the toss and chose to bowl, amassing a good score and thereafter defending it well.

Vinod Jesani, Bhavik Bhudia, Ashvin Pindoria and Mahendra Kerai had impressive innings, seeing to it their squad posts 173 runs for nine wickets in 30 overs.

Jesani was the eventual top run getter, recording 30 runs, which included two fours, Bhudia ended with 26 runs, which included four fours.

They had a good start, given openers Ashvin and Mehul Luhar scored 25 run and 17 runs not out respectively.

Mahendra, batting at number three, also made good knocks and posted 22 runs that included four fours.

Jitesh Pindoria and Purshotam Gorasiya chipped in with 14 runs and 13 runs respectively, whereas Hitesh Gorasiya ended four runs short of double digit figure.

Lions Cricket Club's Abdulsamad Ahmed ended with a four-wicket haul, leaking 30 runs in six overs, but his efforts did little to prevent Estim from recording the imposing total.

In response, Lions Cricket Club put spirited showing but they ultimately lost steam in the chase, posting 157 runs all out in 30 overs.

Opener Ahmed capped an impressive all-round showing with solid displays at the crease, notching 34 runs that included four fours.

After a slight wobble, which saw Gulraiz Haideri and Mubin Hassan fce early exits, Mohamed Salim recorded 17 runs to somewhat push his squad's score.

There were two more early exits that were followed by contribution by middle order batsmen, Atif Salim and skipper Yasser Abdulhamid, who ended with 10 runs apiece.

Imran Khan and Hasham Ahmed then staged a late surge for the squad, notching 27 runs and 15 runs not out respectively, their efforts though ended in

vain. Estim's Jitesh Pindoria, Ashvin, Harnish Hirani and Bhudia managed to foil their opponents' chase, ending their bowling spells with two wickets each.

Patel Brotherhood side secured qualification for the knockout stage impressively, posting 34-run victory over Malabar Cricket Club last weekend.

Patel Brotherhood won the toss, chose to start batting and posted 187 runs, dropping eight wickets in 30 overs.

Malabar Cricket Club's efforts to mount a successful chase waned, given they ended with 153 runs all out in 27.5 overs.

Tanzanian boxer set for WBO Africa title bout

By Nassir Nchimbi, TUDARCO

TANZANIAN boxer, Innocent Evarist, has got a shot at lifting international titles, given he is set to face England's Prince Patel in a World Boxing Organization (WBO) Africa and WBO Global Bantamweight titles' fight, which is set to take place at Keko in Dar es Salaam on October 16.

Tanzania Professional Boxing Regulatory Commission (TPBRC)'s official, Emmanuel Mlundwa, who has been tasked with hosting the bout, stated preparations for the showdown are in progress.

Kilimanjaro-based Evarist, a southpaw boxer, has won 10 fights, lost one and his other two fights were declared draw.

He is locally rated third in the Bantamweight division which has 32 boxers.

Evarist has been placed 261st in the division globally by Boxrec, a network which keeps records of all professional boxers in the world, with the division being made up of 1036 boxers.

Blackburn-based Patel has 23 wins, one loss and one fight being declared a draw.

Mlundwa said there will also be three undercard bouts involving Tanzania professional boxers and foreign opponents.

"In one of the undercard bouts, Tanzanian Issa will trade jabs with John Brendan," Mlundwa noted.

In a fight which will bring together female boxers, Mlundwa stated,

Tanzanian Halima Vunjabei will trade blows with Indian Sunam Kumar.

He said: "The fights gear towards getting boxing fans and other sports enthusiasts to come together, enjoy the sport and love it."

He stated the organizers have moreover given small businesses' owners opportunity to sell their products during the bouts.

The main fight will be an opportunity for Evarist to revenge for his loss in a national title fight against the same opponent which took place in May last year.

The Pugilistic Syndicate of Tanzania (PST) national Bantamweight title fight, scheduled for 10 rounds, had Patel recording a Technical Knockout win over Evarist.



Tanzanian boxer, Innocent Evarist.

Flexibles by David Chikoko

